

# COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

Thursday, December 2, 1999

Grace Goveia Building, Dining Room, 26 Alden Street

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Members present: Robert Gerard, Gladys Johnstone, Pat Benatti, Valerie Carrano, Anita Berman, Ray Sparks

Members absent: Diane Corbo and Marge Perry both called in their absences.

Friends present: Irma Aho, Vern Wilson

Meeting convened at 3:00 P.M. by Chairperson Anita Berman.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted as written.

2. Director's Report: Brother Costa has left his COA custodial position. Diane (through Valerie) made the suggestion that the board submit an article to town meeting for a full-time custodian. She would also like the outreach position to go back up to 20 hrs/wk from the current 10 hrs/ wk to handle the increasing crisis cases.

3. Friends' Report: \$3300. has been realized so far from the annual fund drive of the Friends. There have been additional funds given for wheelchairs and three chairs have been purchased.

4. Old Business: A discussion between Mrs. Berman and the DPW director resulted in possible shutters for the Grace Goveia building if there is money left over from the recent building repairs. The Board agreed the article for a new full-time custodian should be submitted by the DPW director since it is for the entire building, not just the COA.

5. New Business: The Gourmet Cooking classes have been doing very well. The classes average 18 people, the largest ever.

Date of the next meeting: January 6, 2000.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M. by Chairperson Anita Berman.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Benatti, Secretary