

Foxborough Council On Aging and Human Service
Board Meeting October 15, 2009

Present: Chairperson Joanne Pratt, Ed O'Leary, Colin Haney Jerry Norwood, Wendy Haney.
Elaine Biggieri, and Ann Alibrandi

Absent/ Excused: Nancy Sullivan and Lloyd Gibbs

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Minutes of September 17, 2009 accepted as amended

Budget

Vicki reported that we are on target with spending. She has received 3 quotes for the plumbing work needed in the bathroom and have decided to go with Whitehouse Plumbing (Lloyd's recommendation) to repair (not replace) the urinal in the men's room. He had the best price and recommendation for the work.

Director's Report

- Our van driver, Bill Driscoll has been out on medical leave. We have hired two substitute van drivers, Richard Frangioso and Paul Carr.
- We are now a CORI certified agency and will be doing all our own CORI checks on our new hires and volunteers. How frequently this will be done will be left to the town manager Tony Gala
- The reverse 911 call will be going out to the community to alert them about completing the Emergency Response Intake forms. The forms will be available here, in the Library and Town Hall.
- We had our Community Resource meeting with other town groups who provide for those in need. We are all seeing the same trend with an increase in the numbers and severity of cases, like both parents being laid off, facing foreclosure or eviction. There isn't a lot we can do in these situations other than connecting with Legal Services and benefit programs to stretch their funds.
- We have seen an increase in seniors who have lost most or all of their retirement due tom the stock market decrease.
- Fuel Assistance will be starting next week, last year there was a 30% increase in Foxboro applications.
- We are getting donations for the Emergency Flu Packs. We have sent permission letters to Foxboro HDM clients, so that we will be sending packs to those who would like them. We hope to get them out by the end of the month.
- Vicki has prices for the Dinner Dance at Lakeview that she has given to the Friends to get some input as to the interest in having this event. Price would be around \$22.
Upcoming special events now thru 11/20
- TRIAD meeting with Foxboro Fire Dept. doing a safety presentation.
- Gary Hylander three part series starts 10/22, cosponsored by the Friends.
- Apple Pie Making will be on Friday, 11/6.
- Dental Clinic will be on Saturday 11/7.
- Veterans Breakfast will be on Thursday 11/12, catered breakfast with the Navy Brass Quintet performing. Vicki is asking Friends to co-sponsor for cost of breakfast.
- Grief & the Holidays Workshop will be on 11/5 with spin off support group running from 12/1-12/29 (Tuesdays 9-10:30)

- Helen Rice will be doing a Holiday/ All Occasion card making class for 5 weeks 11/13-12/18.

Old Business

Vicki has surveyed COA's in surrounding towns about charging extra to out of town participants and none of them do. The Canton Director raised the question as to whether that would be allowed as we receive state and federal funds. Vicki asked Emmet Schmarsow from EOE and he said even though no state funds would be involved they would frown upon this as a practice. extra meal choice for Benjamin's. We will give survey out to get feedback about event for the future.

Open hours for computer lab article is now in the Reporter with a couple of websites for 'brain exercise' game sites. Elaine Biggieri suggested that perhaps a notice or an article about the computer lab may get more response as the usage is down. This article would not be on the Senior Page but elsewhere in the Reporter

New Business

State is requiring all paid and unpaid positions to complete Ethics Law trainings. Ed O'Leary said that a test is given on the computer and all would be required to take it which is about a half hour of total time.

The Tour Committee reported they were looking into a trip to Branson Mo,

Friends:

The Friends will sponsor Gary Hyland and Jack Craig. It was suggested that Friends should change their meeting dated to the second Saturday of the month so there would not be such a lag time in information between the two Boards. Friends advised that TDNorth Bank had suggested a fund raising by giving gift to them for each checking and saving account opened they did not think it was a good. No decision has been made.

Public Input

Paul Dumas Has start to form a Men's group hopes to have meetings which would be card games, or perhaps have speaker such as the Select Men or other public officials and movies ect. This hopefully would attract more men to the Senor Center . Paul said he hopes to set up e-mailing list. Paul also suggested a defensive driving course for seniors one similar to the one that Franklin had given. Vicki said this was already in the works..

Respectfully submitted

Ann Alibrandi