

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, Nov. 7, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council On Aging,
(Board of Directors) was held on Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.
The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Irene Clague
At 10:08 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 and alternate Alfred Amoroso.
.Absent: Eucley Wooten

MINUTES OF

THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the meeting held on Oct. 3, 2011 were
passed out to all the board members. A motion to accept the minutes as written
was made by Dorothy Lufkin and seconded by Betty Goldsmith

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Harry Owens read the financial status of the
Howard Fund as of October 30, 2011 it is \$55,593.63.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR:(Janice B. Fitzgerald) Self Help according to the
Enterprise, reports that in the past 35 years this is the first year that as of Nov. 1
they could not authorize deliveries to clients, not even those who had fuel
emergencies. The funds have been cut tremendously this year and estimate that
funds will run out by Christmas. I have already done quite a few fuel applications
and have many more appointments scheduled in the weeks to come. I am planning
to meet with the Mayor soon to discuss my concerns and see what we can do as a
community to help those in need.

I have sent back to the EOEA the Formula Grant application and am expecting
our first payment within the next few weeks. We were cut this year due to the fact
that our dollar figure per senior was dropped to \$6.25 per person 60 years and
older. Based on the 2010 Census if the figure had stayed at \$7.00 per senior we
would have had an increase of roughly \$9,900.00.

Update on staffing. I recently met with Maureen Cruise, the city's Personnel
Director, and she will be posting the Outreach Worker position this week. I am
very excited to have this position filled. The Outreach Worker will be a great asset
to the COA and the City of Brockton. I am hoping to start interviews in 2 weeks. In
addition I am still working on filling Earle's position.

Let me mention a lot of great things that are happening here at the center. By

keeping the lights off in rooms we are not using and watching our expenses I have noticed a savings each month in our utility bills. The back door is no longer used to enter and exit the center. I put in a request to get the weather stripping replaced on all the doors and am waiting to hear from the Building Superintendent in regard to the Energy Audit we had done and the one that he had done for all city buildings. Both audits stated that we do not have adequate insulation in this building.

The bake sale that the friends held was a huge success, our Halloween Party and Harvest Luncheon was enjoyed by all and we continue to get new members everyday to the COA. Michelle is working very hard to plan some interesting and different events and activities and has settled in nicely. The flu clinic will be held today from 2-4. WXBR1460 radio has asked me to be on each month and the Enterprise would like me to do a monthly column in the Sunday paper to talk about the COA and anything pertaining to seniors. I am hoping to be able to start that in December or January. On Thursday, Nov. 10 from 2-3:30 we are hosting a presentation on Overdose Prevention for seniors. In closing let me remind you our bad weather policy states that if schools are closed we will be closed, but unless there is a declared emergency.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Respectfully submitted
Janice B, Fitzgerald

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES

COORDINATOR: (Michelle Brace) Michelle listed a number of events that have been scheduled. She passed out papers to all who attended the meeting listing all upcoming events and trips. For information on dates and times KEEP YOUR EYES ON the BULLETIN BOARD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Chair asked that the members of the board should be attending more events that are going on at the center, and giving more support to the center.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Dot Lufkin and seconded by Patricia Brindley to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:38. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 5, 2011

Respectfully Submitted
Daniel Clague (secretary)