

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

**Present:** Gerry Brennan , Chair. Florence Alexander, Ilene Charles, Brunetta Wolfman, Greg Howe, Kay Vogt

**Others:** Val Carrano, Dir COA., Vern Wilson, Friends. Gladys Johnstone, Friends.

**Meeting** called to order by chair at 3:00 pm.

**Minutes** from the June 9, 2005 meeting were accepted as read.

**Chair's Comments:** Reminders to please bring any COA issues to meeting. If you have a particular passion, bring that to the board. Bring up any around town safety issues. Report senior citizen building issues to Val in writing who will forward appropriately. Two issues were mentioned: Fill hole in front of building and Mercedes Cabs are parking in our lot.

**Correspondence:** none

**Director's Report: Val Carrano**

There is a possibility of Katrina evacuees being brought to town. The exact number is not known at this time. Val will be responsible for human services and will keep us informed as necessary. More information is needed before we can determine volunteer and other needs.

On October 21 there will be a presentation by Blue Cross as a joint effort by Truro COA and us. Their seminar will cover senior health care options including Part D and gap insurance. Will be listed in newsletter. The seminar will be at our COA.

On November 3 there will be a SHINE seminar on Part D at the Truro COA at 11 am.

Val will be at MCOA from September 21 thru 23.

**Kitchen Stove:** have added quasi racks that are helping. Nothing else to report.

**Friends:** \$200 cookbooks; \$305 cushions \$605.58 bake sale reported by Vern.

Florence indicated she needed help to make calls for the September '06 bake sale. She is OK with her established group for the May sale but doesn't want to ask the same people for September. A list (friends fund raising list or other) will be generated and the names will be split up for board members to contact these people for the September bake sale. Florence will continue to run the sale, the board members will just make calls for contributions for the Labor Day bake sale. Gerry will ensure that the list does not duplicate the names of people that Florence calls on for May contributions.

**SALT:** Greg Howe attended the annual picnic in Orleans at the baseball field in mid August. A good time was had by all. There were demonstrations of motorcycle cops, and police dogs and how they handled drugs, explosives, etc. Still negotiating with Truro on the merge of the two groups. When, where, etc. still in question.

Have light bulbs and phones available for seniors.

Greg still has the TRIAD banner, if anyone is looking for it.

**Old Business:** The senior float in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade won a second prize trophy. The trophy's are being moved to the main reception room to be enjoyed by all.

Still looking for a SALT volunteer: requires 10 1-hour meetings per year, a minimal amount of outside work such as handing out info, checking house numbers, light bulb distribution, not burdensome.

The Library/COA book group has been disbanded due to lack of attendance.

**New Business:** Calendar for September: Art Class with Gail Brown 9/14 – 10/12 Tuesdays, 9 to 11 am. Calendar for October: Cooking Class resumes 10/17, Mondays. 10/21 Blue Cross seminar.

A tax-credit volunteer position was approved by BOS. This position will assist the town clerk to fill board positions by coordinating seniors to fill the vacancies. This senior will also assist the senior tax rebate coordinator person.

A request to add bushes in front of building will be revisited next meeting.

Kay Vogt has resigned her board position due to conflicting schedules. Her resignation was accepted.

Ilene Charles has accepted a move from alternate to regular board member. So moved and all voted aye.

Gerry has a possible replacement in mind for Ilene's position. Brunetta will be leaving the board in December.

The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2005 @ 3pm in Room #10 at the Grace Gouveia Building.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Vogt-recording secretary.