

## **Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services**

### **Board Meeting April 18, 2013**

**Present:** Chairperson Joanne Pratt, Jerry Norwood, Wendy Haney, Lloyd Gibbs, Ann Alibrandi, Elaine Biggeri, Jeanne Bonneau and Director Vicki Lowe

**Absent/ Excused:** ex-officio Ed O'Leary, Colin Haney and Vivian Pitts

*The meeting was called to order by Joanne Pratt at 5:00pm*

*Minutes from March 21, 2013 accepted as amended*

#### **Budget Report:**

We are on track. Vicki hopes to be able to replace the stove with a double oven model as long as no unexpected expenditures come up.

#### **Director's report:**

Garry MacDonald is now hired as the permanent part time van driver. We are having a Farewell for Bill Driscoll on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1:30 -3:00. Staff has pitched in for a gift certificate. Seniors have asked what they can do and we have suggested cards. Hope you will be able to come.

#### **Special Events:**

90s birthday party, 55 participants, 38 where 90 plus. The school catered the event. Loewen's does a good job with food and set up. We will use them next year.

Foxboro Cultural Council grant paid for pastel painting class. There were 16 participants. The class ran over by about an hour due to the size of the class and the complexity of the painting.

Neponset Chamber of Commerce, Elder Alliance presented "Traveling with Chronic Illness". They gave several tips and were well received.

Hugs Foxboro (members include COA & HS, FPD, B & W, New Hope and individuals) paid for a program at the Ahern School about Teen Dating Violence called Remote Control. It was well received by the students. This program was for eighth graders.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Men's Breakfast on 4/25 – Jerry Cirillo will present what's happening with the construction.

Mothers' Day Social on 5/2 – brunch at 10:00am by the school caterer and there will be no entertainment.

Diabetes program on 5/2 – Tom Keough and an opportunity for participants to form a support group through HESSCO. Fliers are in your folder.

Sexual Assault prevention on 5/8- Every Age, Every Stage – You are encouraged to attend this program. Flier is in your folder.

Human services: (Complete report in folders.)

We are working on a pamphlet for residents about what services and programs are available through the town departments. (Such as the Mobile Library, Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels)

We are working on another Resource Guide – consumer edition. The other was geared towards professionals.

**Old Business:**

The Trip committee reported that 50 people went to Wright's Farm and had a great day. The Trip Committee is looking at several new trips and if anyone has suggestions please let them know. The Trip Committee will be looking for three new committee members, if anyone is interested let them know. The Friends of Foxboro Seniors will be making pies again this year using the COA.

**New Business:**

Table Top Gardens – The Foxboro Rotary will be making 6 – 4X4 table top gardens for the Senior Center. They will be on the side yard. Vicki has spoken to Roger Hill of the DPW. He will see if any special permits are needed and will survey the area. There will be an asphalt pad poured so the seniors will have a stable even surface to stand on. The COA will be having a plant sale on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Helen Rice gave a report for from the Friends last meeting. Helen is also the new representative from Foxboro to HESSCO she gave us the report from her latest meeting.

This is the last meeting for Jeanne Bonneau, thank you Jeanne for your service to the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi