

**Hanover Township Senior Center
Lower-Level Multi-Purpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, August 14, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Walter Gramiak at 1:00 PM. The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

Present: Larry Bretz, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara, Peggy Bucaro, Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Peggy Deyne, Trustee Craig Essick.

Absent: Peggy Bucaro

Present (Aging Services): Megan Conway, Lisa Perone, Dino Kazeos, Marilyn Perri. Public: Mickey Randall, Peggy Reinhardt

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairperson Walter Gramiak led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

Public Comments

Vice-Chairperson Walter Gramiak welcomed guests and opened the floor for comments. No public comment.

Reports

Chair Person's Report

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro is on vacation. Vice-chairperson Walter Gramiak provided report. He congratulated the programming team for organizing a very enjoyable summer party.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report ending June 2023

Larry Bretz presented the monthly report ending June 2023. Income - \$7,290.67 Expense - \$1,662.65
Net Income - \$5,528.02 Beginning Fund Balance - \$ 83,134 Ending Fund Balance - \$ 88,762

This accounts for 25 % of the fiscal year.

A motion was moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Lynn Nelles, seconded by Larry Bretz .

A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Absent: Peggy Bucaro. Motion carried.

Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Liaison Craig started off with a comment on the board meeting. He also mentioned the challenges with contractors building the emergency service stations at the newly acquired property adjacent to Township facilities. Though a definite completion date is not available at the moment, its expected to finish some time in the fall of 2023. Senior Service Committee members will have an opportunity to tour the facility upon completion.

Director's Report

Director Megan Conway presented the report.

Over fifty people enjoyed a three-course meal at the summer party on July 27. We also had excellent live entertainment, and lots of fun dancing. Staff received numerous compliments from attendees on the venue, food, entertainment, and value. The next party will be our Halloween event on Tuesday, October 24, at 11 AM.

Several new programs launched in July. First, we welcomed Jim Murrell for a weekly computer workshop series. In September/October, we will be offering additional tech classes in partnership with the Oaks of Bartlett. In July, we also added a weekly senior exercise class with a new instructor and a weekly meditation class on Thursdays.

The Nutrition program continues to expand and offer delicious service to clients. In August, the café added a weekly hot vegetarian meal as well as daily diabetic-friendly options. The average daily attendance of the café has reached 110 and continues to grow. The Home Delivered Meals program is also growing and will be looking to add an eighth route for regular service. The team needs five additional volunteer drivers to commit to a route as well as order new equipment and supplies. We continue to accommodate 100 – 110 people daily through home delivered meals as well. Recently, the Township hosted several visits from local stakeholders including US Representative Delia Ramirez and the new Principal with Streamwood High School.

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 department is still recruiting for a part-time Nutrition Assistant position. We have conducted several first round interviews. We are still recruiting and hope to fill the position soon. New Bus Driver Danielle Edwards joined the department July 21. Danielle completed her initial training and has begun transporting clients. Current Bus Driver Beth Evans moved to the four-day per week schedule on August 7. The U-46 intern, Eesha Alaparathi, concluded her summer placement with us on August 9. Eesha provided outstanding support to the department's operations and we wish her well in future endeavors. Social Services Specialist Thalia Robles started maternity leave August 4. She will be on leave through the beginning of November. C-HOPE Therapist Trish Abbey returns August 15 from her temporary reduction in hours.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

- Cafe Cruisin': Atlas Chicken Sept 11
- Cafe Cruisin': Briana's BF, Lunch Oct 19

Eli's Cheesecake:

We received 71 advance orders for the 7" Eli's Cheesecakes totaling 216 units. The sale was conducted on July 24 at the senior center. Total proceeds from the sale were \$1,215.00 with a net profit of \$170.50. Even though the number of units sold was higher than the previous year, net profit was lower than 2022 due to higher cost of purchase.

New Business

Minutes: Vice-Chairperson Walter Gramiak presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval. A motion was moved to approve the regular meeting minutes by Larry Bretz and seconded by Lynn Nelles. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Absent : Peggy Bucaro. Motion carried.

Other Business

Employee Recognition:

Megan Conway recommended social service Manager Diana Gomez, especially in appreciation of her outstanding work providing timely help to a homeless Person. A motion was moved to approve the award by Larry Bretz and seconded by Lynn Nelles. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent: Peggy Bucaro. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Social Service Funding request:

Two of the senior committee members, Larry Bretz and seconded by Lynn Nelles will be the approving authority. If either of them are not available, the Chairperson will be the approving authority.

Apple Cider Donut Fundraiser:

Naomi Walters-Lenoci will collect and provide more details on this item.

FALL Food Truck Festival

A motion was moved to sponsor Beverage tent for \$1000 by Naomi Walters-Lenoci and seconded by Peggy Deyne.

A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent : Peggy Bucaro. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Others

A motion was moved to support Home Delivered Meals supplies purchase cost no exceeding \$1500 by Larry Bretz and seconded by Naomi Walters-Lenoci. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent: Peggy Bucaro. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

A motion was moved to support upcoming Holiday parties with \$800 towards purchase of gift Cards by Larry Bretz and seconded by Naomi Walters-Lenoci. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent : Peggy Bucaro. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Holiday Party on December 2nd week at Briana's.

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 Peggy Deyne. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lathara, Secretary