

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 4, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 4, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lorraine Lalli at 10 a.m.

Roll Call: 7 members were present. Absent were Sue Alves, Al Amoroso, and Harry Owens.

Minutes of the meeting held on February 4 had been distributed to all members. After a quick review, the minutes were accepted as written. (The only minor correction was the spelling of Lalli.)

The Chair informed members that the minutes are usually in their file folders a week before the meeting if they would like more time to read them in advance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pat Brindley read the Howard Fund report. The balance of the Howard fund was reported as \$60,466.32. Irene Clague pointed out that the starting balance should have been \$81,064.92, not \$61,077.92. Friends Treasurer Vincent Ricci will correct the report accordingly.

Report of the Director: Copy of Director Janice Fitzgerald's report is attached hereto.

Report of Activities Director: Activities Director Michele Brace reported on upcoming activities and trips.

New Business: Chair Lorraine Lalli again brought up the subject of having the Board more involved in promoting the COA in the community. Instead of setting up a publicity committee, she plans to set up ad hoc committees for different phases, the first of which will be to study and improve the current brochure and come up with an updated one. She will be forming that committee this week.

There being no further business or objection, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Lalli
Chair

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-March 5, 2013

Just 16 more days till Spring!!!!

Good Morning! I want to welcome back Michelle, I missed her while she was away on vacation and I am sure she is ready for another one after all the work I have been giving her.

My report this morning will be brief for a change. I want to just mention a few new things that are now at the COA.

- 1. We have the SNAP representatives here once a month to do Food Assistance applications. It has been going very well and is helping me out a lot.**
- 2. We are starting a bereavement support group with HopeHealth to help folks deal with the loss of a loved one.**
- 3. Once a month we will have Attorney Michelle Beneski here to do consultations with elders. The topics she will discuss are: Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, Living Wills, Medicaid Planning, Wills, Trust and Veterans Benefits.**

In addition to these "new" events Michelle is working on a lot of other ones that I am sure you will all enjoy. Start watching for clues to our "Mystery Trip" which will be coming out soon.

Finally, on Friday March 8th around 2:30pm. Michelle and I will be meeting with our State Delegation to discuss the Governor's upcoming FY14 Budget. As some of you already know, the Formula Grant funds are part of this Budget. I will be asking our elected officials to fight to bring the dollar per senior up to \$8.00 per person 60 or older which will be an increase of \$1.00 per person or roughly \$15,883.00. These funds are used to not only cover our expenses like utilities but pays for Michelle and will allow me to bring in other support staff.

I have asked some of our seniors to write a letter to our State Delegation asking that they make the cuts elsewhere. If anyone from the board wishes to join us on Friday, please let me know as soon as possible.

Happy Spring to All!!

Respectfully submitted,

**Janice B. Fitzgerald
Director**