

Minutes of Board Meeting of June, 2011

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

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

Minutes from May 10 were accepted.

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen advised the board that the Formula Grant funds have decreased slightly but due to the increase in the senior population, the funds are within several hundred dollars of last year. Eileen thanked Edna Stamp for her participation in handling satisfaction surveys for the center.

Eileen announced that this year's nominations for the Volunteer Clearing House are: Pat Burgess, Cambridge Council on Aging, Philippina Loh, Cambridge Citywide Senior Center, and Daphine Luscap, North Cambridge Senior Center. The award ceremony will be held in our ballroom on June 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Lena Bell from the Food Pantry has left, but Eileen assured the board that there will be no gap in food pantry services. Geoff Kotowski, the food pantry assistant has increased his work hours, and the job is posted with a closing date of the end of June.

A list of senior concerns from the recent Town Meeting was distributed.

Client Services; On June 23 the Women's Bar Foundation, Elder Law Project will provide Pro Bono legal services to seniors who meet income and asset guidelines. Registration is required. Capacity is approximately 20.

Citywide Senior Center: Emma reported that: Matter of Balance sponsored by the Somerville Cambridge Elder Service will start the series, "A Matter of Balance" on July 13 from 1-3 for 8 weeks. Registration is required. This is an award winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Emma is excited to report that three summer concerts are scheduled provided by Harvard MIHNUET. For those who would like to venture to different events, Summer Door2Door to the Arts will provide discounted admission and roundtrip transportation.

North Cambridge Senior Center: Vincent reported that the Remembrance Tea on May 19 was well received and seniors shared memories. On Saturday May 21, in collaboration with the Cambridge Arts Council, 2050 hosted *Open Studios* with artists and presentations. This event was held from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., and guests flowed in during this period of time.

SCES is conducting a Matter of Balance, at North Cambridge. The series has been ongoing from May 10 thru June 28.

North Cambridge's 25 Anniversary party will be held on June 21 at the West Cambridge Youth Center. RSVP to Vincent if you wish to attend. Andy Baer will provide the music. 2050's committee has planned a memorable event.

Mary Ann Dalton reported that grant funds for Falls Prevention has been extended, and the second lap of this program will to reach people who cannot get out to benefit from this program.

Eileen closed the meeting inviting everyone to stay for the Board/Staff Appreciation Lunch.

NB: The Board will not meet in July and August, but will resume on Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Johnson