

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 6/1/22 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

Meeting was called to order at 1:07 by Patricia Desmond; Chair.

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

Members absent; Melissa Esteves

Guests; Kathy Janssen

Trisha asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. A misspelling of guest, Kathy Janssen's last name was noted and corrected. Also, Kathy mentioned that there was no record of the "Aging In Place" information which was discussed and distributed to members for consideration. A motion was made by Charlie Corley to accept the Agenda as edited. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved.

Trisha called for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 4/6/22. A motion was made by Tony Monteiro to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report; Nina reported due to a predicted shortfall in the budget due to increased costs of heating, gas, etc. that the budget is short \$1500. Janice discussed this shortage with the Town Manager. Also, the Revolving Account displays \$1000 in our favor. Janice is checking account activity to verify this amount. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Charlie Corley, seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved.

The Director's Report;

- Janice spoke with Tom Gregory regarding the railing project. She was advised that as long as the contractor can keep the cost of the project under \$10K we can proceed. Ray will discuss the materials to be used with Patrick to assure they are cost effective.
- Janice reported that the Friends are still planning their annual cookout July 15th and that not many people are attending their meetings.
- Janice intends on writing another grant to fund another part time bus driver which will increase shopping hours..
- Janice noted that activities offered have been very successful; Bemis Farms floral pot activity had 25 participants which was the maximum allowed, the Mothers' Day celebration at Assabet Valley hosted 74 guests, Movie Days in April had 45 people in attendance and the Architectural Tour Cruise is already filled (masks will be required for the bus ride).
- Janice is in the process of hiring Kerry Harrington as a part time employee to facilitate the Daybreak programs in Marlboro and Northboro.

- Ed questioned when meals at the Center will be available to seniors. Janice responded that she has been advised by Public Health Services to postpone this activity 3 weeks. She hopes to offer them in July.

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

Outreach Report;

-Janice noted that the Social Team has been busy with several difficult hoarding cases. She has asked Ana and Alex to apply for an Older Americans Grant which could provide monies to help in the cleanup and removal of biohazardous materials if necessary.

- Janice mentioned that Virginia is on vacation for a couple of weeks and Holy and Ana will be covering the front desk in her absence.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach Report by Diane Durand and seconded by Janet Saluk The vote was unanimously approved.

Bus Driver's Report;

-Janice mentioned that the rider numbers are still increasing and that she is still looking to hire an additional part time bus driver.

- Jack Veo mentioned that the AC is not working properly on the big bus. Janice will have it repaired.

A motion was made to accept the Bus Driver's Report by Charlie Corley, seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved.

Facilities Report; Charlie informed Janice of a sign which is leaning towards the parking spaces of the Post Office which needs to be supported and Ed reported that the white lines of the parking lot need to be repainted. Janice will speak to Ray about them.

Friends' Report; Nothing further than what was previously discussed in the Director's Report.

Correspondence; none

Old Business;

– Janice shared information she was given by the Public Health nurse regarding Covid cases within the town. Tony made a request for Janice to acquire a visual graph depicting the Covid trends the town is experiencing to make it easier to understand the direction the virus is taking over time. Tony also asked if the maximum number of 20 participants still holds for all activities within the Center. After some discussion, Charlie made a motion that the maximum number of participants allowed at an in house activity be lifted and any changes be left to the discretion of the Director. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved.

New Business;

- Janice informed members that she will now be instituting a fee for fitness classes as previously done before the pandemic.
- Charlie made a motion to accept the slate of Board member officers for the upcoming year of 2022-23 as the following; Patricia Desmond; Chair, John Gill; Vice Chair, Nina Smith; Treasurer and Diane Durand; Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Tony Monteiro and the vote was unanimously approved.
- A discussion ensued regarding summer meetings. Ed made a motion that no summer Board meetings will be held unless deemed necessary by the Director. The motion was seconded by Charlie and the vote was 7 in favor and 1 against.

Adjournment; Ed made a motion to adjourn at 1:52. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved. The next meeting will be held on 9/7/22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Durand