

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, Oct, 4, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council On Aging,
(Board of Directors) was held on Monday, oct. 4, 2010.
The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Irene Clague
At 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Sue Alves, Daniel Clague, Chairwoman Irene Clague, Betty Goldsmith, Lorraine Lalli, Dorothy Lufkin, Harry Owens, and alternate Patricia Brindley
.Absent: Mary Paul, Eucley Wooten and Mary Mucci
We are sorry to announce that Mary Virginia Curtis has passed away

MINUTES OF

THE LAST MEETING The Minutes of the last monthly meeting (Sept.13, 2010) were passed out to all the board members. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Harry Owens and seconded by Lorraine Lalli.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Mary Paul was absent. Report was read by Harry Owens. Who requested a review from Vincent Ricci about refunds. The financial status of the Howard Fund as of Sept 10, 2010 was income \$4,379.88; expenses \$4,154.31; for a balance of \$47,450.70

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: Director Anne McCormack; reported that the Old Colony YMCA has approached her with a proposal that their new community service project involves young folks under the jurisdiction of DSS, and senior citizens. The young people with a chaperone would do fall and spring clean-up and winter shoveling. Ray Yancey of the Old Colony Y would like to come to the Center and offer this program to out seniors. The kids would not be subject to a CORI since they are under 17. Some of the teens have been removed from their parents homes and others have been arrested for minor offenses. I would like the opinion of the committee on this matter.

The Drug Take Back program was very successful despite the lack of promotion by the Enterprise prior to the event. The building was opened from 10 to 2 on Saturday, Sept. 25. I was disappointed the Enterprise did not promote this program in Brockton until the morning of the event and then ran a very large picture of Rose Gabriel speaking with officer Tom Donahue and a DEA agent in the background on Tuesday evening.

The trip to Lake George was a huge success. All those who took the trip were very excited when they returned.

I must remind everyone how important the word "CONFIDENTIALITY" is, if Janice or I are speaking to a senior at the front desk, please refrain from listening in. We do not necessarily know until we get in the conversation if we should bring the senior into the office.

Life at the center is very busy. We are seeing an increase of visitors to the center. We are also seeing an increase in the number of people of color to the center. Please if you see a new face, introduce yourself and make them welcome. Janice is doing yeoman's work putting together programs. Since Janice has started scheduling our trips with Card Tours we no longer see cancellations. This used to be a real problem if we could not fill the bus. Now we are sharing trips with other centers.

I want to thank Ed Creeden for all the hard work he has done over the past several years coordinating the newsletters. Although he will remain an active member of the center, he has chosen to retire from the position of newsletter coordinator.

Everyone knows that officer Al Gazerro has transferred to a new position in the police department. I don't know how he will be replaced. No one has done more for our seniors than Al. He was always available. He applied for grants. He saw a need and went after it, for example Project Life Saver. He has done this and so much more. Al will be missed. Officer Tom Donahue will be taking over Project Life Saver and other duties that Al performed. Good Luck to Al in his new position. Good Luck to Tom with his new responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted: Anne McCormack, Director

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES

COORDINATOR: From Janice Fitzgerald: I am at a SHINE training today with Dotty Slack in Boxboro. I am looking forward to learning more about Medicare. Mass Health and long term care options.

A list of upcoming events has been handed out. You can see we are keeping busy. I want to once again thank you all for stepping in to help at these events.

The Prescription Drug Take Back program was a HUGE success. I have spoken to the Mayor's office and the DEA and we are hoping to do it again in the spring and hopefully keep this as a scheduled event every year for the city of Brockton.

I will be meeting with some folks this week who would like to be volunteer drivers, and I am hoping to get the "transportation program" started soon.

Our "Friendship Garden" is planted and looks very nice. I want to thank Barbara Persampieri, Brian and John for all their hard work getting it planted. It is going to look beautiful this spring.

Respectfully submitted: Janice Fitzgerald

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Harry Owens suggested that the board should have tags showing that they are board members to be worn at events held at the center. The board would like to hear from Ray Yancey about his program.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Dan Clague and seconded by Dorothy Lufkin to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45

Respectfully Submitted
Daniel Clague (interim secretary)