

Minutes of Board Meeting of April 10, 2012

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Patricia Burgess, Vice President, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng, Edna Stamp, Maureen Harty, and Carmela Schipani.

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Lisa Castagna, Vincent McCarthy, Susan Pacheco and Emma Watkins. Minutes from March 13, 2012 were accepted.

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen opened the meeting explaining a post card campaign to avoid cuts to Elder meals programs, with possible labels to Cambridge state senators. Also noted most COA staff attended training with Jim Evers of Vinfen "Working with difficult people" which was well received.

The MBTA has announced fare increases of 23% and a 100% increase for The Ride as well as some route reductions.

On April 11, Lisa Krinsky will present LGBT Aging training. Are we a welcoming environment? Susan noted Generation Silent will be shown on June 14 at the Cambridge Public Library with Vice Mayor Simmons speaking.

The Silver Ribbon Committee, which is hosted by Mayor Henrietta Davis, wants a post card survey about Aging in the Community and Shared Housing at the MIT Luncheon on May 16. Our suggestion is have the survey optional at a gift table. Yaw suggested Miller's River as a site to survey too.

Citywide Senior Center: Emma met with Mayor Frank Duehay and Joanne Ackman from CRLS who would like more interaction between seniors and CRLS, starting with a concert on May 23. COA, with SCM, will provide transportation from the Citywide Senior Center. Frank explained his philosophy of educating everyone with no tracking. The Mayor would also like tours of the high school and library to demonstrate the City's investment making Cambridge a world class community. Bill suggested tours for Cambridge Alumni.

There will be donation jars at the front desk for Project Bread and the Walk for Hunger. Project Bread funds our Center Food Pantry \$7200.00 a year. The Center would like to show our support by donating, volunteering and walking.

Our Volunteer Appreciation luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, April 26.

There will be a Remembrance Day program on May 5.

Client Services: Susan notified us of WirelessEd class on April 18, with Corey Pilz. A basic introduction to wireless service to help participants with Safelink phones. 2050 WirelessED will happen on May 22.

Dr. Christiana Bratiotis is working with Yaw and the Hoarding task force, on a presentation to Miller's River residents. Edna requested a viewing of "Stuff", a film about hoarding.

North Cambridge Senior Center: Vincent reported 2050 Volunteer Appreciation luncheon will be held on April 19. There will be a recycling discussion during the next Open Forum May 7.

On May 15, Graham and Parks 3rd graders will team up with 2050 participants to document oral histories. In another intergenerational project, Vincent is working with the Cambridge Friends School students to decorate 2050's window and participate in "North Cambridge Open Studios" May 19.

On May 31, Janet Marks, poet, writer, and 2050 participant will discuss her book I Wanted a City at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lisa Castagna

Next meeting Tuesday May 8, 2012, 9:30 a.m.