

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ABINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abington Council on Aging was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. In attendance were Chairperson George Whiting, Vice Chair Marie Brown, Interim COA Directors Suzanne Djusberg and David Klein, Betty Slinger, Karen DiLorenzo, Joe Iacobucci, Bill Kendall, and Recording Secretary Maureen Wall. Mr. Whiting opened the meeting and at the outset Suzanne and David began outlining the items in the monthly Director's Report, summarized as follows:

---the renewal of the contract application for the Outreach Coordinator (Norma Clark) has been submitted to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. This grant represents a portion of Norma's salary.

---Suzanne and Jack Brown (one of the van drivers) met with Quality Van Sales to discuss renovations to the van to make it more accessible for clients. This would entail moving the door and adjacent storage unit above the door; an initial quote for that work is \$700; quotes for other modifications would be more costly. The van would have to be off the road for a week. Suzanne mentioned that there is \$1,000 in an Elders Affairs account earmarked for van use only.

---the Finance Committee's budget recommendation was ratified which eliminated the COA budget for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

---the Fuel Assistance program is well underway. Appointments are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:00 to noon.

---David, Suzanne and Norma, along with a few members of the Friends attended a luncheon in Brockton on Senior Safety, focusing on scams that are prevalent at all times. This program was hosted by D.A. Timothy Cruz.

---Two recent events which took place at the Senior Center in the past month were a presentation by Stephanie Isabel entitled "Laugh Yourself Healthy" and a Special Education staff meeting by Dr. Symtna Thomas.

----A phone system was finally installed and set up for the Nutrition Coordinator's office.

---Three new programmable digital thermostats were installed by Suzanne and Nils Djusberg in an effort to better control off-hour energy usage. In addition, a heat evaluation of the Senior Center will be performed in the near future.

---The computer for the My Senior Center program is now located in the front office for general computer use. David and Suzanne will investigate the situation with the company that installed the My Senior Center program, which has been sitting there unused for about six months.

--The monthly stats for van usage are as follows: October-COA van rides - 96; BAT rides 28; September COA van rides - 92; BAT rides 25.

---A lunch/movie date has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 30 at 3:00 p.m. The fee will be \$3.00 for a sandwich and movie. This will be advertised in the newsletter.

David and Suzanne opened discussion on rental fees for use of the center. It was decided that a fair fee would be \$175.00 (four hour minimum), which includes the use of the facility and kitchen use. The custodian fee would be extra; \$15.00 per hour was suggested. There would be no charge for school functions; other town organization rentals will have to be decided. The idea of renaming the Senior Center for marketing purposes was discussed. Several ideas were suggested, i.e., calling it the Abington Senior Center/Community Center, or having a corporate sponsor for either or both the auditorium and dining room. It was also suggested that a virtual tour be put on cable TV. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

Karen made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting as presented, Joe seconded and all were in favor.

Before closing, it was noted that Bill Kendall has received notice that he has been approved as a member of the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Wall,

Recording Secretary