

**Foxboro Council on Aging and Human Services Board Meeting**  
**April 15, 2010**

Present: Chairperson Joanne Pratt, Colin Haney, Wendy Haney, Elaine Biggieri, Lloyd Gibbs, Jerry Norwood, Vivian Pitts, Ed O'Leary, Ann Alibrandi and Director Vicki Lowe

Meeting called to order at 5: pm

Minutes of February 18, 2010 accepted

Joanne opened the meeting by introducing the new member Vivian Pitts who had been recently appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

**Budget:** The brakes on the van were repaired which came to \$215.00. We are still doing well overall. Joanne and Vicki met with the CIP on March 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Senior Center expansion. There is a Foxboro Senior Center Timeline in the folders that was presented about the efforts to date to expand the building. Jim Devellis knows a person with expertise in building senior centers, John Catlin and we set up a meeting. Jim and John toured the building and looked at the original plans and his overall assessment was that our lot is too small to expand. He said a second floor would require another 60 parking spaces. His recommendation was to build a new building. Jim Devellis told me that Lorraine Brue is doing an inventory of Town owned property. Vicki spoke to Lorraine and told her about the discussions. Our representative on the Advisory Committee, Steve Udden has been advocating for the additional part-time social work position.

**Director's Report:** Tenny Nevens is our new representative on the HESSCO Board. Welcome!

- Our Xaverian student, Jack Dustin has started his Senior Service Program. Jack is doing very well. He's coordinated the meet the candidates program, he helps the van riders with groceries, and he does Operation Reassurance. He is at ease with the seniors and has been a real asset. He will be here through May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Our computer server is precarious. It is questionable if it is backed up to town hall. If it fails we could lose a lot of valuable information. Vicki has spoken to Randy about this. He will discuss it with Rich Lincoln, the IT person, and will look into replacing it. Randy said this would come from his budget, not ours. All agreed this is very important as in past we lost our calendar and it resulted in difficult for all.
- We had another Foxboro Community Service Providers meeting with a speaker from Riverside Emergency Services – Crisis Intervention. There was very positive feedback from the meeting and we have had a lot more communication between depts. about critical cases in the community.
- There has been an incident of bullying in Foxboro that got media attention. Chief Edward O'Leary, HUGS, Board of Health and Vicki are requesting a meeting with Dr. Martes about how to handle this as a community issue. HUGS has agreed to pay for a Bully Prevention expert to have a meeting for the parents on how to handle these situations for victims and aggressors.
- Vicki is involved in the SAFE Foxboro Coalition. There will be a drug disposal day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been distributing fliers at housing, banks, doctors, dentist, hairdressers, and the library. The goal of the group is to work as a community to make Foxboro a safe, drug free environment. Ed O'Leary said that most people have drugs in their home, they are not using them could have a temptation for young people who come into their home. This is something that older people would not think about and could be a big problem.
- Vicki will be attending the Senior Spectacular on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vicki is sharing a table with Wrentham and Plainville COA's. Seniors are invited and have pre-registered. GATRA will provide transportation to about 4 people to and from the event. There will be 74 vendor tables, Betty Poirier, who has organized the event for Foxboro, Plainville, Wrentham, N. Attleboro., Attleboro, Mansfield. She is expecting 1000 seniors to come. (my guess is 300)
- Noreen and Vicki will be doing a presentation about COA & Community Outreach at the Successful Aging in Place program on the 26<sup>th</sup> in Sharon.

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**Programs:** The bereavement group has a core group of six who have expressed high praise about the group and the facilitator.

Thank you to Wendy for helping with preparing for the 90's party on April 8th, and Joanne and Vivian for serving. Thank you to Lloyd for doing the CPR training and escorting the Foxwoods trip and Joanne for doing the St. Patrick's trip.

Mary Roque, Esq. will be doing her legal clinic monthly starting in May.

The Uncommon Picnic is coming up. We'll be requesting donations for the summer lunch program for the Food Pantry. If anyone would like to be part of the talent show let me know. Some board members have already got skits they are doing.

We are working on an arrangement with the library to get books to homebound seniors.

**Old Business:** Cary Barrows has moved to Assisted Living. We will be having a thank you tribute on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. Friends are sponsoring the event. We'll have cookie platters and coffee from the Little Shop. If anyone would like to speak let me know and I'll work on the timing. Jay Barrows will be giving her a citation.

**New Business:** The plant sale is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Ed informed the group that a phone scam was being done by phone to several seniors. Dave Fascaldo was made aware of this by several seniors, they said the people were posing as Insurance Adjuster. Vicki added that she had been informed and had past the word.

Board of Health had free kit for cleaning up after the floods.

Noreen was looking into a new Life Line Company. This company charge on \$22 per month and she was going to have a few people test it.

Vicki read the summary of notes by Tenny Nevens of the HESCO meeting.

Swing into spring is planned at Lakeview on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Friends Up Date:** The friends will having the Bean Supper at St Mary's on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be giving ticket to the Discretionary Fund to be distributed

Meeting adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi

**NEXT MEETING IS MAY 20, 2010 @ 5PM**