

Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services  
Board Meeting February 19, 2012

**Present:** Director- Vicki Lowe, Chairperson-Joanne Pratt, Vice Chairperson- Jerry Norwood, Lloyd Gibbs, Colin Haney, Ann Alibrandi, Jean Bonneau, Wendy Haney, and  
**Absent/Excused:** Elaine Biggieri, HESSCO Representative - Tenney Nevins and ex-officio Ed O'Leary

*The meeting was called to order at 5pm.*

Minutes of January 19, 2012 accepted

**Budget:** We are on track with spending. Our van driver Ray Wood will return next week to work, so the amount of money we would have incurred covering his leave is reduced, leaving us at close to a break even point. (- \$52.75) as of 2/24/12. The doors on the van are not working properly. Glen of the Highway Department will be looking at some replacement parts for the opening mechanism. Vicki at this time does not know the cost of this repair.

**Director's Report:**

- Lauren Bitar cannot come tonight but is shooting for the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The first program paid by the Mass-ALFA grant will be on March 5, 2012, flier enclosed.
- Kevin gave commendations to staff re: October storm. Copy in folders.
- Sharon Wason hosted the last Department Head meeting, and was our guest at the Men's Breakfast. She supplied statistics about Foxboro from the 2010 Federal statistics. Copies of aging and youth population enclosed. Senior population is growing while the school aged children is rapidly dropping. (thank you to Wendy, Joanne and Bea, Mary for helping. Vicki cooked but had a conflicting meeting and had to leave. They did everything else.)
- Wendy and Vicki both took the Certified Food Handler course to get recertified on 2/6/12.
- Vicki took the NIMS (Nat'l Incident Management System) training and got that certification. Vicki will take the ICS (Incident Control System) training on Monday. They certifications are needed to be volunteers for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) &/or the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Anyone who is interested is welcome to go to the meetings and they are free, or you can take the course and exam online.
- Joanne and friends hosted a Valentine's Day tea party. It went very well. The women who attended loved it, one even made a donation to the Friends as a thank you.
- Charles Kastrenos has offered to pay for multiple video lecture series DVDs. He is purchasing them as a donation so we can show them and lend them out to interested seniors.

**Human Services report:** In folders again Vicki reminded us that the population of Foxboro is aging and the school population is diminishing. Vicki also noted that an Understanding Bankruptcy and Foreclosure: A Free Legal Workshop for Front Line Elder Services Professionals would be held on March 5 at the Senior Center. The flyer is in your folder. The Board Members would be welcome to attend.

**Old Business:** Advisory board agreed with all members – no remote voting for board members. The Trip Committee said that they were looking into a trip to New York in November. This trip would include Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty and other attractions in New York. The hotel would be a Hilton Hotel. There will be a meeting in June to elect new members to the Trip Committee. It has been suggested by some of the seniors that the trips are too expensive.

**New Business:** Lloyd made a motion to move the April meeting to the 12<sup>th</sup>, Wendy seconded it, vote taken all agreed. All who attended the Mary Poppins performance agreed it was wonderful. Lloyd said he took advantage of the tax program and it was great. Vicki talked about the HESSCO programs nutrition that would be cut. The donation for the meals on wheels would be now two dollars.

Friends of Foxborough did not meet last month because of the snow.

Paul Dumas suggested perhaps the Board members should be getting copies of the HESSCO report. A motion was made to include the HESSCO reports in the folder, by Jerry and seconded by Lloyd all agreed. The reports would be included in the folder.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi