

**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 9, 2004**

**Present:** Brunetta Wolfman (Chair), Greg Howe, Gerry Brennan, Florence Alexander, Anita Berman, Kay Vogt, Alternate

**Others:** Val Carrano (Dir. COA), Vern Wilson, (Friends), Gladys Johnstone, Marge Perry, Ilene Charles, Sarah Peake

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

**Minutes** from the November 18, 2004 Board Meeting were approved as read.

**Special:**  
Anita Berman was congratulated on her 9-½ years of service on the COA Board. Sarah Peake came to present Anita with formal thanks from the Board of Selectman. Thank you Anita!

Ilene Charles was introduced to the Board Members.

**Correspondence:**

- The Chair sent a personal letter to Board of Elder Services stating that their Thanksgiving letter asking for contributions might conflict with our Friends Annual Appeal Letter. Their response was that their letter had been going out for the last 3 years and this time the BANNER picked it up and they don't know why.
- Elder Services sent out a random needs survey to people in various Cape towns by regular mail every 4 year. Doug Johnstone received a copy and sent a copy to the COA. Apparently this is a regular mailing.
- The Chair sent out a thank-you to Sid Wainers for letting the COA cooking class tour.
- Chief Meyers sent a thank-you to the Board for their thank you for the DECIDE Program's workshop.

**Director's Report:**

- Cookbooks on the way. Hope to get them for our sale on 12/17.
- Holiday Decorating Party on 12/10 from 1:30 – 3:30pm. Refreshments will be served.
- COA staff helped Friends again with labels and such for their annual appeal mailing, this time to 400 businesses asking for a \$25.00 donation. The Friends stuffed and mailed all the letters in 2 days. A letter will go out to selected businesses and community leaders asking especially for contributions for the dining room.
- Director will be on vacation from 12/23 to 1/2/05.

**Friends:**

- Sold old cookbooks and cards for \$70. Need more cards.
- Annual appeal receipts about \$2,600 - a little better than last year!

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**SALT Council:**

- The County Deputy Sheriff has been replaced and we still don't have the 30 911-phones as promised; however the 3 phones promised by the PPD were received. We still need one more phone now.
- The next TRIAD meeting is 1/11/05 at 1:00pm in Barnstable. All are invited to come and also tour the new jail. G. Howe asked to borrow the COA van to transport people to this meeting – O. Ahomuty, R Peters and C. Benjamin.

**Old Business:**

- 2 Month Calendar:
  - Jan – 2005 Goals and Objectives
  - Annual Report for 2004
  - Feb - Another art class is planned

- B. Wolfman took over for G. Brennan in hanging the art in the Provincetown Public Library. She did a bang up job! This is the second year in a row that the Seniors have had a show sponsored by the COA.
- An article appeared in the CAPE CODDER regarding the Grace Gouveia Building and our efforts to get answers from the DPW and have the DPW correct some building conditions. The Director spoke directly to D. Guertin who said he would talk to Sandy who would talk to maintenance. Apparently, we're third on this list of projects.
- Stove – still giving off a bad odor. Director called Days again to ascertain where they were on the project. G. Brennan said the odor was particularly bad today.

**New Business:**

- V. Wilson was asked, as a member of the Nutrition Committee of Elder Services, to tell them of the Board's concerns regarding what appears to be a high salt content in our Wednesday Lunches and Meals on Wheels.
- Ilene Charles expressed her wish to become an Alternate COA Board member. Glad to have her services, Ilene was asked to submit her official form at Town Hall.
- G. Howe and G. Brennan to get sworn in for another term.
- K. Vogt will become a full member of the Board replacing A. Berman, as she does not have to change her residency at this time. She will fill out another form and present it to town hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32p.m. **The next meetings will be January 13, 2005 at 3:00p.m. in room #10 of the Grace Gouveia Bldg.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerry Brennan, Secretary