

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 1/5/22 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; 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; Kathy Janssen

Trisha asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. A motion was made by Charlie Corley to accept the Agenda. 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 12/15/21. A motion was made by Ed Silveira and seconded by Nina Smith to accept the minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimously approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Nina Smith. Nina reported the current balance of the budget as \$19,708.39 and that we match the Town's numbers. Charlie Corley 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 recent Grab and Go's have been well received
- Janice thanked Diane Durand and the Hudson Garden Club for their assistance in decorating the Center for the holidays.
- Janice noted that Movie Days continue to be well attended with less than 20 in attendance.
- Janice informed members that the AARP tax program will begin Feb 1st with a change to include that clients will return on the same day for their documents rather than a later date as previously done with a cleaning in between clients.
- Janice and staff members assembled 50 holiday gift bags for seniors needing a little help.
- Janice completed and submitted another Cummings Grant for the Friends. She expects awards to be announced in May.
- Janice attended a meeting with Bay Path regarding Older Americans possibilities. She is considering writing a new grant for the 3 Daybreak communities.
- Janice informed members that Lenny Bowen, our bus driver, had purchased and assembled shelving for the storage area downstairs and Diane Durand organized the many items on the shelves.

A motion was made to accept the Director's Report by Tony Monteiro and seconded by Charlie Corley. Due to the absence of one member at the time of the vote, the vote was as follows; John Gill; yes, Trisha Desmond; yes, Nina Smith; yes, Diane Durand; yes, Charlie Corley; yes, Melissa Esteves; yes, Tony Monteiro; yes, Ed Silveira; yes and Janet Saluk; absent.

Outreach Report; Janice reported that due to vacation times of staff and holidays, outreach assistance numbers were lower. Virginia along with other staff members have been assisting seniors to obtain their Covid Booster appointments.

Alex O'Hare, social worker, has been busy assisting those 55 and older with mental health referrals. Alex is really making connections with our seniors. She will start another "Holiday Blues" group on 1/13.

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

Bus Driver's Report; Janice noted that the Transit Van had new tires, brake pads and the oil changed. The big bus will be maintained in March. She reported that riders are more comfortable utilizing the bus offerings and that Virginia is keeping the number of riders to no more than 7 at a time. She and Lenny have been great coordinating the riders to meet this need. A motion was made to accept the Bus Driver's Report by Ed Silveira, seconded by Charlie Corley and the roll call vote was unanimously approved.

Facilities Report; none

Friends' Report; Janice mentioned that Jackie Kapopoulos will now preside over the Friends along with Deb DeLucas as her VP. Janice will meet with them on 1/6 to discuss their vision and report back to Board members at the next meeting.

Correspondence; none other than holiday cards.

Old Business; Covid update – Janice noted the increase in numbers and she is noticing fewer people coming into the Center. She expressed her concern for the upcoming classes set to begin this month, group activities held in the Center and the safety of the bus drivers and their riders. Janice told the Board that she already rescheduled the Self-Empowerment, Mindful Living and Stress Reduction classes to February and that the bus drivers will be double masked if possible, and will continue to clean the bus after each run. A motion was made by Janet Saluk that Janice curtail all in person social activities within the Senior Center until January 20th to allow for the Board to reevaluate the Covid situation at a special meeting on January 19th. The motion was seconded by Charlie Corley and the vote was unanimously approved.

New Business; Tony Monteiro made a motion to reduce the number of bus riders from 7 to 5 and that the Board will reevaluate the possible increase at the January 19th meeting. The motion was seconded by Trisha Desmond and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ed Silveira at 2:04 to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The next meeting will be held on 1/19/22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Durand