

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING JANUARY 9, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chair Teddi Bourassa at 10:04 a.m.

In Dick Drobiak's absence, Lorraine Lalli filled in as secretary.

Six members were excused – Sue Alves, Dan Clague, Irene Clague, Dick Drobiak, Jayne Moynihan, and Carole Harris.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Janice read the Howard Fund report for the period of November 1 to November 30, 2016. Starting balance was \$66,687.98 and ending balance was \$66,617.10. These figures do not include CD's. Report was accepted as read.

Janice read and discussed her Director's report, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Michele read and discussed her activities report, a copy of which is attached.

Outreach Director Dotti Slack reported that, although open enrollment is now over, her department is still extremely busy with fuel assistance, SNAP, and other assistance issues. She reported that the SHINE program is in danger of being dismantled. There was discussion as to what we can do to salvage the program.

The following suggestions were made:

Writing letters to our Senators and Congressmen;

Preparing a petition to be presented at the front desk and at activities and events. Dotti offered to do this. It was pointed out that the petition should not be restricted to the COA, but that signatures should be gotten from as many seniors as possible;

A suggestion was made that we hold a walk similar to the diabetes walk to draw attention to this crisis;

Another suggestion was to write to the Enterprise in the form of a Letter to the Editor.

Dotti pointed out that SHINE is not only for seniors, but for anyone on Medicare, including disabled persons.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Next meeting will be February 6, 2017.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-January 9, 2017

Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone!

- First let me start by saying thank you to all of you and all of our hard working and dedicated volunteers that gave us many hours of volunteer service last year. I am looking forward to another very successful year.
- My staff and I have been staying very busy. We recently met to put together our 2017 events schedule and let me tell you we have some new and fun things planned. I am not going to tell you exactly what is planned but I can tell you they will involve paint, taco's, mango's, clams, juggling and wooden cars....hmmmm! STAY TUNED!
- I just received our contract for our Formula Grant and we were awarded \$10.00 per elder which is wonderful.
- Some of you might be aware but if not I wanted to let you know that the new park at the end of Father Kenney Way will be named after Charlie Tartaglia. What a great idea. There will be a dedication at some point and we will do our best to let everyone know the details. Keep an eye on the Enterprise as well as I am sure it will be posted in there. I think it would be nice to have a big turn out for him as he has done a lot for our seniors.
- I am working on a 5 year Strategic Plan with the help of our Building Committee and will probably be reaching out to the Board and other seniors for some input. This is something we really need to have as we move forward in our plan for adding an addition or the possibility of moving.
- I am hoping to have for you at the next Board meeting some of my goals for 2017.
- I just received Friday from the EOEA a new scam that is targeting seniors. The call is coming from someone claiming to be calling from Medicare informing the elder that Medicare is going to be changing and is asking for the elders SS# and DOB. The calls typically come in the evening after offices would be closed. The fear is that with the ACA dissolution possibly on the horizon and talk of privatizing Medicare, these scams are going to increase. Luckily the seniors that got the calls didn't fall for the scam. Just remember MEDICARE WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER ASK YOU THIS INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE.
- Also, if you haven't all ready, please sign up for the Property Abatement and Exemption presentation on the 12th.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice B. Fitzgerald
Director

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 9th COA Book Club with Lucia Shannon 10:00AM
Monday, January 9th Painting with Mary and Brenda of West Acres 1:00PM (Full)
Wednesday, January 11th National Diabetes Prevention Program 10:30AM
Wednesday, January 11th "Life's Little Lessons" How to Use Chopsticks at 2:00PM
Thursday, January 12th How to Apply for Property Tax Abatements & Exemptions 2:00PM
Monday, January 16th Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Center is Closed
Tuesday, January 17th Origami with Dr. Appling at 1:00PM (Full)
Wednesday, January 18th National Diabetes Prevention Program 10:30AM
Wednesday, January 18th MADD Hatter's New Year Celebration 12:30PM
Thursday, January 19th Lunch & Learn, The Benefits of Following the DASH Diet at 12:00
Monday, January 23rd S.T.O.P./Ask Dottie Aneurysms at 1:00PM
Wednesday, January 25th National Diabetes Prevention Program 10:30AM
Wednesday, January 25th Commodity Supplemental Food Program 1:00-3:30PM
Wednesday, January 25th Jeopardy Trivia with Arielle Traveres of Sagem Center 1:00PM
Monday, January 30th Free Legal Consults with attorney Michelle Beneski 9:30-11:00 AM
Monday, January 30th Men's Group 9:30AM
Monday, January 30th Line Dancing time changed to 11:00-12:00
Monday, January 30th Chinese New Year Luncheon 1:00-3:00PM (Full)

Trips

Wednesday, January 18th Twin Rivers Casino
Thursday, February 9th A Winter's Day Out, "Painting with a Twist"
Wednesday, March 8th Foxwoods Casino
Thursday, March 23rd Boston Flower Show & Venezia Luncheon

Upcoming Events

Please note these events are not available for sign-up yet they are for your information only.

Valentine's Craft with Mary and Brenda of West Acres 2/6/17
"Life's Little Lessons" How to Make a Corsage 2/18/17
Valentine's Day Party 2/13/17
Pen Pal Meeting 2/22/17
Learn Ukulele with Julie 2/27/17
St. Patrick's Cupcake Class with Sandy Lucca 3/1/17