

**Lawrence Senior Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 10, 2010 meeting**

Chairperson: Veronica Pickering

Vice chairperson: Lorraine Colavita

In attendance: Athene Kan

Andy Mao

Lorraine Colavita

Lorraine Knoble

Livia Borkowski

Sarah Downing

Kay Palayzey

Dolores Fuessel

Bert Hirsch

Veronica Pickering

David Majofsky

Absent: Ted Hendricks

Joan Roland

Representing Office of Aging: Lillian LaSalle

Lawrence Township Councilman: Bob Bostock, liaison

Public Notice was provided in accordance with the open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975 as posted by the Municipal Clerk.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the United states flag followed by several moments of silence for the troops in Afghanistan and Iraq and for the sick members of the Lawrence Senior Center.

No minute for February were read because there was no meeting in February.

Office Aging Report

The annual Black History month celebration was not held this year because of the construction being undertaken has caused a disruption in the center's scheduling activities. The same holds true for the Chinese New Year celebration.

The annual Health Fair is scheduled for March 30. A Spring Concert in the evening of April 15 will be presented by the Community Band. On March 17 (tentative date at present) a presentation of Irish Dancing will be at the Center honoring St. Patrick's Day. There will no other Irish celebration (re: social) because of construction.

On May 2, Diversity Day will be held at the Lawrence Senior Center, Sponsored by the Human Relations Committee.

Lillian LaSalle indicated that she has plans for a cruise in October and a Broadway show.

Sarah Downing reported on the Busy Bees that meet once a week. Five or six students from the high school participate, learning how to knit and crochet. Their participation in the activity earn them community credits on their scholastic record.

Lillian LaSalle reported that the Center has been involved in a knitting and crocheting project after receiving a box of yarn from the Department of Family Service. Over 25 to 26 seniors have been involved in knitting and crocheting hats and scarves which will be distributed to the needy children by the Department of Family Services. Over 100 hats and scarves were produced. Lillian hopes to have an article put in the Ledge recognizing the seniors' efforts.

Because of the enlargement construction at the Center, many of the activities had to be moved from the Center during construction. The Spanish and Art classes now meet at the First Aid Squad building while Poetry and Memoir writing meets at the main Library.

Township Report

Bob Bostock, Township councilman, mentioned that the First Aid Squad building was donated to the Township for a fee of \$1.00 (one dollar). Councilman Bostock reported on the activities of the Township. The Township is finalizing the budget a 0.05 tax increase is a possibility. It would be the second largest tax increase in 16 years. Township is looking at a variety of cost cutting measures to lessen the impact of fiscal constraints. The Township is looking to the two large educational facilities in the Township. Rider and Lawrence School to increase their voluntary payments in lieu of taxes. There is a silver lining to the tough fiscal times, we are experiencing and that is the construction bids for the Senior Center expansion came in lower than had been estimated. Actual bid for the expansion project was \$750,000 of which that county's share will be \$360,000. Also, benefiting from the more competitive times, the Dyson Farm decontamination project lowest bid was \$2.1 million dollars where the estimated cost had been put at \$4.0 millions. The Township also has received a grant from the State for payment of 75% of the cost. Councilman Bostock is also looking into the reorganization of the council and the manner of selecting a mayor.

Club News

Club One is running a trip to Atlantic City on April 1. The cost is \$25 and will receive \$30 for slots machine.

Club 5, represented by Lorraine Colavita, is going to meet once a month. There have difficulty in getting volunteers to be officers.

Club 4 meets at the Lawrence Plaza has a trip scheduled to go to Atlantic City both in March and April. A trip to Wildwood for 3 days in June. \$310 per person (double occupancy).

A trip to the Surfflight theatre in Beach Haven on July 12. See John Davidson perform. \$73 per person.

Other Business Donna Povia, formerly the head of Mercer County nutrition program, has accepted a part-time position as Social worker at Lawrence Plaza.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

