

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Multi-Purpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, July 12, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.**

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Naomi Walters-Lenoci at 1:00 PM on Monday, July 12, 2021

Roll call was conducted by Peggy Bucaro, Secretary

- Present: Naomi Walters-Lenoci; Carla Fruhauf, Larry Bretz, Walter Gramiak, Peggy Bucaro, Lynn Nelles. Absent: Tom Lathara
- Present: Diana Gomez (Social Services Manager); James Barr; Marilyn Perri
Later: Juanita Espinosa (Transportation)

Reports

- **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Naomi Walters-Lenoci advised that Juanita Espinosa will receive the Outstanding Service Award later in the meeting. Naomi will send out an email with a list of names for potential future recipients of this award.

Exciting to see many events coming up. She also advised that we will need some new codes for gift shop documentation. The Beading Club money goes through the gift shop. It gets confusing when customers have to do two separate transactions to keep the money separate. We need to streamline the transactions. The Gift Shop is open from 10-3 on Tuesday and Thursday. Donations are accepted on Tuesday only—but by word of mouth. We do not have the storage space to accept many donations at this time. Storage room is packed. We will have Christmas items out in October—we have many beautiful items that have been donated.

Naomi will discuss with Megan about having a big sale for one day—this should help clear out some of the items. It was suggested that we keep the sale on the first floor of the building for ease of people to shop.

Naomi said we should keep our activity reports showing 2020 numbers—although they are horrible, it is important to have that information going forward.

Treasurer's Report

Carla Fruhauf gave the current Treasurer's Report – total of accounts \$63,674.38. Peggy Bucaro noted that the Bingo License charge should come out of Bingo expense. When Megan returns this subject can be discussed.

Motion made to accept by Larry Bretz; seconded by Walter Gramiak. All ayes.

Other Reports

Marilyn Perri advised that today was the first in house café day—small turn out. People may not be comfortable yet. They may not be comfortable with the screening/mask wearing/social distancing. May

take some time. It was discussed that the tables are 6' apart not the people dining. May have to change some of the wording in the media and signage to be clearer. Still have the "to go" meals—very popular.

James Barr updated the Committee that Craig Essick will still be our liaison.

The Township Board meeting was held in mid-May; James advised of the various changes to their Board. Tom Smogolski will retire as of January 1.

On August 10th there will be Community-wide meeting regarding the property located next to the Township buildings. Open to the general public and architects will be there. Would like feedback from the public. Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in Veteran's Hall. All are welcome to attend.

This is a multi-phase plan, long range (10 + years)

- First priority- Need to renovate the small house and build a garage for Emergency Services—currently utilizing space at the Fireman's Hall in town.
- Cemetery—this would be a public cemetery similar to the Bartlett Cemetery or Bluff City. There are no other public cemeteries in the area.
- The main house would require lots of renovation—concern about ADA issues since there are many different elevations. This may be used for Facilities/Maintenance.
- Would also like to build a large vehicle garage for the township buses etc.

Carla brought up that the garage should be sooner than the cemetery in light of the catalytic converters being stolen from the buses. James advised that the buses are now being parked in the lot along Rt 59 vs in back of building for safety. Looking to have some type of shield made for the converters—difficulty finding a welding company.

Diana Gomez (filling in for Megan Conway) advised that the Covid-19 was updated to Stage 5 on June 11. We still have to follow Illinois Department of Aging (IDOA) requirements which still requires masks. We will modify as allowed.

It was suggested that the members of this Committee can be advocates in the community – let people know that we are "bouncing back" and share info about the programs, Café, fundraisers etc.

James Barr discussed that we received funding from IDOA and have to follow their recommendations. The Board is working with legal counsel to see what can be done to allow us to open up further with less restrictions. Checking in to the issue of the grant money we receive and what we can do to open up further and not lose funding.

The Board is working from many angles to clarify the parameters. Township Supervisor Brian McGuire sent a letter to IDOA regarding that their parameters are stricter than what the State of Illinois is allowing. They will report back as information is received.

Diana advised of the many changes in personnel at the Township. Interviews are being conducted and hope to have positions filled. Transportation Manager—we did extend an offer and are waiting to hear the response.

Angela Perez will be our weekend receptionist. We have added evening and Saturday hours. There are more programs being offered.

Programming is being reviewed as to changing to larger rooms so more people can be accommodated for activities. Once a Programming Manager is hired, we can look into having off-site day trips. We will bring back what we can. Looking into an off-site Halloween party. Information will be sent out via emails and robocalls if timing does not work for printing in Club 59 Newsletter.

Carla brought up the issue about liability if someone feels they got Covid-19 from attending a Senior Center activity. James Barr indicated that is always an issue – liability, authority and funding. That is why we are being careful about following restrictions/guidelines.

Naomi mentioned that in the Club 59 Newsletter (Sept/Oct issue) there will be a “teaser” about the upcoming Taffy Apple/Cider Donut fundraiser.

Director’s Report:

Diana Gomez shared the Director’s Report in Megan’s absence. They are -reassessing which rooms are used for the various programs—determining if moving to a larger room (if available) more people can participate—such as card games, exercise programs and more.

Unfinished Business:

It was decided to table the potential plan to have a Virtual Sports Memorabilia auction to benefit the Senior Center. It was felt that it was not appropriate financially for the people we serve. Naomi also pointed out that the Township would want a contract with the company and Jim of JVD Sales did not operate with contracts. Peggy also pointed out that we would need to figure out how it would work with using credit cards for transactions and fees. We can re-visit at a later time and perhaps open it to larger group participation.

Eli’s Cheesecake fundraiser- Carla advised that at this point we have 66 sales. July 16th is the deadline—perhaps a robocall/email would help if not too late.

Marilyn will put flyers in the HDM this week as a reminder if they want to order. Maybe give the bus drivers some flyers as they make the rounds. Pick up will be Monday, July 26th.

Naomi advised that Micah (summer intern) is working on vendors and what the best option will be to replace the vending machine. At this point we don’t want to spend any additional funds to fix the old one.

New Business:

Approval of Meeting minutes 6/14/21- Motion by Larry; seconded by Carla- all ayes for approval. Tom was absent.

Juanita Espinosa from Transportation was recognized this month for outstanding service to the Township residents. We appreciate her caring service and helpfulness to the bus riders. Thank you, Juanita!!

Upcoming Township Special Events: The Office of Community Health will hold the Just for the Health of It Health & Wellness Expo—September 9 (11am-3pm) majority of the event will be held outdoors. Rain date would be Friday, September 10th.

Fall Food Truck Festival – September 16 (5pm – 8pm) At this time the event may be just food—not sure about music at this time in the planning. Megan, Tom Kuttentberg and Micah Chambers are working on this event.

O’Hare’s Pub will host a fundraising event for the Senior Center on 10/18 and 10/19! No coupon is needed—everyone is welcome. They have a great menu and 14 lanes of bowling!

Naomi is checking if Texas Roadhouse would be a good location for a drive-in Lunch Bunch. She will be meeting with the Manager – she said they have great food. More details when available.

Lynn mentioned that the person in charge of donations at her subdivision will be honored at the Tuesday, July 20th Township Board meeting as a thank you for the various donations (recently backpacks and school supplies). The residents of this Community have been very generous with donations throughout the year to the Food Pantry.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

Larry made the motion; Carla seconded- all ayes. Tom absent.

Meeting ended: 2:10 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, August 9th 1:00 P.M. Multi-purpose room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Bucaro

Secretary

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APPLE CIDER AND

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ORDER BY OCTOBER 4

PICK UP OCTOBER 11

Celebrate the fabulous fall season with a delicious apple cider donut or taffy apple. Your support will benefit the Hanover Township Senior Committee.

Please complete the form below and submit with cash or check by Monday, October 4.

All items must be picked up at the Senior Center on Monday, October 11.

Pick-up will be available between 11 AM - 1 PM.

Thank you!

Forms can be mailed or delivered to:

Hanover Township Senior Center

240 S IL Route 59

Bartlett, IL 60103

(630) 483-5600



www.hanover-township.org

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Candy Apple with Nuts (\$2 each)

Quantity: _____ Total: _____

Candy Apple with No Nuts (\$1.50 each)

Quantity: _____ Total: _____

Apple Cider Donuts (\$1 each)

Quantity: _____ Total: _____

Apple Cider Donuts (\$5 Half Dozen)

Quantity: _____ Total: _____

Total: _____