

**BCOA
General Meeting
November 12, 2009**

Ray Levi called the meeting to order at 8:20 am. He expressed his gratitude to The Garden Plaza for continuing to host the general membership meetings. Myra Schoen has resigned resulting in an opening for the Public Relations Chair on the Board and the Public Relations Chair on the Roadmap for Aging event. Additionally, Laurie Langholtz will be stepping down as the Membership Chair on the Board at the end of December. Anyone who is interested, in either position, is asked to contact Ray.

Program:

Deborah Coleman, Program Chair introduced the speaker, Ann M. Meacham of Leadership Dynamics, who conducted a motivational presentation entitled "Keeping Stable Footing on Shifting Sands". She emphasized creating a strong inner core based on 4 concepts:

1. Stay in the now – be grateful for what you have
2. Visualize – set a clear future
3. Say positive things to yourself and stop listening to "The Committee" – I am, I can, I will
4. Take action

Her presentation was well received and Deborah presented her with a token of appreciation.

Business:

Minutes:

Ray asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting; Lorraine Bindman so moved, seconded by Anita Smith. The minutes were accepted without discussion.

1st Vice President:

No report.

2nd Vice President:

No report.

Treasurer:

No report.

Outreach:

Annette Wellington, Outreach Committee Chair, presented a check for \$155.30 to CareSource. This represented last month's collection with a matching \$75 contribution. The 50/50 collection totaled \$34, and Harold Park of Senior Care Moving was the lucky recipient of \$17. Funds collected in the 50/50 are pooled to purchase incontinence supplies. She reminded members that toiletries are being collected and will be delivered to ALFs housing low income residents after the December meeting. Members were urged to bring toiletries to the next meeting.

Membership:

Laurie Langholtz, Membership Committee Chair reminded members that dues were past-due and to please complete an application and see her with payment. She also requested that anyone who did not receive an email from her to update their contact information.

Public Relations:

No report.

Legislative:

Donna Root, a member of the committee provided the report in Anita Todras' absence. Carla Albano, another committee member compiled information about Senate Bill 1986 which has a broad scope covering Medicare and Medicaid fraud as well as new regulations for a variety of health care providers.

Cheryl Wilson Fund:

Barbara Brietstein, Cheryl Wilson Fund Committee Chair announced that the 2010 calendars were available for sale at \$7 for 1; 3 for \$20. The 2009 calendar was a sellout and she thanked both the 2009 and 2010 sponsors. All funds raised go to seniors in crisis. Barbara also welcomed new committee members, Gloria Ego, Sherrill Croft, Renee Caruso, Jane Theberge, and Marlene Crep.

TRIAD:

In Barbara Grasch' absence, Christina Levine announced that BCOA will be sponsoring the TRIAD breakfast scheduled for December 3rd.

Program:

Deborah Coleman, Program Committee Chair reminded members that our next meeting would be a holiday and networking event.

Scholarship:

Saul Chapnick, Scholarship Committee Chair announced that his committee would reconvene in January.

Finance:

No report.

Web Page:

Paula Xanthopoulou, Web Page Committee Chair, announced that in January, the web site will contain a sort of members by category, called The Directory of Member Services. She reminded members to get that information in, as once the list is up, it will not be added to. Paula urged members to join the BCOA Facebook Fan Page, and explained how to invite friends to join to help grow our membership.

Leadership:

Christina Levine, Leadership Committee Chair announced that her committee will have their first meeting at Covenant House on November 30 at 3:30.

Broward Aging Alliance:

Justine Hoo, Past President, attends the BAA meeting as the BCOA representative; their last meeting concerned the H1N1 flu and was very informative. At the next meeting, she will update members on the 2 initiatives that BAA is pursuing: And Thou Shalt Honor and The Communities for a Lifetime.

Roadmap for Aging:

Christina reported that there is a meeting with representatives from Palm Beach and Miami-Dade scheduled for this week and with the participating senior centers next week. The event will be held on May 20, 2010 in both Palm Beach and Broward Counties, but as Jewish Community Services is sponsoring the event in Miami-Dade, and their offices are closed that date, another date will be chosen.

Member Moment:

As Jane Theberge was not present, there was no member moment – she will be rescheduled for the January meeting; Christina Levine's name was chosen for the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45

The next meeting will be at The Garden Plaza on December 10 at 7:45am.

Carolyn Wheat
Recording Secretary