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KINGSTON COUNCIL ON AGING MONTHLY MEETING

April 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 P.M. with a motion by Sylvia Vaz and a second by Hazel Foley.

Members present: Barbara Costa, Tom Croce, Delia Ferreira, Hazel Foley, Peg Riordan and Sylvia Vaz

Member(s) not present: Bruce Bird

In Attendance: Linda Felix (Director of the Council on Aging), Al Barcella, Jan Croce, Joe Ferreira and Ann Fiore

The Vice Chair, Tom Croce, announced the meeting was being recorded.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: February 8th meeting minutes were read by Barbara Costa. Motion made by Hazel Foley seconded by Peg Riordan. Unanimously accepted.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Linda Felix presented a punch list of items for the Senior Center. The items in red mean the item has been completed, yellow indicates the items that still need to be fixed. The punch list is expected to be completed in the Spring. The work at the Senior Center is guaranteed one year from completion of the work.

Linda Felix presented the activities report. The donated bakery items have increased from 200/300 to approximately 680. The items aren't limited to just desserts and bread, they include meal items such as spare ribs and chickens.

The activities have been well attended including Whist, Cribbage and Bingo. Linda is working towards daily exercise classes with Monday's Get Fit with the Director, Wednesday's Work Out on Wheels and Line Dancing, Thursday's Tai Chi and Friday's Chair Yoga. Cell Phone for Seniors was well attended and quite informative.

Linda reviewed the budget and stated the gasoline line item was over budget and a new line item will be added for janitorial supplies.

The Old Colony Services meals are coming along and the quality has improved since Plymouth. Linda stated she has contacted the newspaper about publicizing the daily Old Colony Services meals to help improve attendance.

Citizen for Citizen is providing funding for three (3) people, each at twenty (20) hours a week paid with

State and Federal funds. Joyce Haley works at the front desk with another lady and Ann Walsh is working towards organizing the volunteers.

Dotty Neal has been working a lot of hours to keep up with the workload.

Al Barcella is working with the Friends of the Council on Aging about a water bubbler supplied by Poland Springs. He will be working on making bird houses to sell in order to raise the money for the Cost of the water bubbler.

Linda stated, in the future, she would leave any bills in her office for signing.

OLD COLONY ELDERLY REPORT: n/a

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL: The meetings are held Thursday's at 1:00 in Pembroke. Linda stated this may present a conflict with her schedule. The Old Colony Planning Council offers/recommends programs and benefits for Seniors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: n/a

SENIOR CENTER BUILDING REPORT: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: Vice Chair Tom Croce informed the members that Bruce Bird (Chair) resigned from the Council on Aging. Mr. Croce chaired the meeting.

Linda mentioned she discussed limiting the number of people attending the Thursday luncheons with the Town Administrator. Linda felt one hundred twenty (120) is too much and one hundred (100) would be more manageable. She mentioned serving the seniors there meals at the tables has worked out well and prevents any accidents and falls. Tom Croce mentioned serving the full helps the process go faster.

Tom Croce suggested the luncheon for the Candidates (April 21st) should be limited to just Kingston residents. A motion was made by Barbara Costa and seconded by Dee Ferreira to limit the April 21st Candidates luncheon to just Kingston residents. Unanimously accepted.

Motion by Barbara Costa to have Thursday/Friday's available for Kingston residents to sign up for the next Thursday's luncheon and Monday/Tuesday will be open for everyone else, including out-of towners, to reserve a spot for the luncheon starting the 2nd week in May (May 12th) and to limit the Thursday's luncheons to one hundred people (100), second by Peg Riordan. Unanimously accepted. The change will be put in the next newsletter and announced at the next Thursday luncheon.

Motion by Peg Riordan, second by Barbara Costa, effective May 12th to increase the price of the Thursday's luncheons for Kingston residents from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and out of towners to \$4.00 (Favorable 4 Unfavorable 2). The price of food is increasing and this increase will help offset some of the costs.

In order to get a ticket for the Dance, the seniors would need to attend the Ice Cream Social in order to be placed into the Lottery for a ticket. Plymouth Networking is providing the band for the Dance.

Linda left the meeting at 2:05 to meet with the Town Administrator.

Vote to recommend Al Barcella as the replacement for Bruce Bird once Mr. Bird sends in his resignation letter. Motion by Tom Croce second by Barbara Costa. Unanimously accepted.

Dee Dee Ferreira mentioned her term is up in June and she expects to resign in June.

Barbara Costa has been Secretary for two (2) years. Sylvia Vaz expressed an interest in replacing Barbara as Secretary.

Dee Dee Ferreira talked about the Bingo Board. Dee Dee Ferreira, Joe Ferreira, Jan Croce, Tom Croce, Ann Fiore and Peg Riordan will be taking a ride to Weymouth to look at what's available for bingo boards.

Motion by Tom Croce second by Hazel Foley to notify Linda Felix a bingo board will be purchased and that the Board of the Council on Aging along with the Friends of the Council on Aging will chose the type of bingo board to be purchased. The Council will also ask the Seniors if they would like to change the time of Bingo from the afternoon to the morning. Unanimously accepted.

Ann Fiore mentioned she needs a vote of the Friends of the Council on Aging to support the purchase of a Bingo Board. She will present it to the members of the Friends of the Council on Aging at the April 21st luncheons. The bingo board will be purchased with funds from the Hilltop Seniors and with a favorable vote, The Friends of the Council on Aging.

Peg Riordan mentioned she read in the Duxbury Council on Aging newsletter that there was a van available to take seniors from Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury and Pembroke to Boston for \$15.00 round trip and to contact the Senior Center for details.

OPEN FORUM: Ann Fiore talked about a Celtic throw being raffled off. The cost of the throw is estimated at \$50 and she would like to raise the \$50 before raffling off the throw. Ann mentioned she was going to try to arrange a date at Stop & Shop to sell the commemorative cups, the cookbooks and tickets for the Celtic throw raffle.

Ann Fiore announced she will resign at the end of her term as President of the Friends of the Council on Aging.

Motion to adjourn by Hazel Foley seconded by Peg Riordan. Unanimously accepted. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Barbara D. Costa
Secretary