

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,  
(Board of Directors) Was held on Monday February 3, 2014

*Minutes recorded by Richard Drobiak, Recorder for Board of Directors*

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

**ROLL CALL:** Al Amoroso excused. All other members present

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Minutes of 12/2/13 meeting reviewed by board members. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Howard Fund report was questioned and referred to Vin Ricci for correction

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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

Janice is in need of volunteers to staff the front desk to cover for staffers vacationing over the winter. Anyone interested should make their intentions known at the front desk.

Janice reminded all of the snow closing policy.

Janice asked that letters be sent to her outlining services being provided by the COA. Letters will be sent to the Finance Committee in preparation of the next year's budget. Preliminary indications are to expect a level budget.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Outreach coordinator Lynn Winkler reported that Old Colony has limited additional fuel assistance which will purchase 100 gallons of fuel but once the funds are spent, no additional assistance will be available.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** : Sunshine Committee Chairwoman Moynihan reports that she contacted surrounding municipalities and found that posting personal information of sick members is not legal. The council cannot relay information.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None  
Next meeting is 3/3/14

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT-February 3, 2014

Happy New Year!!!!

Glad to see you all back! I have lots to go over with you.

- I hope you like the new format for our Newsletter? I worked hard to get it to where I think it is easier to read and offers more information about what we have to offer. Michelle and I will be making some small adjustments in the next few months. I have heard nothing but positive comments from both our seniors and other COA Directors.
- I am introducing some new activities and events this year. I think things were getting a bit too repetitive.
- We are getting a lot of new folks. Surprisingly a lot of men.
- The surveys we sent out are coming back with a lot of great suggestions.
- Michelle and I will be meeting with a potential Craft Instructor. I am excited to see what ideas she will have.

### GOALS:

I feel I have accomplished a lot of great things for the COA and our seniors these last few years and would like to share with you my goals for "2014".

- I would like to hire 1 more part time person to help with activities and events.
- I have started to freshen up the center a bit. I hope you have all noticed the stripe and the paint in the computer room. I have purchased some new furniture and will be looking into getting some more new/colorful pieces.
- I am still working on the road sign project. I just received a price quote I will be discussing with the Friends group next.
- I would still like to find a way to add on to the center. Parking is an issue that should be looked into also.
- I have formed a partnership with the YMCA (see flyer) to offer discounted activities there at a very good price. I will continue to make similar partnerships with other agencies.
- I met with Brockton Housing and they would like us to provide them with Newsletters for all their senior sites. That is roughly 1500 copies. My goal would be to look for more Newsletter sponsors to be able to accommodate that request.
- I am starting a "monthly special menu theme" for our Tuesday Congregate Meal program. I will continue to look for ways to increase our meal participation.
- I am working with one local agency to discuss ways to advocate for more affordable senior housing/transitional housing in the city.

I recently attended our first department heads meeting with the new Mayor Thursday. He shared his goals with us for the first year and has requested that each department submit a report to him to tell him what each dept. does, what we have accomplished, what our goals are and how our residents benefit from our services. I am excited to share all the positives

**we have accomplished and would welcome any letters you wish to submit with my report to tell firsthand what benefits the residents receive from the Council on Aging.**

**In addition, I received our FY2015 Budget. I am planning on another tight year with lots of tough cuts but will submit it level funded and see what happens.**

**In closing, I want to let you know I will be defending my dance title on Saturday, February 8 with all proceeds benefitting Old Colony Elder Services Emergency Fund. This fund will offer assistance to seniors with heat, food, medications and emergency housing. Please note the website you can go to or call to make a small donation of \$10.00 or more if you wish which will also give us another vote. I hope you will be able to support this great cause.**

**Thank you**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Janice B. Fitzgerald  
Director**

## **Upcoming Activities and Events**

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> The Elephant Sanctuary at 1:00PM  
Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> SALT/TRIAD Meeting at 9:30AM  
Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Drug Interactions, Walgreen's Pharmacist at 1:00PM  
Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> "Can We Talk?" at 10:00AM  
Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> COA Valentine's Day Party 12:00 Noon  
Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> Heart Health & New Technology at 1:00PM  
Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> COA is closed for President's Day  
Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> HopeHealth Support Group 2:30 PM  
Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> MADD Hatters 12:30PM, RSVP by February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Pen Pals meet with Brownie Girl Scout Troop  
Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Plant Vegetable Seedlings with Baypointe at 1:00PM  
Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Men's Group 9:30AM  
Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> AARP Board Meeting at 1:00 PM  
Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Laughter Yoga at 1:00PM

## **TRIPS**

February 4<sup>th</sup> .....Twin Rivers, Lincoln, Rhode Island  
March 10<sup>th</sup> .....Foxwoods Casino SpecialNewport Grand Slot Parlor tip  
March 12<sup>th</sup> .....St. Patrick's Day Party, Newport Grand Slot Parlor  
March 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Boston Flower & Garden Show & Venezia Lunch  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Newport Playhouse, "My Husband's Wild Desires"  
April 16<sup>th</sup> .....The New York City Rockettes, "Heart and Lights"  
April 17<sup>th</sup> .....Boston Symphony Orchestras, "Open Rehearsal"  
June 26<sup>th</sup> ..... "The Phantom of the Opera", Boston Opera House

## **OVERNIGHT TRIP**

March 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Atlantic City Tour Package, Tropicana Casino Resort  
April 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Mt. Airy Casino Hotel, Pocono's  
April 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Washington, D.C. Cherry Blossom's Celebration

## **UPCOMNG EVENTS**

Genealogy 102  
Fall Prevention  
Asthma & Allergies  
St.Patrick's Day Party  
Springtime Optimism  
Diabetic Footwear and Foot Care