

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 6/7/23 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Patricia Desmond; Chair.

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

Members absent; Melissa Esteves

Guests; In person; Kathy Janssen

Janice introduced Community Social Worker, Alex O'Hare to Board members. Alex then gave an overview of her background, qualifications and responsibilities in her role as a vital part of the Senior Center staff.

Trisha asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. Charlie asked that a discussion regarding holding COA meetings during the summer months be added to the Agenda. Janice requested the Friends Cookout be added also. A motion was then 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 5/3/23. Receiving none, a motion was then made by Ed Silveira to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Charlie Corley and the vote was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report;

- Nina noted the Operating budget's balance to be \$5,699.83 and the Revolving Budget as \$54,074.04. She mentioned that as of the last deposit, we match the Town's numbers. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ed Silveira, seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved.

The Director's Report:

Activities/Programs

-Janice noted the following for activities;

Number of attendees is increasing.

The Mothers' Day Tea was a huge hit; attendees raved about the food offered.

Line Dancing continues to be a hit with seniors.

Fire officials will be presenting a Senior Safe Program for our seniors.

Seniors will enjoy a Father's Day meal in June catered by Buffet Way. There are slots available.

Janice continues to work with Virginia on scheduling summer trips. One such offering is a trip to Newport for a Lobsterfest and show.

Daybreak continues to do well. We now have 40 people participating throughout the 3 town offerings. Janice mentioned a maximum number of participants for Hudson to be 18 which gives a ratio of 1:6 staff/attendees.

Outreach Report

- Janice mentioned Social Service numbers look good.

-Janice shared with members several cases the staff has been assisting to secure medical treatment and/or appropriate housing.

Bus Driver's Report;

-John Wesinger has begun and is doing well.

-Janice shared a case in which a senior requested a ride to Urgent Care on a very busy bus scheduled day and after speaking with her for several minutes, Virginia determined this to be a needy situation and asked Lennie to make time to drive her there, which he did and the staff at Urgent Care sent her to the hospital for treatment.

A motion was made to accept the **Director's Report** by Tony Monteiro and seconded by Trish Desmond. The vote was unanimously approved.

Facilities Committee:

-Janice has been meeting with Eric Ryder of the DPW and Jeff Wood, Building Inspector, regarding the ramp repair. It was decided to remove the concrete and pour a new ramp after a permit has been issued.

-Janice asked Pat Donahue to check the wooden columns under the deck for safety after noticing water draining from the upper deck. This revealed that the wood had started to decompose and needed to be replaced. Jeff Wood mentioned that an architect should evaluate the issue due to the water damage. Janice inquired about insurance coverage and will have Fernanda look into it for the Town.

Friends of the Hudson Senior Center: none

Correspondence: Janice distributed some information she received from the Community Development regarding public usage of the Senior Center parking lot after hours. Some discussion ensued.

Old Business: none

New Business:

-The following nominations for officers for the upcoming year were submitted at the May meeting.

Ed nominated Charlie Corley for Chair

Janet nominated Diane for Vice Chair

Charlie nominated Janet for Recording Secretary

Ed nominated Nina for Treasurer

A motion was made by Ed Silveira that the slate of nominations for officers be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Tony Monteiro and the vote was unanimous.

-Charlie made a motion that the Board not meet during the months of July and August unless deemed necessary by the Director who can then call a Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimous.

-Janice discussed the upcoming Annual Cookout for seniors to be held at the Marlboro Fish and Game on Friday, July 14th. She mentioned that staff will be needed to set up, cook and clean up at the event. Tony made

a motion that the Senior Center be closed to the general public on Friday, July 14th so the staff may attend the cookout as needed. The motion was seconded by Charlie Corley and the vote was unanimous.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn at 2:15pm by Diane Durand, seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved. The next meeting is September 6, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Durand