

**Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging
Minutes of March 20, 2013 Meeting**

Members present:

Susan Adler, Rev. Paul F. Bliss, Joan Crawley, Madeline Ernest, Bill Finelli, Bill Flynn, Esther Price, Rick Ryan, Sister Marietta Walsh

DEA Staff

None

Excused

Libby Arron, Jeremy Nascimento, Jim Nyberg, Sue Robio

Call to Order

Chairperson Rick Ryan call the meeting to order at 10:04.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Joan made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, seconded by Bill Finelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

\$109.59. Approved.

Old Business

- A discussion ensued reviewing our meeting with Governor Chafee last month. A motion was made by Joan, seconded by Sister Marietta, for Rick and Bill Flynn to work together and compose a letter to the Governor, and his staff, outlining the principal concerns expressed during the discussion.
- A discussion ensued about the "observation status" vs. admission status designations within hospitals under Medicare. Contact will be made with Senator Whitehouse's Office to pursue further information about any proposed legislation related to this issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Ryan, Acting Secretary.