

Minutes of Board Meeting of October 11, 2011

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Patricia Burgess, Vice President, Mary Ann Dalton, Maureen Harty, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng; and Edna Stamp.

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Patricia Johnson, Vincent McCarthy, and Emma Watkins.

Minutes from September 13 were accepted.

The board was cordially invited to the Mayor's Reception for Board and Commission Members thanking them for their hard work and dedication. This event took place on October 6 at the Atrium Lounge in Cambridge

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen reports that the Silver Ribbon Committee with Henrietta Davis continues to meet thru December with a focus on senior housing.

Sean Solley from the New England School of Design will conduct another project helping seniors downsize with modules showing how to utilize limited space. A student project was recently conducted at 2050 to help redesign their space due to a limited area. Sean hopes to work with us again next semester.

Eileen announced that Curtis Gaines, a DHSP employee will be assisting with 806 special trip transportation needs. He will also assist the Food Pantry Coordinator on Tuesdays and Thursdays. His assistance will be a great asset for COA.

Client Services; 2050's flu shot participants have dropped considerably from last years' number. 806's flu shot clinic is scheduled for October 12th. At each clinic the participant's insurance carrier will be billed. Our "Changes in Medicare" forum is scheduled for Thursday October 20 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Citywide Senior Center: October is the centers' anniversary month, and a spectacular show with Bobby Justin is planned for October 27. RSVP to Emma if you wish to attend.

My Life, My Health is a six week workshop offered to adults who are living with, or caring for someone with one or more persistent health conditions. This class is sponsored by: Somerville-Elder Services.

The recent Town Meeting focus is the senior concern of bus shelters. Emma will contact a representative from the MBTA to see if she can set up a meeting for discussion.

A suggestion was brought to Emma's attention that the center offer classes on I-Pods and other new technology devices for senior use.

North Cambridge Senior Center: Vincent reported that on October 6th a Charles River Cruise is planned.

Also a luncheon cruise is planned on the Odyssey for October 13 compliments of the Fresh Pond Trust.

2050 continues its neighborhood walks for lunch. This time to Passage to India on October 27.

Next month a Trolley tour is planned for participants to see various works of art throughout the city. The Cambridge Arts Council has been working with Vincent for various art events.

FYI: Citywide Senior Center's annual holiday bazaar will be held November 3, and North Cambridge Senior Center's Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3.

NB: The November Board Meeting will be the third Tuesday, November 15 due to the election.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Johnson