

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Lower-Level Multi-Purpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, September 11, 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, September 11, 2023. The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

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

Absent:

Present (Aging Services Team): Megan Conway, Marilyn Perri, Diana Gomez

Public:

Pledge of Allegiance - Chairperson Peggy Bucaro led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

Public Comments

Reports

Chairperson's Report: Chairperson Peggy Bucaro thanked Walter Gramiak for presiding over the last meeting in her absence. Regarding Eli's cheesecake sale fundraiser, even though more units were sold this year than in the previous year, net income was less than in the previous year due to increased cost. Considering the modest net income, we need to evaluate if the amount raised is commensurate with the effort involved. We can also consider changing the price point at future events. The chairperson also appreciated the great attendance at the healthcare and overall increase in the number of meals provided and other service offerings.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Bretz presented the monthly report ending July 2023.

Income - \$8,974.64 Expense - \$5,614.98

Net Income - \$3,359.66

Beginning Fund Balance - \$ 83,134 Ending Fund Balance - \$ 86,494

This accounts for 33 % of the fiscal year.

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

Trustee Liaison's Report - In Trustee Liaison Craig absence, Megan Conway provided the details.

Residence for persons with severe challenges are getting ready. All are invited for the inauguration on October 4, 4:00 pm An email with details will follow.

Director's Report - Director Megan Conway presented the report.

In the Stars-N-Stripes Café, diners now have the ability to choose a daily "diabetic-friendly" entrée as one of the choices. The diabetic-friendly option features whole grains, offers more fruit and vegetable servings per entrée, includes lean protein sources (broiled, baked, grilled), provides 1& or lower fat milk, and avoids high sugar/high fat desserts. Diners also have the option of a weekly hot vegetarian/plant-based entrée. Diners are still able to request the entrée salad protein be served with no meat protein if they need a vegetarian dish on alternative days.

The Center hosted the statewide Community Care Program Advisory Council (CCPAC) on August 8. The CCPAC includes the Illinois Department of Aging Director Paula Basta, Area Agencies on Aging from across Illinois, and direct service providers.

Social Services is preparing for the LIHEAP and Medicare seasons to start in October. In preparation for this busy time and since one staff member is out of the office, the application period for Adopt-A-Senior was moved up. Interested clients can apply during the month of September.

Several new programs will launch in the coming weeks. First, after much searching, an Intro to ASL class will be offered starting October 7. Interested people should contact Lisa Perrone at 630-483-5673 directly to register. The class will meet on Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4 and 18. The suggested donation for the six-session program is \$12.

The hit ABC show The Bachelor will be airing The Golden Bachelor starting September 28. Twenty women over the age of 60 will compete for 71-year-old bachelor Gerry from Indiana. We want to join “bachelor nation” and will be offering a weekly watch party of the show. We will air the previous week’s episode on Thursdays at 7 PM. Viewers can arrive at 6:30 PM and enjoy a beverage from the cash wine bar or to chat with others. We hope you join us starting Thursday, October 5, to catch the first episode.

We will also begin offering 2-3 “pop up” events each month. These events are random, fun things for people to enjoy or participate in. Be on the lookout in upcoming newsletter editions and mark your calendars.

Visual Arts Instructors Linda Kay and Mimi Krall have been hard at work preparing for the annual art exhibit featuring works from our participants. The exhibit was rebranded this year as HT Creates which reflects the wide range of artistic endeavors of our students.

Staffing: The search for a Nutrition Assistant continues. There were a few promising candidates, but they did not pan out. The position has been reposted and we continue to recruit for the 25-hour per week part-time role. Please share with anyone who might enjoy working in a kitchen. U-46 intern Eesha Alaparathi from Bartlett High School departed the organization on August 9. Eesha was a wonderful asset to the department and she will be missed.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

- Cafe Cruisin’: Briana’s BF, Lunch Oct 19
- Cafe Cruisin’: O’Hare Pub November 7

New Business

Minutes: Chairperson Peggy Bucaro presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval.

Correction: Change Peggy Bucaro present to Peggy Bucaro absent in the minutes. A motion was moved to approve the August 14 Monday 2023 regular meeting minutes with the above correction by Naomi Walters-Lenoci, seconded by Peggy Deyne. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Peggy Bucaro abstained. All other members present voted ‘Ayes’. Motion carried.

Other Business

Employee Recognition: Social service Manager Diana Gomez, was recognized for with a certificate and gift card in appreciation of her outstanding work providing timely help to a homeless Person.

Elizabeth Craig, employed with the transportation dept as bus driver was secreted for recognition in October 2023 for her exemplary offered to the passengers.

Holiday Party giveaways - Megan Conway presented a few items for consideration for the holiday party giveaways including growable planter gift kit -Pine tree, Playing cards, Refresh Simplex Tumbler with straw, Lanyard with metal lobster clip etc. She everyone is encouraged to provide ideas on useful items keeping in mind the budget - about \$7

Raffle License

A motion was moved to approve the affidavit to be submitted to the Illinois state authorities for conducting Raffle events at our facility by Larry Bretz and seconded by Naomi Walters-Lenoci. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Review of Department Budget

Megan Conway presented Hanover Township Ageing service FY24 budget and provided information of source of funds, utilization, variance with FY23 Budget by line item. This was very helpful for a deeper understanding of the Aging services Finances. Thank you Megan.

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 by 2:15 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 9, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lathara,

Secretary

Hanover Township Senior Citizen's Services Committee