

**Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging
Minutes of April 17, 2013 Meeting**

Members present:

Libby Arron, Rev. Paul F. Bliss, Joan Crawley, Karen Enright, Madeline Ernest, Bill Finelli, Bill Flynn, Brian Ott, Susan Robbio, Rick Ryan, Sister Marietta Walsh

DEA Staff

None

Excused

Susan Adler

Call to Order

Chairperson Rick Ryan call the meeting to order at 10:14.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

\$109.59. Approved.

Old Business

- A letter to the Governor, and his staff, outlining the principal concerns expressed during the previous meeting's discussion was distributed and discussed. No response has yet been received from the Governor's Office. A meeting with George Zainyeh, Chief of Staff, will be sought; as a follow-up to the letter.
- Dr. Ott recommended that we request a copy of the proposed "State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease" from Lt. Governor Roberts' Office for our review and comment and that we further invite her, and Director Taylor, to one of our upcoming meetings to discuss same. Rick will follow through.
- A discussion ensued about an attempt to schedule a meeting with Senator Whitehouse's Office to pursue further information about any proposed legislation related to the issue the "observation status" vs. "admission status" designations within hospitals under Medicare. We are still awaiting a response from the senator's office.
- Sister Marietta outlined the objectives of the "Livable Communities" concept and encouraged members to research the study on line.

Nominating Committee

The following members were appointed to the nominating committee:

Joan Crawley, Susan Robbio and Bill Finnelli.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Ryan, Acting Secretary.