

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, April 1, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,
(Board of Directors) was held on Monday, April 1, 2013
The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lorraine Lalli at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Alice Farnsworth, Recorder for Board of Directors

ROLL CALL: There were 8 board members present. Absent was Sue Alves and Betty Goldsmith.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 2013 were circulated to all members. The members were given a short time to review the minutes. The minutes were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pat Brindley read the Howard Fund report. There was discrepancy in the bank balance noted by Dan Clague. A discussion followed on the posting by the bank of procedures. A discussion also followed on the difference between the Howard Fund and the General Fund. Vincent Ricci spoke of what balance he starts with. January statement is the last statement received from the bank. Janice Fitzgerald stated she would get with Vincent Ricci and see if there is a better way of accounting for the Howard Fund and present this to the Board in order to have a more accurate balance. A motion was made to have Janice and Vincent do the review of the accounting procedures for the Howard Fund. This was seconded, discussed and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: Copy of Director Janice Fitzgerald's report is attached hereto. Pins for Elderly Abuse Awareness were distributed. Phyllis Hancock was nominated for Woman of the Year award.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: Activities Director Michelle Brace reported on upcoming activities and trips. See attached report. She reminded us that the Penny Sale is coming up. Discussion about the "Mystery Trip" followed. Michele held her ground!! It is still a mystery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The brochure committee has been formed and is chaired by Richard Drobiak. They are moving forward and hopefully will have a report for the Board in May. Only two {2} meetings are left for this year. Dorothy Lufkin and Pat Brindley will be calling members to line up the new officers. Hopefully we will not have the debacle we had with the secretary's position this year. Three (3) members

terms are expiring this summer. Dan Claque will be contacting them to see if they wish to be re-appointed.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board Training program is coming up. There are no meetings very close to us but if you want to go, there is a number on the form to call. It seems all have attended except Richard Drobiak. It is very helpful to discuss with other people items relating to the Boards

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

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

The next meeting will be May 6, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted
Alice Farnsworth, Recorder

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- April 1, 2013

Greetings to all!

March was quite a busy month for us here at the COA. In addition to our St. Patrick's Day Party which was fabulous, we also had presentations on financial literacy, Harvard Study on brain changes and Brockton's recycle depot. We also welcomed to the center some new programs such as: Hope Health bereavement support group and the elder law clinic. The center is moving in a positive and forward direction. The brochure committee had their first meeting and I am very excited to see what ideas they have come up with for our new "updated" brochures.

As you will hear shortly from Michelle, April is going to be just as busy as March was. I hope you all take advantage of the upcoming activities and continue to encourage folks to stop by and check us out and get on our mailing list.

This morning I want to talk some more about this year being the "Year of Elder Abuse Awareness". My committee has been working very hard with me to find ways to get word out about this issue. When we think of abuse we often think only of physical abuse. I want to tell you there are other types and these sometimes go unreported. Other forms of abuse are:

Neglect- When someone fails to provide care-including medicine, food and help with hygiene.

Financial Exploitation- The victim may have his or her money or property stolen or mismanaged.

Emotional or mental abuse- Elder may be insulted, bullied or threatened. Or their actions may be strictly controlled.

If you suspect abuse or you are a victim you can call the following numbers

Brockton Police Dept.: 9-1-1 vvvImmediate danger

Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-800-922-2275

Old Colony Elder Services-Protective Services: 508-524-1561

Brockton Council on Aging: 508-580-7811

Eldercare Locator: 1-800-677-1116

National Center on Elder Abuse: 1-202-898-2586

Elder Abuse Happens, But Everyone Can Act to Protect Seniors

Today I ask you all to commit to protecting seniors this year and years to follow. Accept this ribbon and wear it all year to show your support of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Fitzgerald
Director

Upcoming Activities and Events

Monday, April 1st at 1:00PM Emergency Preparedness
Wednesday, April 3rd 10:00-2:00 "Friends" of the Council on Aging Penny Sale
Monday, April 8th at 9:30AM SALT/TRIAD Meeting with DA Timothy J. Cruz
Monday, April 8th at 1:00PM Healthcare, Senior Care, Our Government and You
Monday, April 8th at 1:30PM Stonehill College Focus Group
Wednesday, April 10th from 9:00-10:00AM Meet & Greet with James Casieri,
Superintendent of Buildings for Brockton
Wednesday, April 10th at 11:00 AM "Low Vision" and Eye Health
Monday, April 15th The Center is Closed for Patriots Day
Tuesday, April 16th at 2:30PM HopeHealth Support Group
Wednesday, April 17th at 12:30PM MADD Hatters, RSVP by April 10th
Thursday, April 18th 9:00-12:00 Senior Oral Health Day Screenings
Thursday, April 18th at 11:30AM Nutrition and Oral Health
Monday, April 22nd Center closes at 11:00AM
Monday, April 22nd at 12:00PM Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 PM Occupational Therapy with Baypointe
Wednesday, April 24th at 1:00PM Nana's Kitchen
Saturday, April 27th 10:00-2:00 Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Monday, April 29th at 9:30AM Men's Group
Tuesday, April 30th Election Day, All Activities are Cancelled

TRIPS

April 22nd Foxwoods Casino
April 24th Newport Playhouse, "Spreading It Around"
May 8th Hobo Bingo Express Train in Meredith, NH
May 29th Mystery Trip ????
June 5th "Venezia, Wine & Chocolate", Boston, Ma
June 13th A Flag Day Celebration, Musical Salute to America

OVERNIGHT TRIP

April 11th-14th Washington, D.C. Cherry Blossom's Celebration
Single Occupancy \$589.00 Double Occupancy \$469.00

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 1st 10:00-1:00 SALT/TRIAD Health & Safety Fair
Wednesday, May 1st 12:00-2:00 PM Free hearing Screening
Sun Safety
Historical Houses of Brockton
Chronic Pain Self Management Program