

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, April 4, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council On Aging,
(Board of Directors) was held on Monday, April 4, 2011.
The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Irene Clague
At 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Sue Alves, Patricia Brindley, Daniel Clague, Chairwoman Irene Clague, Betty Goldsmith, Lorraine Lalli, Dorothy Lufkin, Mary Mucci, Harry Owens Eucley Wooten and alternate Alfred Amoroso
.Absent: Mary Paul

AWARD: The secretary of the board announced that Mayor Linda Belzotti recommended to the Rotary Club of Brockton Janice Fitzgerald to receive the Outstanding Public Service Award. Which was presented to her on Thursday March 31, 2011. Well done Janice!

Speaker: Megan Schafer from the Horizons for Homeless Children asked about volunteers to play and be with the children once a week for 2 hours. They would go through a training program held in W. Bridgewater.

MINUTES OF

THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the last monthly meeting (Feb. 7, 2011) were passed out to all the board members, and read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Dorothy Lufkin and seconded by Sue Alves

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Mary Paul was absent. The report was read by Harry Owens, the interim treasurer. The financial status of the Howard Fund as of March 31 is \$45,445.39

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the Office of the Mayor was received about a training on the open meeting and public records law to be held in the GAR Room at City Hall. All board members are invited to attend on April 20: 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

The City Council informed Irene Clague that Lorraine Lalli has been reappointed for 3 years.

From the Office of the Mayor a letter to inform us that the new City of Brockton web site has launched. If you have not yet seen it, please visit www.brockton.ma.us

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: Director Anne McCormack read her report

“The Brockton COA has held an important position in the city for many years. This is the time to evaluate what we are doing for our senior population. This population is growing rapidly and living longer. The minority population in our city is growing. People, if they have a job, are working longer”.

"The 65+ population has grown in the United States by 13% since 1998.

The number of Americans aged 45-64 who will reach 65 over the next two decades increased by 31%.

The population 65 and over increased from 35 million in 2000 to 40 million in 2010 (15% for that decade) and then to 55 million in 2020 (a 36% increase for that decade)."

"Now is the time for this board to think of what direction you would like to move. The Board has to be more involved with policy making for the senior population. If you can not make a commitment to work on this Board, you might consider resigning. We need enthusiastic, forward thinking members who are willing to participate in all aspects of the Board, as officers, subcommittee members, volunteers."

"Janice is still working hard to make our center a very active exciting place. Her trips and programming are second to none."

"Regarding our precious volunteers. In order to be invited to our yearly luncheon a volunteer must have registered at least thirty hours of service at the center for programs sponsored at the center during the past year. We have approximately 80 volunteers who regularly give their time and energy to the center. If you did not receive an invitation to our luncheon, you are not giving 30 hours a year or you are forgetting to sign in when you do."

"It is also important to sign in every time you visit the center. We need to know who is in the building at any given time."

Respectfully submitted

Anne McCormack, Director

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES

COORDINATOR: Janice Fitzgerald stated that there would be a talk on health care options when you retire on April 5 at 5:30, on April 12 there is to be a Health Fair from 10:00 to 1:30, The Salt/Triad meeting on April 25 at 10:00 a.m. would have as a guest speaker Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz. Also there will be a drug take back program held at the center on Saturday April 30

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Harry Owens chairman of the nominating committee explained the duties expected of the board officers chairperson, vice chairperson, treasurer and the secretary.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made to adjourn by Betty Goldsmith and seconded by Pat Brindley. Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Next meeting will be May 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel Clague (interim secretary)