

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Lower Level Multipurpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, September 12, 2022 – 1:00 PM**

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Bretz at 1:00 PM on Monday, September 12 2022

The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

Present: Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Larry Bretz, Walter Gramiak, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara, Craig Essick.

Absent: Peggy Bucaro.

Present (Aging Services Team): Megan Conway, Diane Gomez, Dino Kazeos, Lisa Perrone, Devora Murillo, Marilyn Perri.

Public: Celeste Smith, Trinity Guiao.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Larry Bretz led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

Public Comments: None

- **Reports**

- **Chairperson's Report**

We need to make every attempt to publicize services offered by Aging services. Towards this end, Senior Service Committee meeting schedule should be displayed in the Lobby/reception area, especially on Mondays when meetings are planned. It seems certain from short personal interactions that there may be significant number of Residents who can use our services if they are made aware of it.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- **Monthly report ending July 2022**

Lynn Nelles presented the monthly report ending July 2022.

Starting balance - \$71,700; ending balance - \$76,343.

A motion was moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Naomi Walters-Lenoci seconded by Walter Gramiak.

All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

- **Trustee Liaison's Report**

A groundbreaking for 'Hanover Landing', the long planned housing units for special needs residents were recently conducted. This is expected to be completed by next summer. The building is expected to accommodate 39 units and staff to provide support services will also be available. Everyone is invited to the Annual Fall food truck festival on Thursday, Sept 15 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is also an opportunity to publicize township services.

- **Director's Report**

Director Megan Conway presented the August 2022 report.

- Draft resolutions prescribing protocols for public meetings are now available.
- A Christmas party will be held at Hoosier Grove barn on December 1, 2022. Excellent food, entertainment etc. are planned for this enjoyable event. The party hall has a stated capacity of 75 guests. A Halloween party is planned to be held at Veterans Hall.

- The 5th annual Fall Food Truck Festival is planned for September 16 from 5:00 pm to 8.00 pm to enjoy live music, delicious food from 11 vendors. Carnival style games, beer and wine will be available.
- The department is also preparing and submitting three grant applications with the township mental health board. The grants are due September 16. Applications will be submitted to support the in-home care program, senior mental health program and home delivered meals program.
- The transport division has expanded eligibility for dial-a-bus service to include deserving applicants with doctor's certification on the application form. Previously, proof of permanent social security disability was the acceptance criteria.
- The low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP) began on September 1st. Eligible households may receive assistance towards the electric, gas and water bill. Help toward weatherizing a home or replacing a furnace is also available.
- All township staff will be completing implicit bias training on September 21st and 22nd. This is expected to improve customer service and ensure that all residents are treated respectfully and appropriately.

- **Unfinished Business**

Naomi will work with Mariano's to get 62 dozens of Apple cider Donuts. Friday, September 30 is the last day to order and pick up by Monday, October 10.

Article to publish Senior committee accomplishments newsletter to enhance awareness of SS committee activities.

- **New Business**

Minutes:

Chairperson Larry Bretz presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval.

A motion was moved to approve the August 8 Monday 2022 meeting minutes by Naomi Walters-Lenoci, seconded by Walter Gramiak. All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

- **Other Business**

Beading club: The beading club provided seemingly misleading statements as to disbanding the club and then reversing their stand. There will be further discussions this Friday to clarify reimbursement for items purchased and purchase receipts thereof. The final decision is expected by the end of this month.

Outstanding service Award:

In recognition of the exceptional service rendered by Chris Crane, he was presented with an 'Outstanding service award'. This included a laudatory Citation and gift certificate. Chris's attitude, enthusiasm and hard work was particularly lauded.

Round Table:

Chairperson Larry Bretz introduced a round table event, where every attendee is given an opportunity to make a recommendation.

Dino: Display picture of employees who received monthly Employee recognition award at the electronic screens at reception.

Lisa: We had major items on display at Elderworks expo at Hoffman estates which evoked interest of many people.

Diane: Make sure purchase receipts are produced by staff for any items they want to take away.

Devora: Beading club requires better communication among members for smooth functioning.

Craig: On behalf of the board, thank you for helping us to be the best Aging services in Illinois.

Walter : Bingo - Can we get access to the room 10 minutes before the program's scheduled start time.

Lynn: My friend was astonished to learn of all the services offered by the aging services. Nicor offers a free service to come and estimate the energy efficiency of the residence.

Naomi: Plan to form a hip group 'The Gift Shop girls'. An appropriate T Shirt will be designed to use on food truck festivals and such occasions.

Megan: We have many exciting day trips planned. If you are interested, please sign up.

Tom : Make sure we follow up on the actionable ideas generated by the round table.

There was no other business on the agenda to transact.

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting by Lynn Nelles seconded by Naomi Walters-Lenoci. All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned by 2:25 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lathara,

Secretary

Hanover Township Senior Citizen's Services Committee