

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Computer Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, May 8, 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, May 8, 2023.

The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

Present: Larry Bretz, Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Walter Gramiak, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara, Peggy Bucaro, Peggy Deyne.

Absent:

Present (Aging Services Team): Megan Conway, Lisa Perrone, Dino Kazeos.

Public: Clint Baker, Merlyn Perri, Tom Kuttentberg, Randy Sandman, Brett Solesky.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Larry Bretz led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

Public Comments

Chairperson Larry Bretz welcomed guests and encouraged everyone to raise queries as necessary at any point in the proceedings.

Reports

Chairperson's Report

The trips to games and other events are very popular and usually, we have a 'wait list' of clients who want to participate. At the moment, we are not able to accommodate all those who wish to participate due to limited seating capacity on our buses. It is recommended to consider getting bigger buses(coach) with higher seating capacity for future events.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report ending March 2023

Lynn Nelles presented the monthly report ending March 2023.

Income - \$27,019.12 Expense - \$15,584.

Net Income - \$11,434.39 Ending Fund Balance - \$ 83,134

This accounts for 100% of the fiscal year.

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

Trustee Liaison's Report

The emergency service station work is progressing. It is planned to provide a walk thru for the Senior committee at a convenient time in June. May is the older Americans month.

Director's Report

Director Megan Conway presented the report.

It is very encouraging to note that participation in a variety of programs is steadily rising. It is almost up to eighty percent of the pre-covid levels. To accommodate the increased demand, programming staff have been scheduling additional dates, expanding capacities, securing larger capacity buses etc.

The annual volunteer recognition luncheon was an occasion to celebrate our dedicated volunteers. Congratulations to the award winners for their outstanding contributions to the community. It is also a good time to remind everyone to record their volunteer hours in the system.

Many of the regular programs discontinued during the pandemic are coming back. On April 27, we had the annual Students Government Day which matches Streamwood high school students with township staff.

Staffing:

- Joann Grant, a new Home Care Assistant started with the department on full-time basis. A major chunk of her time will be spent in the community providing direct care.
- Melissa Endean is offered a social service specialist position and is expected to start on May 22. Melissa brings extensive experience working with human services related fields.
- Summer internship program is also in play. Students from Bartlett High. School is being interviewed for this opportunity.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

- Cafe Cruisin' : Hoot Dogs June 2nd
- Cafe Cruisin' : Georgio 's Pizza July 12
- Cafe Cruisin' : Cherry on Top May 11
- Cafe Cruisin' : Pasta Mia June 14
- Cafe Cruisin' : 120 Live August 8

New Business

Minutes

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

A motion was moved to approve the April 10 Monday 2023 regular meeting minutes by Naomi Walters-Lenoci and seconded by Lynn Nelles. Larry Bretz, Abstained All other members voted 'aye.' Motion carried.

Certificate Of Appreciation

Mr. Brett Solesky was awarded a certificate of appreciation and a gift card. During a Trip to Kenosha, one of the guests in the restaurant choked on his meal. Brett immediately jumped to action performing the Heimlich maneuver saving the day. Thank you, Brett. Congratulations.

Awards

Peggy, Larry and Megan had a meeting with James. It is advised to inform HR of any potential award recipient, before finalizing to ensure that the intended recipient do not have any adverse remarks on their file.

Other Business

Sponsorship for Hanover Township Foundation's Fiesta Del Sol Fundraiser.

A motion was moved to approve \$1,000 payment towards the above request by Naomi Walters-Lenoci and seconded by Peggy Bucaro. All members voted 'aye.' Motion carried.

Support for Coach bus transportation for upcoming trips.

A motion was moved to approve \$1,751 payment towards the above request by Naomi Walters-Lenoci and seconded by Peggy Bucaro. All members voted 'aye.' Motion carried.

Election of Office

A motion was moved to open the election process by Lynn Nelles and seconded by Naomi Walters-Lenoci. All members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Role	Candidate	Proposed By	Seconded By	Accept /decline	Status
Chairperson	Peggy Bucaro	Naomi Walters-Lenoci	Peggy Deyne	Accepted	Elected
Vice Chairperson	Walter Gramiak	Peggy Bucaro	Lynn Nelles	Accepted	Elected
Secretary	Tom Lathara	Peggy Bucaro	Peggy Deyne	Accepted	Elected
Treasurer	Larry Bretz	Peggy Bucaro	Lynn Nelles	Accepted	Elected

The Chairperson congratulated all the elected positions.

A motion was moved to close the election process by Lynn Nelles and seconded by Walter Gramiak. All members voted 'ayes.' Motion carried.

Round Table

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

Marilyn: We can probably secure a better deal from the many vendors we are dealing with, If folks replenishing vending machines supplies coordinate with me.

Peggy B: consider getting jackets for home service staff.

Lisa: Volunteers are required for the May 24 summer celebrations parade. Help is needed with the float with the theme the great American Road trip (Route 66).

Clint: There has been a news report on the serious problem of loneliness in the USA. Can we have the youngsters interact with these lonely seniors.

Lynn: Consider increasing volunteer activities.

Naomi: Greatly appreciate all the gift shop volunteers for their outstanding service. Some new items are soon coming to the gift shop. Please stay tuned.

Craig: Welcome Peggy Deyne. Greatly appreciate all the SS Committee's hard work.

Walter: Communication from the transport department on the status of reservations / schedule needs to improve.

Peggy D: Can we interact with guests? (Yes, of course)

There was no other business on the agenda to transact.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 12, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Lathara, Secretary
Hanover Township Senior Citizens Services Committee