

## COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

### Minutes of the Council on Aging Board Meeting held April 8, 2010

**Members Present:** Elizabeth Tobey, Newton Wesley, Ruth Delmonico, Gus Stathis, Alice Olsen

**The Director of the COA,** Alyson Toole, was not in attendance.

**Absent:** Paul Chaisson, Nancy Chaisson, Eleanor Beaudette, Kristen Donovan, Bill Bryon, Kate Hogan, Jo Langley, and Brian Burke

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:18 A.M. with Chairman, Elizabeth Tobey presiding.

**Secretary's Report:** The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting as presented.

**Liaison Reports:** Gus Stathis, the Chair of the New Senior Center Sub Committee, reported that the Stow Selectmen have called a meeting for April 20 at 7:30 regarding the Pompo Task Force. The purpose is to establish the committee. Chairman, Elizabeth Tobey plans to be in attendance. Besides the C. O. A., other town bodies have expressed interest in using Pompositicut School.

#### **Chair's Report:**

- The C. O. A. has not yet heard from Avidia Bank regarding our request for a \$6000 grant to purchase a used van.
- The C. O. A. needs a liaison to attend the Minuteman Senior Services Board meeting each month. Since Mrs. Nancy Chaisson stepped down from this position we have not been represented. The purpose of the liaison is to bring information back to town.

#### **Director's Report, presented by Sharon Funkhouser:**

- The tax write-off program is full with twenty seniors working in various town departments. Brian Burke, the school committee chair, would like to see more seniors volunteering in schools.
- On May 15, for the Springfest parade, the C. O. A. will have a float. Kristen Donovan has volunteered to help decorate it. Honey Pot Orchards is donating the use of a wagon for this purpose.
- We're streamlining the billing for the monthly Podiatry Clinic. Instead of checks being made out to the C. O. A., clients will pay the doctor directly.
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#### **Outreach Coordinators Reports**

##### **Sharon Funkhouser**

- Has been planning for the Volunteer recognition luncheon on April 20. There will be a speaker and entertainer and many gift certificates and prizes.
- There have been positive reactions since we began including the newsletter in the Stow Independent. We've had more volunteers come forward.

- The St. Patrick's Day celebration was a huge success. Fifty-five people attended including our State Senator and Representative.
- The **"Soup's On"** program revenue increased from \$145 last year to \$275 this year.
- **The major events planned this month:** Volunteer Luncheon, Medication Management, Red Sox Game @ the C. O. A., Vertigo Talk, Floral Arrangement.
- **Coming in May:** Walk at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Edible Wild Plants, WGBH Tour, Nashoba Winery Tour & Lunch, and State House Tour.

**Suzanne Howley:**

- The Crafts Class continues to draw new attendants. One of our new volunteers who has an art background is assisting.
- Helped a person with all the documentation necessary in order to apply for Mass Health.
- My duties during "Soup's On" program were to keep the kitchen clean, the soup hot, and the counter set up.
- Home visits and delivery of birthday cakes continue.
- The Shriners Circus trip filled in a matter of hours; more tickets were requested.
- Planning: A May trip is planned to Molly's Apothecary, a small Medway company which makes natural soaps and lotions. Participants will make soap and lotion to take home.

**No Old or new Business to report.**

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and approved the meeting was adjourned at 10:23A. M.

**Next Meeting** – May 13, 2010

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Ruth Delmonico**