

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 7, 2016**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,
(Board of Directors) Was held on Monday March 7, 2016

Minutes recorded by Richard Drobiak, Recorder for Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Teddi Bourassa in Chairwoman Lalli's
excused absence. at 10:06 AM

ROLL CALL: Betty Goldsmith, Sue Alves and Carole Harris absent, Al Amoroso and Lorraine Lalli excused. All other board members present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of 2/1/16 meeting reviewed by board members.
A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Howard Fund report balance is \$59,242.34.

- A question arose regarding the process employed in preparation of the monthly report and the flow of transactions month to month.
 - Janice suggested that the Treasurer and the board review the process and recommend any changes to the process

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: A copy of Director Janice Fitzgerald's report is attached.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: A copy of Activities Director Michelle Brace's report is attached.

REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR:

- Tax assistance full. Outside help is being researched.
- This month's "Ask Dottie" will focus on falls and will be a 2 part series.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-March 7, 2016

Good Morning! Well there are only 14 more days until Spring. I can't wait.

- Let me first start by saying thank you to everyone for all you do and thank you to Dick Drobiak for putting the minutes together each month for us.
- Just an FYI that it is approaching that time of year when Michelle and I will be taking some time for our vacations.
- Dottie's Health Benefits Fair was a great success and we will definitely keep it as an annual event.
- The program with the DTA and the Greater Boston Food Bank, the "Commodity Supplemental Food Program", is projected to start here in April. The law department is finalizing a few things on the MOU.
- Please make it a point to sign up for the "Community Conversation" event on March 28 at 10:00 with State Rep. Claire Cronin and Rep. Garlick. It is important to have a good turnout for them. They are concerned to hear about issues facing our seniors and will discuss resources that the Commonwealth of Mass currently uses to support our seniors.
- I had a meeting with city councilor Ann Beauregard the other day. She wanted to talk to me about putting a "time capsule" here in conjunction with the Library and the Garden Club. I told her it was interesting and asked her to get me all the details.
- Budgets. I am waiting for a date to go before city council to have our Formula Grant funds accepted at which time I will ask you to join me.

As far as our city budget for FY2017 we were asked to submit a level funded budget with a scenario with a 10% reduction and an explanation of how that cut would affect our services here at the COA. A 10% reduction would be devastating to us. It would be the majority of my "Energy" line item. I am remaining positive and hopeful that the second scenario won't be the final budget.

- Lastly, I am looking into hiring a cleaning company to come in and do a complete one time restroom cleaning and sanitizing. I have 2 quotes that I will present to the "Friends" for approval.

Happy Easter, Happy Spring and don't forget to turn your clocks on the weekend.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Fitzgerald, Director

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 7th Effective Communication with the Alzheimer's 1:00-3:00PM
Tuesday, March 8th Free Hearing Screenings with Beltone 10:00AM
Wednesday, March 9th Taxes by Appointment Only (Full)
Thursday, March 10th I-Pad & Tablet Class Begins 10:00AM
Monday, March 14th SALT/Triad Breakfast with
Police Chief John Crowley at 9:30AM
Monday, March 14th COA Book Club 10:00AM
Monday, March 14th S.T.O.P. Healthy Eating for Older Adults 1:30-2:30PM
Monday, March 14th Start a Vegetable Garden with West Acres 1:00PM
Tuesday, March 15th Congregate Meal Special, St. Patrick's Day 12:00PM
Wednesday, March 16th "Ask" Dottie, Fall Prevention Part One 10:30AM
Wednesday, March 16th MADD Hatters, "St. Patrick's Day" 12:30PM
Thursday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day Party 12:00-2:00PM (Full) All Activities Cancelled
Monday, March 21st Spring Celebration with Roger Tincknell 1:00PM - 2:00
Wednesday, March 23rd Taxes by Appointment Only (Full)
Wednesday, March 23rd Pot Luck Luncheon 12:00-2:00PM
Thursday, March 24th Diabetes Self-Management Workshop 1:00PM-2:30PM
Monday, March 28th Legal Consults with Attorney Michelle Beneski 9:00AM
Monday, March 28th Men's Group 9:30AM
Monday, March 28th Community Conversations with Seniors
Hosted by State Representative Claire Cronin 10:00AM
Monday, March 28th S.T.O.P Healthy Eating for Older Adults 1:30-2:30PM
Wednesday, March 30th How to Deal with Clutter Janet LaBerge 1:00PM

Trips

Monday, March 14th Foxwoods Casino
Tuesday, March 22nd Mystic Aquarium & Olde Mistick Village
Thursday, April 7th Newport Playhouse, "One Slight Hitch"
Sunday, April 17th Reagle Music Theater, "The Country Jamboree"
Wednesday, May 11th JFK Library & Maggiano's Luncheon
Wednesday, May 18th Elton John & Billy Joel Tribute, Lake Pearl-Wrentham

Upcoming Events

Senior Medicare Patrol: Fraud Prevention 4/4/16
Antiques & Collectibles Appraisals 4/6/16
Hand Massages with West Acres 4/11/16
Stamp Unveiling 4/13/16
Pen Pal Meeting 4/20/16
Jeopardy with Sachem Rock 4/27/16