

Cambridge Council on Aging
MEETING REMINDER AND AGENDA
COA BOARD MEETING

Tuesday April 7, 2009 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA:

- 1. President's welcome**
- 2. Review/Acceptance of minutes from meeting of March 10, 2009**
- 3. Guest – Susan Clippinger, Director of Traffic and Parking, City of Cambridge**

4. Reports

COA Executive Director
Client Services
Citywide Senior Center
North Cambridge Senior Center

- 3. Old Business- Feed back on March 28, Senior Town Meeting**
- 4. New Business**

Minutes of Board meeting of March 10, 2009

Board Members Present: Pat Burgess, Bill Cobham, Lisa Hartnett, Carmela Schipani, Edna Stamp, and Pat Toner.

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Pat Johnson, Vincent McCarty, Susan Pacheco and Emma Watkins.

Minutes from February 10 meeting were accepted.

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen announced that the Senior Town Meeting, "Living Well in Cambridge" to be held on Saturday March 28 has five very inviting workshops. She encouraged all members of the board to attend. This event has been publicized, and we are hoping to attract potential new participants to our centers.

Lisa Harnett discussed that the Department of Mental Health would be changing the contracting of services effective 7-1-09 which will affect the way CASCAP handles client services regarding case management, housing, medicine etc. CASCAP has applied to be a lead agency to comply with their new policy. There are many questions yet to be answered.

Client Services; The Mass. Bar Association who will hold a Monday evening event in May. Susan discussed scams targeted toward seniors and warned us that when declaring the Homestead Declaration Act, there is no fee. You may apply at any county courthouse for free.

Susan announced that in June the Registry of Motor Vehicles will host "Shifting Gears". At this time, Bill Cobham added that he feels seniors should take a road test every five years. The senior auto insurance discount was mentioned for seniors over 65.

Citywide Senior Center; Emma alerted the board that both centers are required to do satisfaction surveys by 6-30-09, and it was suggested to find volunteers to conduct the surveys. Emma is requesting board members coming to the Senior Town Meeting to apply for the workshop of their choice.

North Cambridge Center; Vincent told the board that the Black History Month celebration given by the Cambridge African American Trail which was hosted by LeRoy Cragwell and Sarah Boyer was well received.

SCES is sponsoring, "A Matter of Balance" a program that emphasizes managing concerns about falls. The May session is also filled. This program has been filled to capacity.

The March trip is to Building 19 in Burlington with lunch at the Macaroni Grill.

A luncheon trip for St. Patrick's Day will be held at Andy's. A July trip to the Tall Ships is being planned. 2050 continues with its "new face left".

Old Business: The Jeanne Burton Award will be held biennially starting in May of 2010. (We will skip this year and have more time to focus on nominations for next year).

New Business: It was suggested that interested seniors get a tour of the newly renovated War Memorial Pool with a pool party.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson