

Town of Hudson Council on Aging
Hudson Senior Center
29 Church Street, Hudson MA
Minutes for January 3, 2024 COA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Charles Corley, Chair.

Members in attendance:

Charles Corley (Chair), Diane Durand (Vice Chair), Nina Smith (Treasurer), Janet Saluk (Recording Secretary), Melissa Esteves (via zoom), Ed Silveira, Anthony Monteiro, Trish Desmond, Janice Long (Director)

Members Absent: John Gill

Guests In Person: Kathy Janssen

Approval of agenda:

Charley called for any additions to Agenda presented. Receiving none, a motion was made by Diane Durand to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Review and approval of minutes:

Charley called for any corrections to the Minutes of November 1. A motion was made by Ed Silveira to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Nina Smith and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report: Nina Smith, Treasurer

- Operating budget's balance is \$ 25,209.81 as of Dec 31,2023.
- Town finally reconciled Revolving acct in Dec with balance of 58,364.84 in July
- Revolving fund most recent balance \$60,368.74

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Diane Durand. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Director's Report: Janice Long (Nov and Dec)

Activities/Programs:

- **Attendance:** Mr. Denis's Thanksgiving grab and go (155-hoepfully next year in person), Nov/ Dec grab and go meals (75), Worcester Men of Song Dec 13 (55), December Holiday Luncheon (80), Holiday Gathering (45), Veterans breakfast Nov 8 at Assabet (38)
- **Recreation/socialization:** Nov 785 duplicated/ 312 unduplicated/18 guests; Dec 724 duplicated/283 unduplicated/46 guests

Daybreak: .

- Oct/Nov 21 unduplicated individuals (11 men, 10 women). Dec report was not yet available

Outreach Report: Nov 656 duplicated/398 unduplicated; Dec 392 duplicated/205unduplicated

- **SHINE:** Nov 283/408, new clients 10. Dec 133/207, new clients 7
 - Anna was in an accident and is doing ok but will be out for a while per letter from MD. This has made Shine Program short staffed.
 - This year's Medicare open enrollment was particularly challenging due to number of clients who arrived unprepared for their appointments and caused delays that impacted next appointment. Many did not bring med list requiring call to pharmacy
 - Continued issues with telemarketing can be confusing for many seniors, resulting in them signing up for health insurance plans that are not appropriate for them. Sample case where telemarketer called client and signed her up for plan that terminated her long standing retiree plan; staff was able to get her reinstated
- **Information and referral:**
Nov 21/22, Dec 14/15; SNAP assistance 9/12, Dec 4/5; Office consultations: Nov 204/208, Dec 86/92; Phone consultations: Nov 82/89, Dec 68/80; Conference calls: Nov 24/34, Dec23/39; Housing Issues: Nov 3/4 , Dec 4/5; Fuel Assistance: Nov 47/77, Dec 36/63;Vaccine assist: Nov 7, Dec 1

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Social Work by Alex

- Uber Health rides for medical appointments: 109 scheduled between Nov/Dec. 60% seniors using for rides to Framingham, Worcester, Concord and Boston
- Health Dept wrote grant to Emerson Hospital for additional funds, notification late January

Bus Driver's Report:

- Applied for additional funding for part time driver but were not awarded the grant; wanted bigger program. Will continue to explore other funding opportunities.
- Nov 530 unduplicated/71 duplicated; Dec 460 unduplicated/72 duplicated

Building Issues:

- **Leak:** upstairs under cupola r/t rain.? floor damage
- **Internet:** finished upgrade; some issues. Upstairs supposedly now ok.
- **Awning update:**
 - Select board approved project with MetroSign of Tewksbury MA on 11/20/23
 - Historical commission approved.
 - Recently gave MetroSign approved change in color; awaiting update as to how project will move forward
- **Back deck update:**
 - Revised proposal received from Glenn Davis Architects for exterior rehab that includes deck wood columns, railings and spindles. Eric and Matt are working on bid package for Spring
- **Audio/visual update:**
 - Mass Councils on Aging has accepted our grant proposal and awarded Hudson Senior Center \$25,000 for audio visual improvements
 - Tony Monteiro and Janice met with Mr. Gregory in Dec to discuss grant and are finalizing request for quote, anticipated go out Jan 5; three quotes required for the project; not required out to bid. Planned presentation to select board in FEB; funds need to be spent by June.
 - Plan to do downstairs first to make sure works before doing upstairs. Will improve hybrid /zoom programs.

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

Facilities Committee Report: None

Friends of the Hudson Senior Center: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Request by Nina Smith, Treasurer to change meeting to second Wednesday of month. Difficult for treasurer and director to get reports together for first Wednesday of month.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:37 PM by Diane Durand. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Saluk, Recording Secretary