

## **Town of Hudson Council on Aging**

### **Minutes for 12/15/21 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA**

Virtual Meeting was called to order at 1:05 by John Gill; Vice Chair.

**Members in attendance;** John Gill; Vice Chair, Nina Smith; Treasurer, Diane Durand; Recording Secretary, Tony Monteiro, Janet Saluk, Ed Silveira and Janice Long; Director.

**Members absent;** Charlie Corley, Patricia Desmond and Melissa Esteves

**Guests;** Kathy Janssen

John asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. A motion was made by Ed Silveira to accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimous approved by roll call vote.

John asked for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 11/3/21. A motion was made by Ed Silveira and seconded by Nina Smith to accept the minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous for approval.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Nina Smith. Nina reported the current balance of the budget as \$22,208.48 and that the Revolving Account up through September has matched the town. She anticipates the account to match as well for October and November once the town records their numbers. Tony Monteiro made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#### **The Director's Report;**

- Janice mentioned that the staff have been very busy due to Open Enrollment. A total savings of \$205,364.43 was reported for those seniors assisted.
- Virginia has been assisting seniors to obtain their Covid Booster appointments.
- Mr. Danis of Plastic Moulding graciously offered funding for his annual Thanksgiving Dinner to 129 seniors as a Grab and Go which Buffet Way prepared.
- The Veterans' Breakfast was attended by 27 seniors at Assabet Valley High School.
- Janice noted that Chief DiPersio presented a discussion at the Senior Center regarding scams for seniors to avoid. 16 people attended.
- Bemis Farms offered a holiday craft for seniors at the Center for 20 masked attendees.
- .Janice and Ana will continue to offer a Self Empowered Living and Mindness program in January
- Daybreak's numbers have been consistent.
- Janice noted that fitness classes would remain as a Zoom offering in January due to Covid.

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

**Outreach Report;** Janice reported that staff, busy with Open Enrollment, met with 380 seniors which surpasses last year's numbers. The staff are seeing new seniors due to "word of mouth" about the offering of this service. She noted the time involved with each case between meeting with each client and preparing the paperwork necessary to file is lengthy.

- Alex O'Hare, social worker, has started working with seniors. Her "Holiday Blues" program had 6 seniors enrolled and 3-4 seniors are being assisted with referrals for housing.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach Report by John Gill, seconded by Ed Silveira. The roll call vote was unanimously approved.

**Bus Driver's Report;** Janice noted that rider numbers totaled 61 for the month with 28 riders unduplicated. A motion was made to accept the Bus Driver's Report by Tony Monteiro, seconded by Janet Saluk and the roll call vote was unanimously approved.

**Facilities Report;** Janice informed members that she is awaiting a price for the outside railing work needed to be done. Ray would be following up on his availability.

**Friends' Report;** no report

**Correspondence;** none

**Old Business; Covid update** – Janice invited Kelli Calo from the Board of Health to discuss any covid issues, answer our questions and how it affects the Senior Center. After some discussion, Kelli reported that no new restrictions have arisen and the Senior Center staff should continue to encourage seniors to get vaccinated.

**New Business;** Tony Monteiro discussed the need to reschedule the Board's December meeting due to the completion of Open Enrollment each year and made a motion that the December meeting be scheduled on the second Wednesday in December to allow Janice and her staff to address the demands of Open Enrollment. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Diane Durand at 2:10 to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The next meeting will be held on 1/5/22.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Diane Durand