

Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee

Hanover Township Senior Center

Technology Lab

Monday, February 12, 2024

1:00 PM

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Peggy Bucaro

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

Public: Jennifer Fair-Schaefer, Charlize Younglove

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comments:

Walter raised a few concerns about transport department practices. He commented that the transport department appears to change the rule on a whim without adequate warning. He recounted occasions when he had to wait an unusually long time to be picked up after appointments. To another query by Walter on the status of Bus repair, Megan responded that the repair was held up due to lack of replacement parts. Now that part has arrived at the dealer but may need some more time to complete repairs and associated maintenance tasks along with safety checks.

Megan also touched on another concern brought to her by Mardi Gras party attendants - no availability of carry-out containers at the restaurant. She stated container availability will be posted in Club 59 for future events.

Reports

Chairperson's Report

Walter Gramiak presided over the meeting in the absence of Peggy. Walter recounted his encounter with a couple at the Cafe, who wanted to volunteer at the Senior center. They are also willing to share information with their friends in the community. Megan and her team are willing to visit with any interested community and share information. Universal Taxi, 'Precious Cargo' were recommended as affordable transport resources.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report ending December 2023

Larry Bretz presented the monthly report ending December 2023.

Income - \$2,313.59 Expense - \$2000.00

Net Income - \$313.59 Beginning Fund Balance - \$ 79,437

Ending Fund Balance - \$ 84,659

This accounts for 75 % 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. Absent: Peggy Bucaro. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Liaison Craig was absent. Megan Conway announced the inauguration of the emergency service station at the newly acquired property on February 3rd. Nutrition Services provided excellent support during the event. The township finance committee met on February 6th and approved the proposed budget as presented.

Director's Report

Megan Conway provided the director's report.

- The Mardi gras party at Villa Olivia was well attended (75-80). One of the wrinkles reported by the participants was the non-availability of to-go containers. This will be considered in the future.
- Limited Kitchen workspace. As the scope of our services increases, it's felt that the kitchen workspace is insufficient. Planning is afoot to creatively redesign the existing area (like repurposing under-utilized bathrooms for freezer space).
- Expanding Aging service footprint diverse demography: Department is actively considering ways to spread information on the various opportunities available within the departments of Aging services to the Spanish speaking population.
- AARP income tax return assistance and social service software program implementation is underway. For AARP tax Aide program clients can call to schedule an appointment on January 22. A phone line is planned to answer in rollover mode till it gets a service person.
- Volunteer info session on January 22nd was attended by 30 participants. It is planned to offer these sessions on an annual basis.
- February 22nd is Margarita Day. All are welcome.
- April 25 is the annual volunteer luncheon. The theme this year is 'You are a lifesaver'.
- The following Committee members are up for reappointment - Walter, Larry, Lynn and Naomi.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

- One Twenty Live March 21

Staff Recognition:

Jesse Rico of FARM (Facilities and Road Maintenance) is recommended for March 2024.

New Business

Minutes:

Vice-Chairperson Walter Gramiak presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval. A motion was moved to approve the January 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes by Naomi Walters-Lenoci, seconded by Larry Bretz. A roll call was taken by the secretary. Absent: Peggy Bucaro. All members present voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

Other Business

Paczki day fundraiser

Naomi Walters-Lenoci reported that Paczki Day fundraiser was a success; the entire lot of the packages were sold out. She expressed satisfaction of Meijer who provided excellent service and quality products.

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 2:25 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lathara,
Secretary