



COUNCIL ON AGING

136 ELM STREET
EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02356

COA Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2009

The Easton Council on Aging met on Thursday, January 15, 2009 in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, North Easton. Vice-chairwoman Nicolina Previti called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Present: Vice-chairwoman Nicolina Previti, Secretary Ethel Pomerleau, and members David Cudmore, Marie Healey, and Jean Shearing. **Absent:** Chairman Frank Spillane and member, Rose Friedeborn. **Also present:** Dolores Kent, Director.

Minutes: The members reviewed the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting. Motion by Mr. Cudmore, second by Mrs. Shearing, to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting as presented. Vote: all in favor.

Finance Report: Mrs. Kent presented the following finance report:

July 1, 2008 - January 5, 2009		Balance	Balances 1/5/09
COA Budget, payroll:	01-531-01	92,866.75	} \$97,888.12
COA Budget, expenses:	01-531-02	5,021.37	
State COA Grants:	18-3507	9,462.96	\$9,462.96
COA Gift & Donations:	24-3508	2,631.87	} \$4,835.45
Stonehill Gift Account:	24-3509	1,179.17	
COA Misc Gifts:	24-3515	1,024.41	
COA Senior Center:	24-3517	14,454.60	\$14,454.60
COA Travel Account:	20-3800	898.41	} \$2,898.41
COA Checking Account:	20-3999	2,000.00	

Programs: Mrs. Kent reviewed current programs and those planned for February. The January Art Classes were cancelled due to lack of registrations. The class will be offered again in March with a minimum of 6 participants needed to run the class.

Outreach: Mrs. Beavers continued outreach efforts by sending COA program information packets to residents turning age 65 during the month. She distributed holiday gifts in December, from the K.I.D.S program at the Richardson and Olmstead Schools, to homebound seniors, meals on wheels participants and those who attended the OCES holiday luncheon at Parker Terrace. She coordinated a program entitled "Boost Your Energy" on January 13 in the community room at Parker Terrace. The program was conducted by Bonnie Ryvicker from Community VNA.

Volunteer: Mrs. Beavers continued the m/w delivery coordination using back-up volunteers and regular route drivers taking a second day on an occasional basis, as well as delivering a route herself when needed. She continued her efforts at strengthening the friendly visitor program.

Business:

Spending Controls: Mrs. Kent reported that the town administrator had increased the spending controls due to the anticipated reduction in state aid. There was a lengthy discussion on various ways to further reduce the cost of the monthly birthday luncheons considering the drop in sign-ups for the January luncheon as a result of switching to the OCES caterer, Lindley Foods. After reviewing various options, it was the consensus of the group to wait and see what the sign ups would be for the next few months and what funds remained in the Miscellaneous and Stonehill College gift accounts before making further changes to the program.

FY 2010 Budget: Mrs. Kent presented a draft of the FY 2010 budget. Motion by Mrs. Healey, second by Mr. Cudmore, to submit the COA budget as presented to the Town Administrator. Vote: all in favor.

Other:

Change in February meeting date: Mrs. Kent requested a change in the date of the February meeting from February 18 to February 12, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Town Offices, as she will be on vacation from February 17 – 20, 2009. Motion by Mrs. Shearing, second by Mrs. Healey, to change the meeting date as requested. Vote: All in favor.

Driver's slip & fall accident: Mrs. Kent reported that one of the COA part-time driver's, Charles Hammond, was injured on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in a slip and fall accident and will be out of work for an extended period of time.

Adjournment. Motion by Mrs. Previti, second by Mrs. Healey, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.
Vote: All in favor.

The next Council on Aging meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Easton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Porterfeau, Secretary