

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Lower-Level Multi-Purpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, July 10, 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, July 10, 2023

The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

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

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

Public: Pat Clarke, Mirella Nahl, Barbara Smith, Vicki Hoarle, Clint Baker, Melissa Endean, Geraldine Thiel

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

Public Comments

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro welcomed guests and opened the floor for comments. There were several requests regarding transportation, seeking the possibility of changing/extending the bus schedules to accommodate guests wishing to attend Senior center programs beyond the last bus leaving the senior center at 3:00 pm.

Transportation Manager Dino K said he will check the current driver capacity. In addition, the budget availability will also need to be checked since any extension will add additional work hours to the transport employees. Director Conway reminded the group that priority of transport will always be accorded medical needs such as dialysis, doctors' appointments etc. She promised to bring up the issue with the board regarding budget provisions for this need. Chairperson Peggy Bucaro thanked the group for bringing up this concern.

Reports

Chairperson's Report

The number of services provided by each department as documented in page six of the report is truly awesome. Congratulations. Please continue the excellent work.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report ending May 2023

Larry Bretz presented the monthly report ending May 2023.

Income - \$2,690.03 Expense - \$1,259.30 Net Income - \$1,430.73 Beginning Fund Balance - \$ 83,134

Ending Fund Balance - \$ 86,819

This accounts for 17 % of the fiscal year. A motion was moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, by Naomi Walters-Lenoci seconded by Lynn Nelles. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Trustee Liaison's Report

In the absence of the Trustee Liaison Craig, Megan Conway presented the report. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th.

Director's Report

Director Megan Conway presented the report.

Facilities and Road Maintenance staff assisted the department with a massive cleanout of storage areas and the Lending Closet. The team removed a large quantity of trash and reorganized the spaces. Hard work of Florie Sposito, Char Thomason, Devora Murillo, Lisa Perrone and Tammy Cambra is much appreciated in this regard.

The month of June has seen exciting growth and engagement of the in-house programs and day trips coordinated by staff. The new drop-in program for Diamond Painting has already outgrown its space and will be using Veterans Hall due to its popularity. Check out this club Monday afternoons at 1:30 PM. No advanced registration is needed. Ladies Billiards has expanded to two days per week – Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 PM.

The Social Services team is scheduling fun and exciting programming with the Memory Café. The grantor recently shared that sites will be eligible to use grant dollars to offset the price of food during the monthly events. Recently two miniature therapy horses from Mane in Heaven. The horses visited with over 60 participants, visitors, staff, and even representatives from the Bartlett Police Department.

Club 59 Newsletter is being finalized and will be available in two weeks. Fall food festival is scheduled for Sept 14; Thirteen food trucks are already lined up for the event.

Nutrition Marilyn Perri is adding another meal route. A special appreciation to Merlyn and Team delivering such fantastic meals cooked onsite at our small kitchen unlike in many other locations use catering services. Hot vegetable meals are planned for Tuesdays and diabetic friendly salads starting August 1st.

Staffing: Melissa Endean joined the social services team Nutrition Assistant Manny Carillo has indicated he will return to complete his master's degree in history. As a result, recruitment has begun for a replacement. Manny will stay on board until a replacement staff member has been identified and trained. Also, Home Care Assistant Joann Gante will be taking a temporary leave of absence for two weeks in July. She will resume her duties on August 1. In Transportation, we were recruiting for a four-day, full-time position to replace former staff member Tim Aspy following his retirement. Current Bus Driver Beth Evans applied and will be moving from five-days per week to the four-day per week position.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

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

Eli's Cheesecake:

Order By Tuesday, July 18th; Pickup By Monday, July 24 between 11:00 am - 1:00 PM

New Business

Minutes:

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval. A motion was moved to approve the June 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes by Larry Bretz and seconded by Peggy Deyne. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Abstained: Naomi Walters-Lenoci; All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Other Business

Walter Gramiak will preside over the August Senior committee meeting in the absence of Peggy Bucaro. 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. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Lathara, Secretary