

Town of Hudson Council on Aging
Hudson Senior Center
29 Church Street, Hudson MA
Minutes for March 6, 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), Ed Silveira, Anthony Monteiro, John Gill, Janice Long (Director)

Members via zoom: Janet Saluk (Recording Secretary), Melissa Esteves

Members Absent: Trish Desmond

Approval of agenda:

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

Review and approval of minutes:

Charley called for any corrections to the Minutes of February 7, 2024. A motion was made by Ed Silveira to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report: Nina Smith, Treasurer

Nina notes that the operating budget's balance is \$17,311.07.

Revolving fund most recent balance \$ 60,834.99; no changes so far this year, off by \$139.

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

Director's Report: Janice Long.

Activities/Programs: duplicated 20,233/unduplicated 1574

- **Attendance:** Veterans presentation on "Cargo and personnel parachute systems" Feb 15 (25); Library Building Project Forum Feb 5 (30); Valentine's Lunch (79); Farm House wreath class (18)
- **Upcoming Events:**
- **Planned programs:** Synergy 4-week wellness series "Mindfulness and Self-Empowerment discussion group (13 signed up)
- **Recreation/socialization:** with unduplicated/unduplicated/ guests

Daybreak: January with 22 unduplicated individuals; Feb report not yet received.

Outreach Report: duplicated 339/unduplicated 143

- Everyone now back at work and healthy. Ana returned Feb 14th; Holly was out for 5 days with illness
- Shine 57/88 with 12 new clients; Information and Referral 10/10; snap assistance 43/57
- Phone consultations 50/74; office consultations 56/73; conference calls 23/54
- AARP tax program continues to do well; Feb snow day rescheduled.
- Holly, Ana and Janice had one to one meeting with regional SHINE director; all appointments were fine. Praise for Hudson Senior Center having trained personnel.

Social Service issues:

- Assist to client on Mass Health with enrollment in Medicare part B issues since late 2023; SEP denied. Was able to enroll in open enrollment period with coverage starting March 1.
- Home visits to two seniors regarding possible hoarding; both considered cluttered and referrals for mental health and home care services.
- Case of serious hoarder moved to another apartment; working with Health Department regarding clean out.
- Ana and Alex have written grant for funds to assist with hoarding; ongoing.

Bus Driver's Report: 454 duplicated/67 unduplicated

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- Busy with complicated schedules for two clients with dialysis (requires 2 trips 2-3 days a week); another call received but not yet followed up. Tony Monteiro suggested look into providing transportation one way and using Uber for return for clients with late appointments that end after our bus service, may be less expensive than adding additional bus hours; will investigate.
- Resident looking to take spouse with early onset dementia to service dog training on route 20 Marlborough. Still under discussion.

Building Issues:

- **Awning update:** delayed due to requirement for fabric to be fire retardant per state law; unable to pull permit until complete. MetroSign will request the permit.
- **AV update:** project is set to start. Met with Finance Director to set up new account for this project.
- Meeting with MCOA to discuss accessing grant funds. Process involves sending invoice to MOCA, who then forwards to EOE. Once MCOA receives, they will promptly transfer to our account. Finance will allow our account to operate negative until check comes in.

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

Facilities Committee Report: Recommended to drop from future agendas as no recent reports; building issues discussed elsewhere in director's report. Approved with one vote against.

Friends of the Hudson Senior Center:

- Excited about awning project
- Gift Shop Committee formed consisting of 13 people, all with talent/job either in sales, marketing , display or making crafts.. Working to expand hours to M, W, TH, F. Photos and videos now posted on social media. Plans to improve appearance and obtain more donations of handmade crafts.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Adoption of revised bylaws; presented by Tony Monteiro. Provided to Town Clerk for review; have not heard back regarding any issues.

A motion was made to approve the revised by laws as presented by Ed Silveira. The motion was seconded by John Gill and was unanimously approved by roll call vote and are now in effect.

New Business: COA meeting date adjustment to second Wednesday of the month as indicated in the revised bylaws.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:26 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 April 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Saluk
Recording Secretary