

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017

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

Absent was Sue Alves. Excused were Carole Harris and Dick Drobiak.

Teddi read a letter of resignation from Carole Harris, Treasurer.

Janice Fitzgerald read her Director's report.

Janice reported that Brockton is #3 in the state as far as number of seniors. Plymouth is #1. We currently have more than 15,000 seniors in Brockton. Results of the survey that was distributed showed that issues of concern reported, in order of priority, are: transportation; homemakers; affordable housing; in-home personal care; and information on assistance.

She also reported that we sent out 4500 newsletters with this survey and 424 responded, an impressive 10% turnaround.

Activities reports were given by Michele & Carla.

Pat Brindley read the Howard fund report.

Reported starting balance as of Feb. 1 was \$48,932.36. Income was \$1,771.00. Expenses were \$2,720.15, leaving a balance of \$47,983.21 as of Feb. 28.

She reported that we did receive a \$20,000 grant. The center has changed its bank from Eastern to Rockland Trust. Presently \$10,000 has been deposited in each bank pending closing out the Eastern account.

Dotti Slack reported that Outreach was busy as usual, dealing with 30-35 walk-ins and phone calls during the last month., most with issues with Medicare, insurance, and social security.

Fuel assistance has been extended until 5/12.

The congregate meal program has been renamed “community dining”.

The supplemental food program provides 40 pounds of food and produce per person. Dotti is very impressed with this program’s volunteers and the manner in which applicants are treated – with respect and courtesy.

Since the diabetes group started, 144 people have graduated. In September she will be starting a new National Diabetes Prevention program.

Health Centrix is providing books and snacks for the diabetes self-management program.

Shine has been funded by MA until October 1.

Meeting adjourned 10:40 a.m.

Next meeting will be May 1, 2017.