

EASTON SENIOR CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, 4:00 P.M.

Present: Mary Burlinson, Anne Fiyalka, Mary Ann Freeman, Prabha Gupta, Eunice Hanson, Beth Ross, Sal Santella, M.D., and ex-officio members Val Buckley, ESC Director, Kay Oestricher and Joan Kirk.

Absent:

Prabha Gupta, Secretary, opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. The resignation letter from the chairperson, Sharon Cregeen was read.

The minutes of the May 10th, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Prabha Gupta and seconded by Mary Burlinson.

Prabha Gupta nominated Mary Ann Freeman as the new Chair for the Advisory Board. All approved and the meeting was handed over to the new chairwoman.

Mary Ann suggested that Board should have a Vice Chair. Beth Ross was nominated. A motion was made by Mary Ann Freeman to approve the nomination and Anne Fiyalka seconded. Motion was passed.

Chair, Mary Ann read the resignation letter from another board member, Mary Burlinson as she is moving out of town.

A motion was made for the Board to have meetings every month on the second Tuesday. Future dates for 2016 are: October 18 (because of Yom Kippur on October 11), November 8 and December 13.

Monthly report from the director Val Buckley is attached with the minutes.

Old Business:

Sharon Cregeen, former Chair, revised the Bye-Laws in July 2015 and the changes were presented to the Board of Selectman. Mary Ann Freeman will present the changes suggested by the Selectman for discussion and approval at the October meeting.

New Business:

Fund Raising:

1. Center is raising funds from Bi-monthly raffle baskets now, bake sale, Twelve Days of Christmas and official raffle are the future fund raisers.
2. Silent auction will start on September 19. It has approx. 600 items.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on October 18 at 4:00 p.m. It will be a special meeting. The agenda will include a discussion of the By-laws.

Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sal Santella seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:05

Submitted by,

Prabha Gupta (Secretary)

Easton Senior Center Director's Report. September 13 2016

It has only taken 27 years to work out that it is a much better idea for me to write a monthly report for the Easton Senior Center Advisory Board rather than spend forty minutes monopolizing all the conversation all of the meetings. So here goes!

Remembering back to May I realize that we have had so many wonderful volunteers plan many diverse money-making activities. These have really benefited our charitable organization.

The Tellalian Foundations have since donated \$7000 from two special sources, in both June and September. Kathy Celeno, a special, very brave lady, who fought cancer for so many years, has remembered our senior center in her will. Her kind donation of \$5000 will be used to support programs in the coming months. Our most recent Tag Sale raised \$4000, and numerous beautiful baskets made by volunteers have been sold from week to week at the center.

All this activity and volunteerism have provided some excellent new programs such as Music/ History, and History Seminars, a Broadway Presentation, a Pizza Party, Special Movie Presentations, and a planned Oktoberfest. etc. I have encouraged many folks to donate funds to sponsor or co-sponsor a special program. This plan is working really well. Synergy Home Care has contributed food for a picnic. Eastonite, Shirley Gura, made a very generous donation of a \$1000 for the upcoming Oktoberfest. Just to mention a few.

There are so many different new programs now planned for the fall. These include weight-lifting, Pinochle, Beginners Bridge, Manicures and Pedicures, Spinning and much more.

Plans for the future include some incredible fund-raisers. Our SILENT AUCTION BEGINS ON MONDAY NEXT. This should raise \$7000!! Our HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE begins the FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER. This will raise \$4500!

**If you can volunteer to help for either occasion, please let us know. We will also raffle a special gift in October!! GOT ANY IDEAS!! Plan to bake non-perishable Baked Goods for our Holiday Bake Sale. We need small gifts for Holiday Baskets, FOOD for Our Thanksgiving Community Dinners, Jewelry for our Boutique Sale and clean Tag Sale items for our January Tag Sale. That should keep everyone hopping!
Thanks Val**