



**Hanover Township Senior Center  
Computer Room  
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee  
Monday, March 13, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Bretz at 1:00 PM on Monday, March 2023
- The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.
- Present: Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Larry Bretz, Walter Gramiak, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara, Peggy Bucaro.
- Absent : Craig Essick.
- Present (Senior Services Team): Megan Conway, Diane Gomez, Lisa Perone.
- Public: Karen Budnik, Kathleen Keesler, Sarece Mitchell, Merlyn Perri.
- Pledge of Allegiance - Chairperson Larry Bretz led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

**Public Comments**

- Larry welcomed guests and encouraged everyone to ask questions any time.

**Reports**

- **Chair Person's Report**

The Volunteer award function will be on March 25th, Saturday, 8:30 am, including breakfast. Senior Committee members are welcome to attend. A new restaurant is opening in our neighborhood called 'Boss's Signature'. This was formerly known as Skillet. It was advised to visit and check out this restaurant for future partnership. (Since this place was under renovation at the moment, this was tabled for discussion in April, after the restaurant is fully operational).

- **Treasurer's Report**

**Monthly report ending January 2023**

Lynn Nelles presented the monthly report ending January 2023.

Income - \$20,587.62                      Expense - \$14,551.63

Net Income - 6,035.99                      Ending Fund Balance - 77,736

This accounts for 83% of the fiscal year.

A motion was moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Naomi Walters-Lenoci seconded by Peggy Bucaro. All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

- **Trustee Liaison's Report**

Trustee Liaison Craig Essick, was unable to attend. Director Megan Conway informed that the annual township meeting is scheduled for April 18th, 7:00 pm and regular board meeting on April 18th. Responding to Naomi on the status of Emergency service station construction, Director Megan Conway stated that construction is paused at the moment but work is expected to resume shortly.

- **Director's Report**

Director Megan Conway presented the report. The Home Care Assistant position continues to be difficult to fill. In consultation with the Administrator and other staff, the position is now advertised as a full-time role, which is expected to elicit greater interest from the candidates. Sarece Mitchell has resumed services with the Home Care Program and five clients have successfully started service. Four senior committee applications are now submitted to Township Admin for consideration. Participation in all services is gradually increasing to pre Pandemic levels in all service areas. Social Services conducted a special intergenerational memory cafe program on Feb 17 in collaboration with youth and family services. A group of students from Parkwood Elementary joined the celebrate Random Acts of Kindness day. The AgeOptions audit, conducted every three years, occurred from February 21 - 23. The auditors will prepare a final report, but they were complimentary of the breadth of services and facility. The Senior Committee Paczki Day fundraiser was a success raising over \$300. Maximum payments were made through credit cards. The next fundraiser will be Eli's Cheesecake in July.

### **Unfinished Business**

- **Ucoming Fundraiser events**  
Cafe Cruisin' : O'Hare Pub April 18  
Cafe Cruisin' : Marco 's Pizza April

### **New Business**

- **Minutes:**  
Chairperson Lary Bretz presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval.

A motion was moved to approve the February 13 Monday 2023 regular meeting minutes by Lynn Nelles and seconded by Walter Gramiak. Peggy Bucaro abstained. All other members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

- **Outstanding service Award:**  
In recognition of the exceptional service rendered by Shannon Johnson with the transportation department. Shannon was presented with an 'Outstanding service award'. This included a laudatory Citation and gift certificate. Shannon's attitude, enthusiasm and hard work was particularly lauded.

- **Recognition**  
Naomi Walters-Lenoci recommended we consider Maintenance folks for recognition. Megan Conway suggested Committee arrange to provide them with light refreshments like Donut/Coffee during extreme weather as a mark of appreciation, collective recognition.

- **Other Business**

Lisa Perone sought guidance on providing out of town low-income candidates wish to avail senior center programs, like day trips. Lisa recommended granting them a small scholarship to assist this couple. It was recommended that in such cases, Lisa check the candidate's low income status and email chairperson and trustee for scholarship approval subject to a maximum of \$50 per year.

### **Round Table:**

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

**Peggy:** Considering road construction activities around the senior center, fewer participants are likely to attend the senior center activities. Please encourage participants to spread the word to their friends, especially regarding events like day trips and other programs.

**Lisa:** Lisa supports the referral idea suggested by Peggy.

**Diane:** Need to ensure that staff of restaurants partnering with us for Cafe cruising events, are aware of the partnership.

**Kathleen :** Local media outreach efforts. Explore possibilities of using local newspapers to promote SS services.

**Lynn:** Consider providing Golf cart service. It was suggested to send it over to the Victory center due to insurance issues.

**Naomi:** Gift shop volunteers are welcome. Some exciting items are expected soon. .

**Sarece Mitchell:** Received many calls for companionship volunteers. There are many clients suffering from depression and loneliness. Volunteers are required.

**Walter :** Senior Committee member Auction Date \$1 per ticket. Naomi and Walter will take the winner to dinner.

There was no other business on the agenda to transact.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Thomas Lathara,**

**Secretary**

**Hanover Township Senior Citizen's Services Committee**