

COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2004

Present: Brunetta Wolfman (Chair), Greg Howe, Gerry Brennan, Gladys Johnstone, Florence Alexander (Alt.) **Others:** Val Carrano (Dir. COA), Vern Wilson (Friends), Jeannette Bragger and Baiba Briedis (Visitors)

Meeting called to order by Chair at 3:07p.m.

Minutes from the March 11, 2004 Board Meeting were approved as corrected – to be e-mailed by secretary to Town Clerk.

Correspondence:

- As the BOS were having their annual traffic meeting on 3/23, the Chair obtained a copy of the proposals the Parking Dept. were submitting and sent an email to the BOS supporting some of their issues. See copy of her e-mail.
- There has been no response to date from the BOS as to which date they would like to meet with the Board – April 26 or May 10.
- All participants of the Town Meeting Forum were thanked.

Director's Report:

- REACH has a new brochure. They are still looking for volunteers. Formal training will begin May 17, 2 to 2:30pm at the Orleans COA. Our COA will provide transportation.
- Director will be generating press releases on behalf of DECIDE.
- Tony Teso, as part of the community visioning process is disseminating a survey on behalf of the schools at the Town Meeting.
- The COA Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held on May 14. The “Eldertones” – the Senior Chorus - will sing.
- Last year the Film Festival rented out our red cushions for their Forum and would like to do the same this year. They will turn over all money raised to the Friends of the COA.
- The COA's back-door pantry is still happy to receive donations of canned food and non-perishables for those in need.

Friends:

- The Friends donated \$100 to the Annual Fund Drive for Elder Services of Cape Cod.
- Cookbook sales and hand-made items donated by J. Bragger and B. Briedis, raised \$97 at the Year Rounders Festival.
- \$295 was advanced to cover education classes.
- The Friends will again buy spring plants for the outside of the COA and Dennis will plant them.

SALT Council:

- G. Howe thanked the Director and Staff again for supporting the DECIDE Program. Will invite Truro COA to attend.

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- 911 phones from the Police Dept. to come over to the COA next month to be handed out to those needing them.
- G. Howe stated that things should now slack off from May to October.
- The promised matching funds for the Beacon Light Program have not been received as yet from the Police Dept. A letter will be sent to Rachel Peters.

Old Business:

- 2 Month Calendar:
May 13 - Election of Officers

May 14 - Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

May 29 - Annual COA Bake Sale

June - rent cushions to the Film Festival

- F. Alexander reminded the Board that a “thank-you” letter was due the Provincetown Florist.
- Need volunteers for bake sale. J. Bragger and B. Briedis will donate 2 hand-made crochet blankets for a raffle at the bake sale. Need raffle tickets and G. Brennan will make a raffle sign.
- COA’s participation in Year Rounders Festival was very popular.
- Town Meeting forum was well received. Thanks to G. Howe for hosting.
- Cookbook update: Tanya is typing recipes.
- Stove update: Bill Dougal said that the COA was first on his list for a stove donation after Tropical Joe’s is sold. Napi also said that he would donate half the money for a new stove if his supplier will do the same. (\$2800)
- Wed. Lunch update: attendance is better and this week Chester Solomon will play during lunch. Volunteer musicians needed to do the same.

New Business:

- The library picked the COA to do another Senior Art Show this December depending on where they are in their move.
- The Board discussed the setting of the 2005 goals. The Chair will do a draft of the goals and present them at the next meeting.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the increased tax-credit proposal. G. Howe to work on rewording the draft into a proposal for submission to the BOS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **The next meetings will be May 13, 2004 at 3:00p.m. in room #10 of the Grace Gouveia Bldg.**

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Brennan, Secretary