

## Provincetown Council on Aging

### Board Meeting December 8th, 2005

**Present:** Gerry Brennan, Chair, Florence Alexander, Greg Howe, Vern Wilson, Brunetta Wolfman, Marge Perry, Diane Corbo, Val Carrano, Director, Ilene Charles.

**Meeting** called to order at 3:00PM.

Selectman Sarah Peak, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, presented Brunetta Wolfman with a certificate of thanks for her six years of service to the board and to the town and wished her well in her retirement from the board. The COA Board also gave their thanks for Brunetta's service including 4 years as Chair.

**Minutes** from November 8th accepted as read.

#### **Directors Report:**

- Val Carrano discussed her receiving an e-mail from Police chief Ted Meyers and a phone call from Michele Couture stating that they wanted to use the Grace Gouveia Building as a temporary shelter for mostly seniors and their pets. The board unanimously voted against this plan as it is in direct disregard of the Board of Health Code for the building and secondly, the Board nor the Director were consulted beforehand. Greg Howe will draft a letter addressing such concerns to be mailed to Meyers and Couture.
- The Director is working with Dianna Fabri on hosting a Medicare Part 3 program at WOMR along with Shine, the room will support approximately 100 people to be held on December 13 at 1pm.
- The Director will be on vacation from December 26th until January 7th and back to work on the 9th 2006.
- Governor Romney is signing a bill for income tax credit for seniors to receive \$800 if their homes are over \$600,000. More tax-break info to follow
- The children's library reading club came and sang for the seniors today.
- The Christmas party for the congregant lunch program will be on the 21st.
- Cape Cod Commission will hold a hearing on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> in the Judge Welch Room to discuss plans for Seashore Point. Board members might want to be there.

#### **Friends:**

- Diane Corbo, President, reported that the Harvest dinner raised \$1,200 and was a huge success. The board congratulated for her culinary prowess and all her efforts.
- Fantasia Fair, who gives a donation every year, chose the COA as the recipient of their \$1,500 award.
- Discussion re charging for classes was addressed and agreed upon - \$5 for out-of-towners and \$3 for townies
- V. Carrano was asked to find out if the rental form for the town hall auditorium contains a notice for renting cushions from the COA - so that no meeting is missed and revenue will increase.

- V. Wilson reported that the annual drive has raised \$4,200 thus far. It's the best yet! Expenditure for postage and envelopes for the appeal was \$348.
- He is moving Friend's money into a CD as Seaman's is only offering 3/10 of 1%.
- Margie Perry will sell cookbooks at Seaman's bank on Fri., December 16th from 1-3pm and at Bank North on the 23rd also from 1-3pm. It was suggested that the selling of cookbooks coordinate when the Christmas clubs disseminate their checks.

**Salt:** Greg said the SALT banner is back at the council. The police liaison has used some Salt money to buy four new lock boxes. The merger with Truro still on hold.

#### **Old Business:**

- An update on the ceramics class. G. Brennan has enlisted Gail Brown to help shuffle through the mire of problems with the school. They met with Eddie Boxer at the high school who finally said to go ahead and schedule classes every Thursday and Friday in January from 1:30 - 3:30. The charge is \$20 for clay and \$3/class for Townies and \$5 for all others.
- A call for a board member and an alternate was again put out and a discussion re possibilities discussed.

#### **New Business:**

- January –
- February – Brennan has an artist who's interested in teaching a white line tile class.
- A new request to find a Cooking Class Chairman went out. This job is a lot of work

The Chair called for the next meeting to be held on January 12th, 2006 The meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ilene Charles