

Discussion regarding the minutes of the January 21 meeting ensued. Board members felt that the reference with regard to a COA Board members was sensitive in nature and should be omitted from the record of that particular board meeting minutes.

MINUTES OF THE

MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ABINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Board of Directors of the Abington Council on Aging was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. In attendance were Vice Chairman Bill Kendall, COA Director Mary Beth Lawton, and members Joe Iacobucci, Karen DiLorenzo, Betty Slinger, Marie Brown, Jack Libby and Maureen Wall. Vice Chairman Kendall opened the meeting and asked the Director for an update for the previous month. Director Lawton explained that she did not have her necessary outline prepared, due to the recent passing of her father. However, she went on to elaborate on the following activity.

She stated that John Najarian has been working on repainting many of the rooms and has finished Rita's new office. Rita's former office will be painted and is earmarked as an arts and craft room. John is also going through every room and office to make sure that all the insulation is in place, either stapled down or held up properly, and that there is no missing insulation. Mary Beth pointed out that the Tierney Group left the auditorium in a disaster when they finished their work.

Director Lawton told the board that Jason Libby will take care of the problem with the TV in the fitness room and he will also set up a DVD player for the Dining Room. The Center will also be getting another treadmill, as well as a t.v. with a VCR. Wendy Moore will be starting exercise classes on Tuesday, March 3 at 12:30 p.m. after the Tue. Luncheon. The fee will be \$4.00 pp. Mary Beth further mentioned that she would like to purchase a projector and drop-down screen for the auditorium. In that way, the center would have the ability to show movies, play PowerPoint presentations, slide shows, aerobics demonstrations, etc. This feature could be beneficial in renting out the facilities.

Discussion followed regarding a portion of the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting, which some felt was sensitive in nature and thought should be omitted from the minutes. It was pointed out that these are public meetings and thus what transpires and is discussed is on the record. After lengthy consideration, it was decided that Mary Beth discuss this with Mr. Warren to clarify what could be done in this situation. Betty made a motion to table this for the next meeting in March when we should have an answer, Jack Libby seconded and all were in favor.

Vice Chairman Kendall asked if anyone had comments regarding the revision of the job description for the COA Director's position. Betty outlined her suggestions (copy attached). This will be revisited at the next meeting.

Mary Beth went on to say that she will be attending an EOE meeting this Friday, and at that time will find out what we can expect in FY 2010. She anticipates a significant loss of money from the formula grant. The formula grant is \$15,000 (which covers the cost of postage for 10 mos. of the newsletter and covers a portion of Norma Clark's salary). If that figure remains the same, we will be in good shape for next year. Mary Beth is also investigating other means of getting help for the newsletter postage from organizations in the town that might be willing to sponsor this mailing on a monthly basis. She informed the board that she is still working on the town budget and is hopeful that the town will approve a change to make the position of COA Director into a full time position. She stated that the Abington COA budget (\$80,000) is the second lowest in the commonwealth. Mary Beth explained that \$70,000 is allocated for salaries (hers, part of Norma Clark's, Rita's and two van drivers) and \$10,000 for department expenses.

In other business, Mary Beth stated that when Kevin Donovan begins his new job as CEO at the airbase, we can get the money needed to hire an IT person to set up the new software (My Senior Center).

Joe Iacobucci presented a sketch to each member of a bulletin board that Red Greenleaf asked be put in the cribbage game room. This would be helpful in keeping track of points and other information. Joe said his son has the materials and would be willing put this together.

Finally, Vice Chairman Kendall read a letter that was sent by him to George Whiting, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the COA. In that letter, Bill tendered his resignation from the COA Board effective February 18, 2009. The Board members expressed appreciation to Bill for his support and dedication to the Board during his tenure. Betty Slinger made a motion to accept Bill Kendall's letter of resignation with regret and thanks for all his contributions. Jack Libby seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen A. Wall
Recording Secretary*