

Minutes of Board Meeting of November 13, 2012

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng, Lois Carra, Ismail Laher, Carmela Schipani and Edna Stamp

Staff Present: Lisa Castagna; Susan Pacheco; Emma Watkins

Minutes from October 9, 2012 meeting were accepted.

Directors update: Susan thanked the board for their immense support. She also requested a change to the meeting day and time for the month of December. We will be meeting on Monday, 12/10/12, 11:30-1:00 p.m. Conflict of interest forms were distributed and signed by board members. No gifts greater than \$50 can be accepted is a primary clause.

Citywide Update: Emma is happy with the way things worked out and excited about the transition. She has a small grant to be applied to a men's diabetes group, as diabetes is rampant in the U.S.

Susan noted Title 3D Grant, which funded the Asian Coordinator position is no longer available. The federal government is moving toward evidence based programming. Mary Ann Dalton (SCES) oversees these grants. The Golden Age Center programming is very large and difficult to run without a social worker or translation. Compliance with sign in at the front desk and for classes is inconsistent. Programs are ballroom dancing, ESOL and exercise classes.

There is a possibility to hire a part time senior employee to coordinate Asian programming. This would be through the Senior Employment program. Eligible candidates must meet age and income guidelines to qualify. The candidate should be bilingual in Mandarin and English. Yaw may have a candidate referral.

Vincent is here on Saturday as part of his master's program. Vincent has also been at 806 on Wednesday as a Senior Management Staff person. He has provided coverage during this transition time. His presence is greatly appreciated; however Carmella noted he is missed at 2050 specifically when Marybeth or Margaret is on vacation.

Friday security, Bill is still in favor of the Senior Center keeping the same hours as city hall 12:00 pm close.

New business: Lois would like to look into more senior strength programs. At 2050 they use rubber bands for resistance training. Emma stated they have been trying to work Suzie's classes into the citywide schedule for some time.

Respectfully Submitted
Lisa Castagna

Next Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2012 11:30 am