

## **Minutes of Board Meeting of January 10, 2012**

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President; Yaw Adjei-Koranteng; Patricia Burgess; Mary Ann Dalton; Carmela Schipani; Edna Stamp.

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

Minutes from December 13, 2011 meeting were accepted.

Officers Daniel Burroso and Matt Mahoney from the Cambridge Police Department, Community Relations Unit, attended today's meeting. They were accompanied by 2 other officers, new recruits who are getting familiar with the city groups.

**COA Executive Director's Report;** Eileen brought the video that was done recently at the Citywide Center on a "Matter of Balance" and the video was played for the group.

The COA has just received a \$5,000 grant, through the Cambridge Community Foundation, for outreach, especially to seniors with Mental Health issues. Yaw was congratulated on the recent birth of his new daughter.

**Client Services;** Susan spoke about the need for more training for staff to work with seniors with mental health issues. We are working with others in DHSP for staff training, including a training presented by the Somerville Public Health Department on "Mental Health First Aid."

**Citywide Senior Center:** Emma updated the group on a recent meeting that she and Vincent had with several members from the Bicycle Committee. The committee wants to send us a survey for seniors on bicycle issues in March or April. The Board wants to know more about the content of the survey before it is presented to seniors.

Nathaniel Rosenbloom has started work as the Food Pantry Assistant

**North Cambridge Senior Center:** Vincent reported that a special Pasta Lunch, catered by Victor's Deli in Somerville, will happen on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, on January 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a bus trip from 2050 to the new Wegmans Supermarket in Northborough.

Eileen announced that COA Office Manager Patricia Johnson has decided to retire. We will miss her greatly. We are planning a party for Pat and will let the Board know the date as soon as it is set. Pat has served the Board diligently, attending the monthly meetings, doing the minutes and caring for many of the Board meeting details.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday February 14, 2012**