

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ABINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abington Council on Aging was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. In attendance were COA Director Mary Beth Lawton and members Joe Iacobucci, Marie Brown, Betty Slinger, Larry Keough, Jack Libby, Karen DiLorenzo, Betty Keefe, David Klein and Recording Secretary Maureen Wall. In Chairman Whiting's absence, Marie Brown opened the meeting and directed attention to the Director's Report of August 2009. Ms. Lawton began by informing the Board that Jason Libby installed the Wii last week. She will include information relative to the new Wii in the newsletter that will go out next week. Mary Beth anticipates making classes available to train our seniors how to use Wii for exercising, different sports and perhaps will form a Wii bowling league. Mary Beth updated the members on the Salute to Veterans which will appear in the November newsletter. She explained that she will insert a full page spread in the September newsletter which details how one can participate in honoring a veteran.

Mary Beth explained what changes are being implemented in the COA office. Rita, who is expecting to retire at the end of the calendar, is now training an individual who has been hired as her replacement, i.e., Cheryl Cohen. The position which Rita has had for the past number of years is on the town's payroll. However, Mary Beth has now changed it so that this position is now funded by Citizens for Citizens (pays 9.13 hrly). Rita can then work at the front desk, which is a town-funded position and will receive the same compensation as with her former job until she retires. At that time, Mary Beth can then post the job, interview and hire someone to do the front desk/transportation position. She advised the board that a woman who formerly worked in the COA office (Jean Connell) is now volunteering in the office and has shown an interest in this job.

Other updates are as follows:-

--Rita will finally be getting a new phone and her computer is now in working order.

--The My Senior Center system will be placed in the lobby for easy access by all seniors. Mr. Warren authorized the funding to accomplish this change. She also noted that she and Mr. Warren have approved the setup for wireless TV in the fall through a program from My Senior Center. The company will provide a free 50" TV which will be on between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily with information and issues that would be of interest to seniors. The television will most likely be placed on the back wall near the pool table. Many Board members strongly objected to this arrangement, however Mary Beth stated that this matter was not open for discussion.

--Plans for the Sept. 14 program "Seniors on the Move" are progressing well.

--There is also a program scheduled for October for seniors and family members which addresses " when to know when to give up driving." This will be put on by representatives of the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

--Rita Webster will be running day trips for seniors which will be leaving from the Senior Center.

--Mary Beth has been in touch with Eastern Bank and a representative will be at the Senior Center on the 3rd Tuesday of every month for reverse mortgage questions and information.

In other business, Marie Brown read a letter she and Betty Slinger prepared to be sent to the Tuesday luncheon volunteers. Maureen will provide the addresses and the letter will be sent out this week.

David went thru an update for the Taste of Abington, which he will discuss in further at the Friends immediately following this meeting. Joe Iacobucci distributed a poster, a vendor nameplate and ticket which were prepared by his granddaughter Lisa for this fundraiser. Everyone felt Ms. Iacobucci did a wonderful job and plans will proceed with Lisa to have these materials printed. Maureen will send a note to Lisa Iacobucci to acknowledge her efforts and creativity and thank her for all her work. David feels that all vendors should be contacted and ready to go by mid September, i.e., Sept. 16

Karen DiLorenzo made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 19 meeting as presented. Betty Keefe seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Wall

Recording Secretary