

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Lower-Level Multi-Purpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, June 12, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peggy Bucaro at 1:00 PM on Monday, June 12, 2023

The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

Present: Larry Bretz, Walter Gramiak, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara, Peggy Bucaro, Peggy Deyne.

Absent: Naomi Walters-Lenoci.

Present (Aging Services Team): Megan Conway, Lisa Perone, Diana Gomez, Eesha Alaparathi, Marilyn Perri.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

Public Comments

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro welcomed guests, especially Eesha Alaparathi, a senior at Bartlett High School who joined the Aging Services team as a summer intern.

Reports

Chairperson's Report

The Number of services provided by each department in the report is truly awesome. Congratulations. Please continue the excellent work.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Nelles presented the monthly report ending April 2023.

Income - \$2,355.34 Expense - \$101.92

Beginning Fund Balance - \$ 83,134 Ending Fund Balance - \$ 85,388

This accounts for 8% of the fiscal year.

A motion was moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Lynn Nelles, seconded by Walter Gramiak. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent : Naomi Walters-Lenoci All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Trustee Liaison's Report

In the absence of the Trustee Liaison Craig, Megan Conway presented the report. Appreciate Senior committee support and participation fundraising of Fiesta Del Sol, particularly the sponsorship. The final fundraising numbers are yet to be released.

Director's Report

Director Megan Conway presented the report. A new diabetic-friendly salad is added to the meal choices. On Tuesdays, hot vegetarian meals will also be available addressing clients' requirements. A huge 'Thank you' to the senior committee for their generous support of the Hanover Township Foundation Fiesta del Sol fundraiser on June 1. The Fundraiser was very successful, and we hope you enjoyed the buffet dinner, live entertainment, and margaritas! The fundraiser helps support the activities of the Foundation which provides additional services and supports for our residents. The AARP Income Tax program officially concluded on May 10 with a wrap up discussion and pizza party. Many thanks to all the volunteers and staff who supported this program. The program served over 340 people with their income tax returns. The Nutrition Services division is in the process of implementing succession planning taking into account Marilyn's retirement in a few years. Starting May, Manager Marilyn Perri moved to a part-time role and Lana Harvey was promoted to a full-time Nutrition

Coordinator role. With this shift, Marilyn will be able to hold monthly focus groups and advisory sessions, as well as plan new menu items in the café. Regarding the purchase of a new bus, it's untenable at this time due to budget constraints. Besides, at a practical level, a new bus has two years lead time for delivery. Considering these facts, a fourteen-passenger vehicle will be leased from PACE at \$100 per month. Door County fall viewing trip is planned for October. Only seven seats left on this travel opportunity as of reporting time. Bus number 139 is still having issues with the electrical board. Replacement components are yet to arrive.

Staffing:

- New staff member Melissa Endean started in her position as Social Services Specialist on May 18. Melissa brings extensive experience working with older adults and is knowledgeable about the services and programs in our area.
- Welcome aboard, Melissa! Eesha Alaparthi of Bartlett High School accepted the position of Summer Intern. Eesha starts June 6 and will support the department with administrative tasks, lead a traditional Indian dance class.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

- Cafe Cruisin': Geogio's Pizza July 12
- Cafe Cruisin': 120 Live August 8

Eli's Cheesecake

It was decided to set the price of Eli's Cheesecake sale to \$6.50 from the previous \$6.25.

A motion was moved to approve the new price by Larry Bretz, seconded by Lynn Nelles.

A roll call was taken by the secretary.

Absent: Naomi Walters-Lenoci

Peggy Deyne voted 'No'.

All other members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

New Business

Minutes

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval. A motion was moved to approve the May 8 Monday 2023 regular meeting minutes by Larry Bretz and seconded by Lynn Nelles. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent: Naomi Walters-Lenoci. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Other Business

Diana Gomez presented a financial assistance request on behalf of an elderly township couple to help with a huge water bill. They inadvertently left a tap running and being on a fixed income have difficulty in addressing this huge bill. A motion was moved to provide \$500 toward this request by Peggy Deyne and seconded by Larry Bretz. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent: Naomi Walters-Lenoci. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

There was no other business on the agenda to transact at this time.

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting by Larry Bretz and seconded by Lynn Nelles. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent: Naomi Walters-Lenoci. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Lathara, Secretary