

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ABINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abington Council on Aging was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. In attendance were Chairperson George Whiting, COA Director Mary Beth Lawton, and members Betty Slinger, Ann Welch, Elizabeth Keefe, David Klein, Karen DiLorenzo and Maureen Wall.

Chairperson Whiting called the meeting to order and invited Ms. Lawton to make comments on her Director's Report.

2010 Budget/Formula Grant: The formula grant is intact and we will receive at least what we received last year. Norma's salary as Outreach Coordinator will be totally funded by the grant. Mary Beth further noted that her position as Director will become a full-time position (35 hrs. week – 9:00 a.m to 4:00) effective July 1st. She can now focus on scheduling additional activities on Fridays.

Transportation Coordinator: Fred Robertson has left the Council on Aging and Mary Beth is anxious to fill this vacancy. In order to be eligible for this position. funded by Citizens for Citizens, the applicant's income cannot be more than \$16,000, the individual must be over 55 yrs. of age and would work 5 days a week between 9:00 and 1:00 p.m. The current salary is \$8.50 hourly.

Director's Job Description: Mary Beth attached copies of this and asked the Board to read through and make comments for next meeting.

Taste of Abington: The date has been scheduled for Saturday, October 17th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the Friends Many ideas were exchanged; the subcommittee will keep the Board posted.

Seniors on the Move: Mary Beth explained that a presentation is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 14 at the Senior Center. A group of 10 panelists will be prepared to discuss several topics that affect a senior and their family when moving out of a family home. Concerns relative to such a transition include elder law, real estate, outreach information, adult day care, assisted living, funeral preparations, long-term health care, reverse mortgage, for example. Five panelists will participate in the morning session, which begins at 10:00, then lunch will be served, and five more panelists will handle the afternoon session. There will be questions and answers and many pass-outs available.

Other miscellaneous issues discussed were:

---Newsletter postage funding: Mary Beth is seeking sponsors to take care of this expense (about \$273.00 each month);

---Yoga: Ms. Lawton is looking for a replacement instructor for yoga and possibly tai chi;

---A new vendor for the MOW program has been employed, i.e., Lindley Foods out of E.Prov. , R.I.

---Letter to Tue. luncheon staff: George Whiting will work with Marie.

---Nov. 11 Veterans recognition: This will be updated at future meetings.

---Farmer's Market: This will be explored further.

---Board vacancies: Ann Welch and Elizabeth Keefe have received approval and are now members of the Board of Directors; Larry Keough's letter of interest will be sent to the Selectmen for approval.

Finally Karen DiLorenzo made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting as presented, Betty Slinger seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, July 15th at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen A. Wall
Recording Secretary*