

Town of Hudson Council on Aging
Hudson Senior Center
29 Church Street, Hudson MA
Minutes for April 10, 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), Nina Smith (Treasurer), Ed Silveira, Anthony Monteiro, Trish Desmond, Janice Long (Director)

Members on zoom: Janet Saluk (Recording Secretary), Melissa Esteves, John Gil

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 Diane Durand and the vote was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Review and approval of minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report: Nina Smith, Treasurer

- Operating budget's balance: \$ 13,470.36 and should be fine for rest of fiscal year.
- Revolving fund - no recent update by town.

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:

- **Attendance:**
 - St Patrick's Luncheon at Assabet (90); March Grab and Go Meal (80); Presentation on Art Theft at Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum by Bob Ainsworth (33)
- **Recreation/socialization**
 - 7/1/2023 to date: 23,638 duplicated/1714 unduplicated; March 1791/508
- **Daybreak:**
 - Utilized 75 times by 17 caregivers; 5 members have left since October due to disease progression; one addition in March ; trial day by 3 new families eager to join

Outreach Report:

- 488 duplicated/174 unduplicated
 - SHINE 103/226, 11 new clients, I & R 31/41, fuel assistance 36/49, SNAP 12/22
 - Phone consultation 76/104, office consultation 88/126, conference calls 28/54, housing issues 7/12
- Janice, Ana and Holly attended meeting at Springwell with directors from Marlborough, Southborough, Northborough and Westborough. Concerns regarding extensive long wait list for services stretching 1-2 years; primary reason is post COVID difficulties in staffing as primary reason. Also expressed concerns regarding inadequate follow up / delays >week for return of calls.
- Janice, Ana and Holly attended SHINE training for 2024 recertification exam
- Letters of support for Health Department regarding grants they are writing for a part time "Housing Navigator" and a fulltime outreach position to educate community on benefits of SNAP/nutrition.
- AARP tax program: 96 March, 76 Feb

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Social Service:

- Hoarding situation wrapping up; client with severe obesity (500 lbs) causing transportation issues and cancelled medical appts; requires special “ bariatric” WC and donation located; does not fit on our lift bus;

Transportation:

- 466 duplicated/66 unduplicated
- Buses inspected and passed in March
- One of day dialysis clients has improved and no longer requires; now only one client two days per week

Building Issues:

- **Awning update:**
 - Completed in March; and successfully passed inspection by building department.
 - came in slightly under budget at <44K;
 - no cost for permit
- **Back deck update:**
- **AV update:**
 - Pro AV Systems is in process of finalizing design for installation
 - parts ordered; scheduled for shipment early May
 - finance has paid 10K for materials to date; holding on additional payments
 - may require permit for increased voltage; issue due to recent building dept staff turnovers
 - Installation planned for May 28-31 but could be sooner; needs to be done by end of June.
 - System commissioning for new system set for June #

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

Friends of the Hudson Senior Center:

- Friends group has expressed great satisfaction with completion of the Awning Project. They are considering the addition of side panels as a future enhancement to the structure.
- Recent modifications to the Gift Shoppe have yielded positive results; March sales exceeded \$500.

Correspondance:

- Kate Hogan’s office has organized a gathering/ photo op for April 12 to commemorate the new awning (funded by Friends). and repairs to ramp (funded by Earmark); COA members and Friends Offices invited to attend

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 1:28 PM by Nina Smith. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Saluk
Recording Secretary