

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 10/12/22 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 by Patricia Desmond; Chair.

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

Members absent; John Gill; Vice Chair, Melissa Esteves and Ed Silviera

Guests; Kathy Janssen

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

Trisha called for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 9/7/22. A motion was made by Tony Monteiro to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report;

- Nina noted that the telephone charge of \$88.80 was incorrectly posted and has notified the Treasurer's Office of this error. With this omission, the Center's budget matches the Town's reporting. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Diane Durand, seconded by Charlie Corley and the vote was unanimously approved.

The Director's Report;

- Janice informed members of the awarding of a check payable to the Town of Hudson in the amount of \$8,448.00 by the SMOC Fuel Assistance Program to assist those low income residents challenged to pay their water bills after much work was completed by herself and Town Treasurer, Bill Weagle. Charlie questioned whether this would be a onetime offering which Janice suspects will be true unless an extension is offered. Charlie then expressed his disappointment with the DPW for not welcoming the completion of this process within his staffing.

- Janice mentioned that she had received an email from the state with the contract for the \$150K earmark in which Rep Kate Hogan had secured for the Center.

- Janice noted that activities and programs are doing well.

- Janice thanked Tony for his assistance with technology improvements including the availability of in home participation for our seniors.

A motion was made to accept the **Director's Report** by Charlie Corley and seconded by Diane Durand. The vote was unanimously approved.

Outreach;

- Janice noted that social service numbers are good.
- A meeting is scheduled on 10/13 for Open Enrollment. Charlie asked about Open Enrollment dates; 10/15-12/7.
- Holly has been assisting a senior with a heating issue at no cost to the senior.
- Ana has been able to aid a woman make mortgage payments and therefore keep her house through the Mortgage Assistance program.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach Report by Nina Smith, seconded by Tony Monteiro and was unanimously approved.

Bus Drivers;

-Janice has received notice that part time bus driver, Luis Chaves, has decided not to drive for the Center at this time due to health issues and Jack Veo would like to cut back on his days of driving to 1 week per month. Janice will ask Jim Klotz if he can add another week to help out and she will continue to search for an additional part time driver.

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

Facilities ;

- Janice discussed what little progress has been made to acquire cleaning personnel for the Center. The staff continues to clean areas of concern daily before departing for the day. Trish asked about the possibility of hiring independently. Janice will look into this idea. Charlie suggested staff members should file a grievance against the town for requiring them to complete the cleaning of a town building themselves daily.

Friends;

- Janice mentioned that the Friends have been busy planning the upcoming Fall Fair and creating a Facebook page for members to gain access to.

Correspondence; none

Old Business;

- Janice informed members of an upcoming Covid Vaccine clinic to be held for seniors.

New Business

- Kathy Janssen distributed materials for members to read regarding the "Village to Village" concept. This will be on the November agenda for discussion of possible implementation.

Adjournment;

Charlie Corley made a motion to adjourn at 1:39. The motion was seconded by Tony Monteiro. The vote was unanimously approved. The next meeting will be held on 11/2/22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Durand