

**BCOA
General Meeting
2/11/2010**

Ray Levi called the meeting to order at 8:26 am. As this meeting was the annual membership meeting, he announced that the order of presentations would be changed so the business portion of the meeting would precede the program portion.

He thanked Program Chair Deborah Coleman and her committee, Linda Malave Rasche, Ellen Turko, Jeanne Hamacher and Danielle Vetro for decorating the room and The Garden Plaza at Inverrary for hosting the meeting.

Ray reported that at the January meeting, members contributed \$370 towards Haiti Relief – the Board voted to add to that donation and \$500 was the final amount donated to the Red Cross.

Christina Levine requested members to complete a quick survey on social marketing, copies of which were on the tables, and turn them in prior to the end of the meeting. Three committees, Website, Program and Leadership will be utilizing the responses for ongoing planning.

Ray announced that the board is considering a change in displaying member organizations' material at the general meetings – e.g., they may be eliminated completely; members may be asked to bring and remove their own material – Ray asked that anyone with suggestions contact him.

Member Moment:

Danielle Vetro of the Garden Plaza at Inverrary gave a brief description of the full spectrum of services offered by the facility including a bed and breakfast program for short term situations, and offered a tour for anyone interested. A NOVA student was then introduced who is doing a research project on end of life issues, and a survey was distributed for attendees to complete.

Linda Posnick of Hospital Without Walls was chosen for next month's member moment.

Business:

Minutes:

Ray requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting; Lorraine Bindman so moved, seconded by Annette Wellington. The motion carried without discussion

Outreach:

Annette Wellington presented a check for \$140 to Betty Chinsue of Leeza's place. Next month there will be a food drive for the pantries.

Cheryl Wilson Fund:

Barbara Brietstein announced that there were still some 2010 calendars available.

Website:

In Paula's absence, Ray reminded members that we now have a Facebook and urged members to join.

Leadership:

Christina Levine had flyers available describing the various committees and asked members to contact the chairs listed if interested in attending committee meetings.

Roadmap for Aging:

The 2 luncheons held to recruit roadmap specialists for the event in May were very successful. Ray asked that anyone who was looking to volunteer, contact either Diane Smith or Carol Wheat. Anyone interested in sponsorships should contact Deborah Coleman.

Program:

Deborah Coleman again thanked her committee for their hard work in decorating the room, distributing materials and securing gift bags. As this was the annual membership meeting, attendees were asked to complete an index card responding to 4 questions about their organizations:

What – A one line explanation/description of your business

Where – Where are you located/territory covered?

When – When would I consider referring to you?

Why – Why do you do what you do?

Each person, once they completed their cards, was to seek out other participants and based on their answers to the questions try to name the organization. Business cards would be exchanged and the goal of the activity was to obtain as many cards as possible. Gift bags were awarded to 2 guests who both secured 18 contacts. Jane Theberge was given a year's membership for bringing the most guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 am.

The next meeting will be at The Garden Plaza on March 11, 2010.

Carolyn Wheat
Recording Secretary