

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 12/14/22 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

A hybrid meeting was called to order at 1:03 by John Gill; Vice Chair.

Members in attendance through a roll call; In person; John Gill; V. Chair, Diane Durand; Recording Secretary, Charlie Corley, Ed Silveira and Janice Long; Director.

Attending via zoom; Nina Smith; Treasurer, Tony Monteiro, Janet Saluk

Members absent; Patricia Desmond and Melissa Esteves

Guests; In person; Kathy Janssen

John 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 Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

John called for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 11/22/22. A motion was made by Ed Silveira to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Charlie Corley and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Treasurer's Report;

- Nina noted that the telephone charge of \$88.80 has not been corrected by the Town. With this omission, the Center's budget matches the Town's reporting a balance of \$26,230.23. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tony Monteiro, seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Tony requested a report of the Revolving Budget at the next Board meeting.

The Director's Report;

- Janice mentioned that activities have been well attended and that Gary Durand would like the Senior Center to purchase several pairs of snowshoes/poles for the seniors to borrow throughout the winter season so they may continue walks/hikes. Some discussion ensued regarding the liability of such an endeavor. Janice will discuss the Town insurance coverage for the Center's liabilities along with the instructor's and a waiver will be considered to sign for all participants.

- Tony noted a typo in the Director's report; under Activities, It was reported that movie days were held in October rather than November.

- Janice informed members of the upcoming tax season in February.

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

Outreach;

- Janice reported the numbers of Open Enrollment cases each staff member assisted to be the following; Ana -254, Holly -219 and Janice – 95. Janice is very proud of the staff for this accomplishment.

- Alex will be starting an additional Bereavement group. Janice suggests Alex have her own bulletin on the Town's website to inform residents of her services, hopefully starting in January. Tony questioned her remainder of time on the grant. Hopefully she will be hired permanently.

Bus Drivers;

-Janice informed members that she had hired a driver only to be told that he could not accept the position. Jack Veo needs shoulder surgery which will also impact the availability of transportation to seniors. Janice discussed the need of a senior for dialysis on Wednesdays which the Health Dept may be able to assist.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach and Bus Driver's Reports by Ed Silveira, seconded by Nina Smith and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Facilities Committee;

- Janice thanked the Hudson Garden Club for decorating the Center for the holidays
- She also thanked Tony for assisting her with maintaining and planning the media technology.
- Janice reported that the Town has hired two people to manage the cleaning of the Town Hall, the Library, the Senior Center, the Fire and Police stations. Members expressed their concern for such a lengthy delay to acquire the proper personnel necessary in order to keep the Senior Center a clean and healthy environment for seniors.
- Tony expressed his concern for the salt and debris that will be tracked into the Center during the winter months.

Friends; The Fall Fair was very successful, profiting \$5700. Janice mentioned the Friends are in the process of selling Calendar Raffles for the month of December with prize monies to be awarded each day in January 2023.

Correspondence; none

Old Business; Janice reminded members that if seniors are diagnosed with Covid, they still need to quarantine for 5 days and should recheck for Covid before coming to the Center. At this time there is no mask mandate for the Center.

- Janice will continue to offer hybrid COA meetings until March for members who prefer to attend via zoom.

New Business - Kathy Janssen addressed the committee regarding their questions last month pertaining to the "Village to Village" concept. Some new information included membership fees ranging from \$175-200, nearby communities which have already adopted this concept and the issue of liability of volunteers was discussed. Charlie suggested that Janice speak with Tom Gregory regarding his response to any adoption of this concept

and Tony asked that Janice speak with Directors of other Senior Centers already involved in “Village to Village” to hear about their success/suggestions. We will revisit this next month.

Adjournment;

- John Gill made a motion to adjourn at 1:50. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The next meeting will be January 4th at 1:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Durand