

Acton Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes for 5/10/2010

Present: Barbara Tallone, Chair; Charlie Aaronson, Vice-Chair; Gena Manalan, Treasurer; Sally Thompson, Secretary; Stephen Baran; Pat Ellis; Jim Papachristos; Paul Turner; Barbara Willson; Jean Fleming, Director; Connie Ingram, President Friends of the COA

Absent: Mike Gowing, Liaison Board of Selectmen; Detective Dan Silva, Liaison Police Department

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Tallone at 3:50 PM on 5/10/2010 at the Senior Center.

Review of the Minutes- Sally Thompson

The minutes of the Acton Council on Aging Board meeting for 4/12/10 were amended and accepted.

Director's Report- Jean Fleming

June 10, 2010 is the date for the Volunteer Appreciation Reception being coordinated by Carol Steiner. There will be food and entertainment. COA board members are asked to volunteer as greeters and servers and to perform cleanup.

The May-June Newsletter is published and distributed. The July-August Newsletter will be a two month edition. The September edition will resume the single month format.

Highlights from the current newsletter include:

- The Honoring Diversity Programs have been completed for this year and were financially supported by the Friends of the COA and the Acton-Boxborough United Way. Volunteers from the Friends of the COA were very involved in this successful program.
- May 19 – Swan Lake lecture and recital.
- May 24-28 – Week of remembrance – to honor loved ones who have passed away.
- The Striders walk group meets every Wednesday morning at Nara Park led by Liz Jewell.
- A Matter of Balance program is ongoing co-led by Liz Jewell and staff from Minuteman Senior Services.
- May 26 – Heart healthy living program.
- June 3 – Cooking with fresh produce.
- June 14 – Free software programs for your PC.
- June 21 – Sweet Dreams – how to get a good night's sleep.
- June 22 – Dramatic performance of Ernest Hemingway.
- June 23 – Scams and Frauds presented by the Better Business Bureau.
- May 28 - Start up of a new choral group.

Treasurer's Report – Gena Manalan

The quarterly report is deferred until the June meeting.

Liaison to Minuteman Senior Services- Charlie Aaronson

Make a bid for healthy aging online from May 3-16. Go to www.biddingforgood.com for tickets to sports and theatre events, gifts certificates for restaurants and shopping, vacation options, spa treatments and more.

Liaison to the United Way- Paul Turner

The United Way Community Forum was held at the Boxborough Library May 6. Several senior center staff attended and participated. Acton and Boxborough agencies were represented. The theme of the informative forum was domestic violence.

Liaison to Healthy Communities-Health Department Group-Barbara Willson

A public forum with focus group formats was held April 28 at 7pm at the Parker Damon Building cafeteria. Forty people attended and many ideas were generated. Contributions from local vendors were raffled off. This activity represents the end of this phase of the planning sessions. The final report is due in September 2010.

Liaison to Friends of the COA

Connie Ingram reported that the Friends will be placing envelopes throughout the senior center for participants to use for making donations. Connie thanked all those involved in the diversity programs that were a great success. The Friends are planning to hand out leaflets at the West Acton Farmer's Market to raise awareness of their fund raising and its role in supporting senior programs. They are also planning a silent auction and another quilt raffle for the coming year. Of the \$22,735 raised, \$13,455 has been spent for programs to support the senior center.

Liaison to BOS- Mike Gowing

There is no report as Mike was not in attendance.

New Business- Barbara Tallone

Gena Manalan will be stepping down in June and leaving the COA board.

Pat Ellis has requested to be made an associate member of the board.

Charlie Aaronson will inform the Volunteer Clearing Committee of the need for our COA board to have two more members.

A nominating committee composed of Steve Baran, Barbara Willson, and Sally Thompson will report at the June meeting on a slate of officers for the COA board for 2010-2011.

The June meeting will be held at Barbara Tallone's home and will be followed by a year-end celebration for COA staff and board members. Barbara will circulate to board members a sign up list for refreshments and directions to her home.

COA board members for 2010-2011 will need to be sworn in at Acton Town Hall with the clerk by June 30th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the COA Board is June 14, 2010. It will be held at Barbara Tallone's home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Thompson, Secretary