



COUNCIL ON AGING

136 ELM STREET
EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02356

COA Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2008

The Easton Council on Aging met on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in the Mary Connolly Room, 2nd floor, Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, North Easton. Chairman Frank Spillane called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Present: Chairman Frank Spillane, Vice-chairman Nicolina Previti and members David Cudmore, Rose Friedeborn, Marie Healey, and Ethel Pomerleau. **Member Excused:** Carl (Ted) Palm. **Also present:** Dolores Kent, Director.

Minutes: The members reviewed the minutes of the previous month's meeting. Motion by Mrs. Friedeborn, second by Mrs. Previti, to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting as presented. Vote: 3 in favor, 3 abstentions.

Monthly Reports:

Finance Report: Mrs. Kent distributed the FY 2008 year to date finance report, which the members reviewed and accepted as follows.

July 1, 2007 - April 17, 2008		Balance	Balances 4/17/08
COA Budget, payroll:	01-531-01	42,289.00	} \$42,327.04
COA Budget, expenses:	01-531-02	33.04	
State COA Grants:	18-3507	18,147.65	\$18,147.65
COA Gift & Donations:	24-3508	564.49	} \$1,000.88
Stonehill Gift Account:	24-3509	496.43	
COA Misc Gifts:	24-3515	- 60.04	
COA Senior Center:	24-3517	12,454.60	\$12,454.60
OA Travel Account:	20-3800	344.06	} \$2,344.06
COA Checking Account:	20-3999	2,000.00	

Programs: Mrs. Kent and the members reviewed the articles in the draft of the May newsletter listing upcoming programs.

Outreach: Both Mrs. Lauricella and Mrs. Beavers coordinated programs at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle, and made home visits as needed. Mrs. Lauricella sent birthday cards to residents age 80 and over, while Mrs. Beavers sent COA informational packets to residents turning age 65 during the month.

Volunteer: Additional volunteers are being recruited to deliver meals on wheels on an occasional basis. The volunteer recognition luncheon is being planned for Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Invitations will be sent out to volunteers the first week in May.

Business:

Transportation, extended hours: Mrs. Kent informed the board that the town's Disabilities Commission had requested that the town provide transportation beyond the hours that are currently available through the Council on Aging. Mrs. Kent has met with the director of the Brockton Area Transit Authority, the town administrator and the chair of the Board of Selectmen to discuss extending the COA transportation hours, with the cost of the extended hours reimbursed by the Brockton Area Transit Authority.

Transportation, extended hours (continued):

Plans are moving forward but issues with the reimbursements need to be worked out. Mrs. Kent stated that ride requests have increased dramatically during the past 2 months and have placed a strain on scheduling rides and dispatching drivers. She is concerned about the effect this will have on the COA's ability to provide efficient service if transportation hours are extended. Mrs. Kent will keep the board updated on any new developments. No motion needed at this time.

Other:

Change of the May meeting date: Mrs. Kent requested that the May meeting be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month (on May 8th) instead of the usual 3rd Thursday as she will be attending a conference in Worcester on May 15th. Motion by Mrs. Healey, second by Mrs. Pomerleau, to hold the next meeting at 9:30 am on Thursday, May 8, 2008. Vote: all in favor.

There was no other business to discuss.

Adjournment. Motion by Mrs. Friedeborn to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am. Second by Mrs. Previti. So voted. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 am in the Mary Connolly meeting room, 2nd floor, Easton Town Offices on Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary