

COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING January 13, 2005

Present: Brunetta Wolfman (Chair), Greg Howe, Ilene Charles, Gerry Brennan,
Florence Alexander

Others: Vern Wilson (Friends), Gladys Johnstone, Marge Perry

Absent: Val Carrano (Dir. COA), Kay Vogt

Meeting called to order by Chair at 3:00p.m.

Minutes from the December 9, 2004 meeting were accepted as revised.

Correspondence: none.

Director's Report:

- V. Carrano will be back from vacation on January 18.
- There has been no response from Days re: stove.
- Dennis Anderson, Manor Director, has sent over a report received from Deaconess re: the Manor. Board members will review.
- New dining room tables and chairs will come January 20.

Friends:

- Annual appeal contributions to date are \$4479! Last year's total was \$3900. Increase attributed to sending out more letters to different groups and raising the asking donation from \$5.00 to \$8.00.
- Cookbook sales to date are \$1052. A new poster needs to be made. B. Wolfman will find the original photos. Vern Wilson will take to Shankpainter Printing. I. Charles is backup. Will sell more cookbooks at Seaman's on February 11. G. Brennan, G. Johnstone and D. Oliver will wrap the books. G. Brennan will call the bank. The hours are
8:30 – 10:30
10:30 - 12:30 G. Howe (I. Charles backup)
12:30 - 3:00 G. Johnstone and V. Wilson
- Bake sales are scheduled for May 28 and September 3.

SALT Council:

- G. Howe brought 37 emergency 911 phones from the Sheriff's office to Provincetown PD. They will make the adjustments and bring to the COA with 5 going to the Truro COA.
- First regional meeting of SALT was held. G. Howe attended and brought back a 2004 AARP binder with tapes and information on elderly scams. G. Howe also toured the new jail and reported it was very posh and automated.
- Maushope wants to have the DECIDE workshop brought to them in March.
- Trying to negotiate a merger between Provincetown and Truro SALT. Truro does not have a lot of support.

Old Business:

- 2 Month Calendar:
February 11th cookbook sale
Art class
March 12th Yearrounders Day will sell cookbooks and cards
31st Town meeting preparation meeting with free luncheon provided by the Friends
- Wednesday lunches now running about 25 people due to the magnificent hosting by G. Johnstone.
- 2004 COA BOARD GOAL review draft was approved as revised.

New Business:

- I. Charles announced that there would be a 7 speaker meeting in Yarmouth on January 20 from 8:00 to 12:30 focusing on elderly issues and sponsored by Medical Alarm USA. RSVP to Eileen at 508 398 7723. The federal government has a program to put in a phone landline for elderly disabled and is free to those

- whose income is less than \$50,000. I. Charles will speak to the director about a presentation here at the Center.
- Gladys will thank Friends in the newsletter for decorating for the holiday.
 - F. Alexander noted that Frances Raymond, Boston Cane recipient, will have a 100th birthday party at Michael Shays on Saturday, February 5. She would like to present a birthday congratulations certificate to her on behalf of the COA Board. She will speak to the Director about it.
 - The board will discuss its 2005 GOALS at the next meeting.
 - Board approved a letter to send to our Senators and Congressman that states our disapproval of the changes in the Social Security program.
 - G. Brennan will chair the next meeting while Chair is out of town.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm. **The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2005 at 3:00p.m. in room #10 of the Grace Gouveia Bldg.**

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Brennan, Secretary