



**Hanover Township Senior Center
Lower Level Multi Purpose Room
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Monday, October 9, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peggy Bucaro at 1:00 PM on October 9, 2023. The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

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

Absent: Naomi Walters-Lenoci

Present (Aging Services Team): Diana Gomez, Devora Murillo, Mary Aguayo, Elizabeth Craig, Dino Kazeos

Public:

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro led the pledge of allegiance recitation.

Public Comments

None

Reports

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro thanked Social Services Manager Diana Gomez for stepping in with the director's report in the absence of Megan Conway. The Chairperson also commented on our scholarship program and the need to ensure adequate visibility so that it will be availed by the intended recipients. She also appreciated the impressive number of services - home delivered and other meals served, volunteer hours and other programs.

Treasurer's Report

Larry Bretz presented the monthly report ending July 2023.

Income - \$12,507.76 Expense - \$6,270.21

Net Income - \$6,237.55 Beginning Fund Balance - \$ 79,437

Ending Fund Balance - \$ 85,675

This accounts for 42 % of the fiscal year.

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

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

Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Liaison Craig was absent.

Director's Report

Social service Manager Diana Gomez presented the report. on behalf of director Megan Conway

- We are looking for more drivers to provide home delivery meal services. Currently, about 40 drivers provide services but we need more.

- Medicare open enrollment season is about to start.
- The Giving Tree starts November 1, and provides an opportunity for donors to help the community.
- PACE conducted their annual onsite audit of our transportation department. Due to COVID, PACE was not able to do the annual audit for the past three years. There were no adverse findings from the audit.
- Social Services team is now accepting applications for the annual adopt-a-senior program. If someone is in need please refer them to the Social services department. Clients receive a care package and an invitation to an annual holiday party in December. In October, the department will also accept applications for the low income home energy assistance program. (LIHEAP). LIHEAP provides credit towards gas and electric bills during cold winter months.
- Home health care continues to grow. Fifteen clients are currently enrolled and receiving visits. We will be celebrating the second anniversary of the Home services program on November 3rd.
- In Nutrition, the Cafe operations continue to exceed pre-pandemic levels. Nutrition manager Perri has sought to increase the program to an eighth route.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

- Cafe Cruisin': Briana's Pancake House on Oct 19 and O'Hare Pub November 7

New Business

Minutes

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval. A motion was moved to approve the September 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes by Larry Bretz, seconded by Peggy Deyne. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Other Business

Employee Recognition:

Elizabeth Craig, employed with the transportation dept as bus driver, was awarded a certificate of recognition and gift card in appreciation of her timely exemplary support to clients during the trips.

Holiday Party giveaways

Discussion on the holiday giveaway agreed to provide a \$4 gift card for 'Cafe' in festive settings, to the tune of 150 cards at a cost of \$600. A motion was moved to approve 150 four-dollar gift cards for "Café," in festive settings by Lynn Nelles, seconded by Larry Bretz. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes.' Motion carried.

Meeting Dates

A motion was moved to approve the 2024 Senior Committee meeting dates as provided in page 18 of the package by Larry Bretz and seconded by Walter Gramiak. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Adopt A Senior.

Older adults in need of support during the holiday season may apply for care packages. They can request for up to seven items in the packages. The requested items will be displayed on the Christmas tree so that donors can participate in this worthy cause.

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 November 13, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Lathara,
Secretary