

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Multipurpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, October 11, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.**

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairperson Naomi called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Roll call: Carla Fruhauf, Larry Bretz, Walter Gramiak, Peggy Bucaro, Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara – all present

Guests: Megan Conway, Diana Gomez, Lisa Perrone, Renee Lloyd (Home Care Coordinator)

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Reports

- **Chairperson's Report**

Naomi reported that there was a good turnout for the My Cucina --\$250! Great to see that we are able to open our doors more and have more activities in the Senior Center.

Treasurer's Report

Carla gave the Treasurer's report—all funds have been transferred to the Township. Megan explained that page 7 of our report reflects the Profit & Loss for the Senior Committee. It shows the beginning fund balance (this includes all monies that previously were in several bank accounts); activity during the month and our Ending Fund Balance.

Megan advised that the attorney indicated that it was ok not to report the bingo money separately as before. Megan will discuss with accounting to give more detail regarding "Special Events"—perhaps listing which fundraiser event the monies refer to. In addition, Megan will check regarding interest—will we still be receiving interest as previously.

Change is difficult—working through some of the "bugs". The question was raised if we can go back to the way the monies were handled previously. There was confusion as Carla recalled that James Barr said we could. Again—Megan will double-check and respond at next meeting. Hopefully we can have a report with larger print in the future. Naomi commented that the process is harder to make deposits for the Gift Shoppe. Megan said the form is 3 pages for the breakdown dollars and coins.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Peggy seconded by Larry – all ayes.

Trustee Liaison's Report

Craig Essick is unable to make the meeting this month.

Director's Report

Megan introduced Renee Lloyd to the Committee – she is in training right now. We are recruiting for two additional positions for the Home Care Program. Working on licensing right now—takes approximately six weeks—can not open the Program until that is completed.

Megan has submitted requests for four grants through the Mental Health Board.

The Food Truck Festival was a success. The Gift Shop had a table and made \$157!

Megan passed out the FY2022 calendar showing various meeting dates and events. In November we will discuss possible goals for FY23.

We made an offer for a Program Specialist—waiting for her reply. Also working on recruiting for open positions to assist Renee with the Home Care Program.

Lisa and Megan discussed upcoming Halloween events—these were listed again in the Nov/Dec Newsletter. Peggy suggested doing the same for Jan/Feb listing the later December events as a reminder to patrons. Halloween will be in the gazebo area—scavenger hunt, donuts/coffee—all outside. Inside will be trivia and some fun games. Linda will have an art project—candle holder. Sure everything will be “boo-t-ful”!

Char (Transportation) will be retiring 11/5—Megan was glad to report the we have an internal hire- Juanita Espinosa will be training for that position. We are still short-staffed in Nutrition—still working on recruiting. Marilyn is experiencing ingredient shortages.

Megan received questions if we would be hosting a booster vaccine event—most likely not since the vaccine is more readily available than what we experienced earlier on.

Social Services is very busy with Part D/Medicare appointments as well as applications for Adopt-a-Senior for the holidays. Larry noted that St John’s donated \$500 for the Adopt-a-Senior. Diana advised that one of the volunteers mentioned it to her—and the application was accepted—very generous of them!

Volunteer hours are up as well as participants in activities. At this time day trips aren’t planned. A little harder to practice social distancing, # of people on buses; motor coaches are expensive. Megan will monitor with James and the Board—cases are still rather high at this time. As things change robocalls will be made to let people know. Hope to have Bingo for \$ back in November – use Veteran’s Hall-can hold more people. Perhaps small concessions to make additional money; add raffles – 3 items.

It was noted that we did not renew our Bingo license in 2020 due to Covid. All set for 2021!

Unfinished Business

It’s fixed!!! Pop 60 cents; Snacks 50-80 cents. Barb and Sebastian will do the stocking of items. Not totally filled at this time—will watch activity and add accordingly.

New Business

Approval of September 13, 2021 meeting minutes-motion made by Larry, seconded by Lynn—all ayes.

Staff recognition- we will recognize this month's recipient in November due to scheduled vacation day off.

Ye Olde Gift Shoppe promos:

Café Cruisin' (October 18 and 19th at O'Hare's Pub – Bartlett - a 20% donation will be made for food purchases those two dates with the flyer. This does not cover alcoholic beverages. This was very generous to give us two days! Thank you, Peggy & Bill!

The December meeting will be a Holiday breakfast at Brianna's – 9:00 a.m. No regular meeting will be held that month. It was decided that all would drive themselves to the restaurant rather than utilizing a Township bus due to current spacing requirements for regular bus runs as well as the number of drivers.

Other Business (None)

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Larry, seconded by Wally—all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Bucaro, Secretary
Hanover Township Senior Advisory Committee