

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,
(Board of Directors) was held on Monday November 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lorraine Lalli at 10:00 AM

Minutes recorded by Richard Drobiak, Recorder for Board of Directors

ROLL CALL: 11 Board members attended. Sue Alves excused.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting were reviewed by the members. The minutes were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Howard Fund balance as of 10/30 was \$73,097.59.

CORRESPONDANCE: None

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: A copy of Director Janice Fitzgerald's report is attached.

A moment of silenced was observed in honor of Earl Churchill who passed away.

Open enrolment in progress and Janice reports that seniors are saving by following the guidelines suggested following a review of their medical plans

NEW BUSINESS: Outreach Coordinator Lynn Winkler reported that applications for fuel oil assistance are being processed. Gas and electric assistance applications have not yet been received. Benefit levels have been reduced significantly with a maximum benefit being \$750. Additional assistance may be received but vendors do not respond to orders of \$50.

The COA was represented at the Towerfest and very well received. Chairwoman Lalli, Alice Farnsworth and John Kenny set up the display and responded to visitor questions.

Chairwoman Lalli and Alice Farnsworth also staffed a table at the Rite Aid session held at the YMCA.

Chairwoman Lalli challenged the board to implement a procedure that will report to the council any sick or hospitalized members in order to provide contact information. Of primary concern is confidentiality. Board member Jane Moynihan volunteered to act as Sunshine Coordinator and maintain a list of members on the bulleting board and update the list weekly. Sick members will either call in to have their contact information posted or the data will be furnished by a family member

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: Activities Director Michelle Brace reported on coming activities and trips. See attached report.

There is a craft fair scheduled a at city hall on 11/30

The annual holiday party is scheduled for 12/16

The senior center will be decorated for the holidays by board members on 11/21

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The next meeting will be December 2, 2013

Respectfully Submitted
Richard Drobiak, Recorder

DIRECTORS REPORT- November 4, 2013

I want to start by having a moment of silence for Earle Churchill, a great friend we lost a couple weeks ago. There will be a memorial service in the A-Building cafeteria at the Campello Hi-Rise on Wednesday, from 2-4. Burial will be in Bourne today.

Here is what has been going on:

- We have our new counter in the computer lab and I will be having the room painted soon.
- Open Enrollment was great. They were able to save a lot of seniors a lot of money.
- Mayoral Debate went well. Make sure you all get out and vote tomorrow.
- Halloween Party was fun. Michelle did a great job.
- I am so happy to see so many new faces coming to the center. Many people are telling me how wonderful and helpful we are. That is nice to hear. I appreciate everyone's hard work! Thank you!
- Please join me for the Congregate Meal on Tuesday, November 19 at noon. The menu will be a delicious Turkey Dinner.

In closing, I want to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and Hanukkah.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Fitzgerald
Director

Upcoming Activities and Events

Monday, November 4th Stonehill College Focus Group 1:30PM
Tuesday, November 5th Closed for Elections
Wednesday, November 6th the COA Breakfast Café begins 9:00-10:00 AM
Wednesday, November 6th Preventing & Managing Challenging Behaviors 1:00
Wednesday, November 6th Protect Seniors, Y.E.A.P. Discussion Panel 1:00PM
Monday, November 11th Closed for Veteran's Day
Tuesday, November 12th Veterans Breakfast with Sgt. Daniel Clark 9:30AM
Wednesday, November 13th AARP Meeting at 1:00PM
Monday, November 18th SALT/TRIAD Meeting at 9:30AM
Monday, November 18th Holiday Recipe Swap at 1:00PM
Monday, November 18th Stonehill College Focus Group 1:30PM
Tuesday, November 19th HopeHealth Support Group 2:30 PM
Wednesday, November 20th MADD Hatters 12:30PM, RSVP by November 13th
Monday, November 25th Michelle Beneski, PC Elder Law consultations
Monday, November 25th Men's Group 9:30AM
Monday, November 25th "Climate Changes and Our Community" 1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 27th AARP Board Meeting at 12:00 PM
Wednesday, November 27th Nana's Kitchen 1:00PM

TRIPS

Monday, November 11th "A Perfect Wedding", Newport Playhouse, RI
Monday, November 18th Foxwoods Casino Special
Sunday, November 24th In the Mood, 1940's Musical Review, Boston, MA
Sunday, December 1st "The Nutcracker"
Tuesday, December 3rd Twin Rivers Casino
Thursday, December 5th Mohegan Sun Casino
Thursday, December 12th Hu-Ke-Lau Show Club & Bright Nights
Tuesday, December 16th Dinner with Dickens & Bright Nights, Springfield

OVERNIGHT TRIP

December 15-16th Indian Head Resort presents "Christmas In The White Mountains"

Upcoming Events

Genealogy 101
Acupuncture Presentation
Safety & Self Defense
Holiday Party at Shaw's Center
Olde Kids On the Block