

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 4/12/23 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

A hybrid meeting was called to order at 1:01 by Patricia Desmond; Chair.

Members in attendance through a roll call; In person; Trisha Desmond; chair, Diane Durand; Recording Secretary, Charlie Corley, Ed Silveira, Janet Saluk and Janice Long; Director.

Attending via zoom; John Gill; vice chair, Nina Smith; Treasurer, Tony Monteiro, Melissa Esteves

Members absent; none

Guests; In person; Kathy Janssen

Trisha asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. Receiving none, a motion was then made by Charlie Corley to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Trisha called for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 3/1/23. Receiving none, a motion was then made by Ed Silveira to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Treasurer's Report;

- Nina noted the Operating budget's balance to be \$13,632 and the Revolving Account ended fiscal year 2022 with a balance of \$53,526.27. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tony Monteiro, seconded by Charlie Corley and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Director's Report:

Activities/Programs

- Janice thanked Board members for agreeing to the date change of our meeting from April 5th to April 12th.

- Janice noted the Center staff is experiencing an increase in seniors attending activities along with Social Service numbers reflecting 94/184 (unduplicated vs duplicated seniors being assisted).

-Janice informed members of a particular case the staff has been assisting to secure medical treatment and appropriate housing.

-Janice mentioned that the state is expecting a surge in Mass Health Recertification applications which take approximately a year to resolve.

-Janice noted that Governor Healey's effort to extend the Covid SNAP payments for 3 months @ 40% of the extra federal increase has passed.

-Janice reported that Alex has done a great job assisting a young female diagnosed with early onset dementia. Alex has applied for disability for the woman and is awaiting a decision. The facility the woman resides in presently is trying to secure a long term placement for her.

-Janice mentioned that the two hoarding cases Ana and Holly have been working on were completed in March utilizing the monies from the Springwell Hoarding Grant. They are awaiting quotes from Puro Clean regarding an additional major clean out which will be funded by this grant as well.

Outreach Report

- 108 people attended 10 movie days.
- 85 people attended the St Patrick's Day celebration which was great!
- The zoom question and answer opportunity with Peter Ertel after the movie, The Unimaginable Journey, was very interesting. The CD for this documentary is now available at the Hudson Library.
- Jennifer Davis' Chair Pilates is now being offered as a hybrid class
- Blood pressure checks are on the rise.
- Daybreak now has a total of 37 participants throughout the 3 towns offered.

Tony asked if Janice could present the Bus Drivers' Report as a daily record so the number of riders each day would be reflected. Janice remarked that she is already aware that Tuesday and Thursday are the busiest days thus far.

Bus Driver's Report;

- John Wesinger has been hired as a part time bus driver.

A motion was made to accept the **Director's Report** by Ed Silveira and seconded by Diane Durand. The vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Facilities Committee:

-Janice introduced William Grey, the recently hired custodian for the Center to the Board members.

-Janice informed members about a recent power outage which affected the operation of the elevator doors. Ray repaired the issued.

-Ed Silveira noted that several of the overhead lights are out in the great room and others are beginning to flicker as well. Janice offered to speak to Ray about getting them replaced.

Friends of the Hudson Senior Center:

- Once Janice received notice from Town Council that the Architectural and Project Manager contracts would be extended, Janice met with LLB Architects several times and spoke with the Project Manager to acquire projected costs. The following quotes were issued regarding the deck enclosure;

LLB Architect's - \$39,600

Bidding to review docs up to code - \$11,750

Construction Administration - \$27,890

Deck enclosure – between \$500K-600K

Janice then met with the Friends officers to discuss whether or not this is a feasible project for them to continue. It was decided that this project is too expensive for them to consider in this manner.

Tony noted that the railings and decking is in need of repair. Possibly the Friends could consider taking on that project. Janice mentioned she would like to see the concrete ramp repaired along with the installation of an awning over the ramp for seniors. The Senior Center needs a new copy machine and there are audio visual issues downstairs that need to be addressed. Charlie suggested that Janice give Assabet a deadline to commit to either the deck enclosure or deck repairs so these projects will be certain to get done.

Correspondence: Janice mentioned several thank you notes have been received.

Old Business: Janice reported that there has been another variant of Covid detected and that staff are sure to wear masks when meeting with seniors.

New Business: none

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:45pm by Diane Durand, seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The next meeting is May 3, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Durand