

Town of Hudson Council on Aging
Hudson Senior Center
29 Church Street, Hudson MA
Minutes for Feb 7, 2024 COA Board Meeting

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

Members in attendance:

Charles Corley (Chair), Diane Durand (Vice Chair), Janet Saluk (Recording Secretary), Melissa Esteves (Zoom), Ed Silveira, Anthony Monteiro, Trish Desmond, John Gill, Janice Long (Director)

Members Absent: Nina Smith (Treasurer),

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 Jan 3. A motion was made by to accept the Minutes as presented by Ed Silveira. The motion was seconded by Trish Desmond and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Operating budget's balance is \$21,991.08

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.

Activities/Programs:

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Veterans program Feb 15 by US Army Combat Capabilities Development Command on Cargo and Personnel parachute systems
 - Community Forum on Library Building Project Feb 5
- **Planned programs:**
 - Wellness series by Synergy to start March for four weeks. Discussion group on mindfulness and Self-empowerment.
 - Starting in January, Attorney Bergeron is reducing his work schedule and will only offer advice once monthly via phone or zoom. No more TV financial planning shows.

Daybreak:

- January total of 22 unduplicated individuals enrolled
 - Hudson 11 people/ 26 times
 - Marlborough 8 people/30 times
 - Northborough 5 people/10 times (closed for one week due to bust pipe)

Outreach:

- Anna continues on leave since 12/21/23 with anticipated return 1/23. Social service numbers impacted by this leave and Holly's vacation.
- Shine 64/114, 8 new clients, I & R 5/5, Snap 5/9
- Phone consultations 61/81, office consults 43/59, conference calls 21/38
- AARP tax program started Feb 5 booking 24 clients every Tues; currently booking for third week of March

Social Service:

- Assist to woman in public housing with mental health issues by senior center and health department
- Assist with homeless diabetic with housing issues.

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Bus Driver's Report:

- 73 unduplicated/512 duplicated
- Issues with lift repaired by Quality VAN
- Assist with dialysis patient biweekly
- Assist with radiation patient daily for 6 weeks (dec-Jan)

Building Issues:

- **Back deck update:**
 - revised proposal from Glenn Davis Architects for \$9,130 for exterior rehab that includes deck, wood columns, railings and spindles
 - Eric, DPW stated they could not cover; senior center will pay out of the \$150 earmark we received from state Rep Hogan
- **AV update:**
 - Select board approved \$25K MCOA grant; Bid was for \$31,431.25
 - Tony fine-tuned scope of work for submission of bid; sent out 1/5
 - Three vendors were invited to center 1/10 to look at existing system; quotes requested back by 1/19
 - Quotes were reviewed by Janice and Tony; low bid was from Pro AV, company that installed original system; only quote that met full specs

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:

- Janice to have Matt, DPW check malfunctioning light in parking lot

Friends of the Hudson Senior Center:

- The Friends have been busy updating and improving their two Facebook pages.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Charley Corley presented recommendations for update of the Hudson COA bylaws; last revisions were made in 2009.
- Bylaws were reviewed in detail with preliminary approval of changes.
- Charles Corley will run proposed changes by Joan Wordell, Town Clerk with planned vote for approval at March COA meeting

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn at 2:12 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 March 6, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Saluk
Recording Secretary