

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 3/2/22 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

Virtual Meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Patricia Desmond; Chair.

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

Members absent; none

Guests; Ray Girard, Holly Richardson , Ana Terra –Salomao and Kathy Janssen

Trisha asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. A motion was made by Charlie Corley to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Trisha called for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 2/2/22. . Trisha noted that in the Old Business section it was recorded that the Senior Center would reopen on January 7th which should have read February 7th. A motion was made by Charlie Corley to accept the Agenda as edited by Trisha. The motion was seconded by Nina Smith and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Nina Smith. Nina reported the current balance of the budget as \$12,897.82 and the Revolving Account balance as \$53,857.63. Ed Silveira 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 asked Ray Girard to discuss the progress of the front entrance repairs. Ray assured members that Pat Donahue, who has done work for the town previously, will begin the repairs at the end of April upon completion of another job.

- Janice mentioned that the recent Grab and Go prepared by both Welly's and the Artisan was very successful.
- Janice noted that Alex continues to work with our seniors through group counseling.
- Janice received a request from Intel to offer a free St. Patrick's Day lunch for 160 seniors which will consist of a corned beef sandwich and apple crisp for dessert. Seniors will receive their lunch as a Grab and Go on the Intel property.
- Janice informed Board members that the Zoom fitness classes; Chair Pilates and Yoga Stretch are doing well.
- Janice noted that the AARP tax program held on Tuesdays had completed 54 applications in the month of February.

- Janice mentioned that Daybreak continues to do well. She has been contacted by the Sudbury Senior Center regarding their interest in joining in as a 4th day option. Janice will encourage them to write a grant to Bay Path which is being offered in October to acquire their funding.

- Janice received a letter from Bay Path asking her to adjust her grant from 72 weeks to 78 weeks for Day Break.

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

Outreach Report; Janice asked Holly and Ana to report on some of the senior cases they have been involved with.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach Report by Charlie Corley and seconded by Janet Saluk. The roll call vote was unanimously approved.

Bus Driver's Report; Janice noted that the number of riders is slowly increasing.

A motion was made to accept the Bus Driver's Report by Ed Silveira, seconded by Diane Durand and the roll call vote was unanimously approved.

Facilities Report; none

Friends' Report; none

Correspondence; Other than the Bay Path request, Janice received a donation of \$300 from the First Federated Church.

Old Business; Covid update – After mentioning that neighboring Senior Centers are eliminating their mask mandates and opening up more to their seniors, Janice asked for members' opinions. A motion was made by Charlie Corley, effective immediately, that the Senior Center will not require masks for events within the Center, yet seniors should feel comfortable wearing a mask if desired. The motion was seconded by Nina Smith and the vote was unanimously approved

-Janice reviewed neighboring Centers' mask mandates for fitness classes. After some discussion, a motion was made by Tony Monteiro that the Center maintain mask mandates for the buses per CDC guidelines. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

New Business; A motion was made by Ed Silveira that future meetings of the COA Board be held in person. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved.

Diane Durand made a motion to adjourn at 1:55. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The next meeting will be held on 4/6/22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Durand