

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY MAY 5, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,
(Board of Directors) Was held on Monday May 5, 2014

Minutes recorded by Richard Drobiak, Recorder for Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lorraine Lalli at 10:05 AM

ROLL CALL: Marline Amedee excused. All other members present

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of 3/5/14 meeting reviewed by board members. A motion was made and approved to modify the John Kenny and Jayne Moynihan attendance status for the 4/7/14 to be excused. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Howard Fund report balance is \$85,835.25. A motion was made and approved to accept the Howard Report as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

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

Outreach Worker Lynn Winkler reported upon a home visit she made to assist a woman in attempting to recover a lost pension. The Lions club applications for hearing aids have been approved. Lynn also continues to provide assistance in submitting fuel and housing applications.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating Chair Al Amoroso reported that the nominating committee has its slate of candidates for office for the upcoming election at our June 2 meeting. He requested that anyone else who may be interested in an office contact him

NEW BUSINESS: Chairwoman Lalli read a letter from board member Marline Amedee requesting that the time of the board meetings be changed to 3:30 PM to accommodate members of the board that are employed and cannot attend the currently scheduled morning meetings.

The request was presented to the board for discussion and resolution.

Every member of the board was asked for their opinion on the request and a vote on the request was taken. The vote of the board unanimously rejected the request and Marline will be notified of the board's decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Many city events are scheduled this summer. Chairwoman Lalli would like COA participation at these events and will prepare a list for the next meeting.

A board training class is scheduled in East Bridgewater on June 16. Chairwoman Lalli will schedule members of the board to attend.

Next meeting 6/2/14

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE- May 5, 2014

Happy Cinco de Mayo. Hope you all had a great weekend! Today I have nothing but EXCITING news to share.

I want to say thank you to everyone for coming to our Volunteer Luncheon. It is such a wonderful feeling to know you all are here to support us day in and day out. There isn't one day that goes by that our volunteers don't all amaze me at everything they do.

I especially want to say thank you to our decorating committee for making the COA look so beautiful! The spring tree is so cheery!

It is amazing at how much we can achieve in a month with such a small staff. But we are and we are still the BEST COA around. I want to thank Lynn for all she does to help our seniors and thank you to Michelle for working so hard and closely with me to bring in new and fresh ideas every month. We have some great things planned for the summer that I hope you will take advantage of and enjoy!

Before I continue, I want to tell you all some exciting news. Starting Monday, May 19 we will have a new member to our team. I have hired Dottie Slack as our Health Education/Outreach Coordinator. Dottie will be available 3 days a week. I am thrilled to have her and now I can say I have my "Dream Team" in place. Dottie will be at our next meeting and will at that time talk to you about what her role will be and her goals.

As you probably already know every Monday this month we will offer a FREE cup of coffee to celebrate Older Americans Month. Make sure you come to our Annual Health and Safety Fair on Wednesday. Our Drug Take Back day went very well we will do it again in the fall. Good Samaritan Hospital met with Michelle and I and we are thrilled to work with them on a couple events. One event we are working on is called "Continue Wellness Tour". This is a program for people 65 or older where care is focused on the individual. Mary Richardson from Chronicle will be the host. She is the Steward (Good Sam) Community Liaison. We are also discussing with Steward the possibility of hosting a Senior Supper here. We will keep you posted on both things.

Finally, our new road sign has been ordered and should be installed within 5-6 weeks. This is great for us and I want to say thank you to our Friends group for approving the new sign. In addition we are meeting today at 11:30 with BKA Architect to discuss plans for a possible addition to the building. I can't tell you how excited I am about that too. I know I have said this before and I am saying it again. I am so pleased with the direction we are heading and I am thankful to have you all part of my "Dream Team".

Together we are making a difference.

Thank you all again, and have a great Memorial Day.