

**Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Committee
Hanover Township Senior Center
Multi-Purpose Room
Monday, October 14, 2024
1:00 PM**

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 by Chairperson Peggy Bucaro.

Roll Call: Peggy Bucaro, Larry Bretz, Lynn Nelles, Clint Baker, Tom Lathara, Peggy Deyne, Naomi Walters-Lenoci was absent.

Aging Services Team: Megan Conway, Diana Gomez

Public: Safiya Syed, Walter Gramiak

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson, Peggy Bucaro, led the Pledge.

Public Comments

Walter Gramiak told us that the candy unit needs to be checked for expiration dates on the bars because many of the candy bars had expired. Kuehners are the volunteers that stock the machines, so we shall be keeping a close eye on this.

Reports

Chairperson's Report

Once again our numbers are outstanding with the volunteer numbers and people attending programs. Today was the pickup for the donuts. We had a great turn out. 732 donuts were ordered (122 half-dozen). We had \$610 in pre-orders and we paid \$427 for the donuts we roughly made \$200. A question was asked about the 113 donuts given to the Home Delivered Meal Customers and who paid for that number. There was an inter-department transfer out of the Food/Nutrition Budget into the Senior Committee Budget to cover the gift to the HDM recipients.

Treasurer's Report

The numbers are reflected through August. Our beginning balance was \$82,210; our income was \$2,960; our expenses \$509 resulting with a Year to Date Balance of \$92,615.

A question was asked about the amount of interest given us. Megan is going to verify the interest showing on our financial statement. Clint made a motion to approve the report it was seconded by Lynn, motion approved.

At this point we paused our meeting to listen to a presentation from Tina Houdek, Director of Youth and Family Services. YFS has Two Divisions: The first being Out Patient Family Therapy Program. They focus on children 0-19. They have five full time Therapists. Three are bi-lingual with one in Polish. Focusing on those suffering from Behavioral, Anxiety or Depression Issues. They have a sliding fee scale from \$5-\$100. They also offer Mental Health Services for the Transitional or Emerging Adults ages 20-26 they must live in the Township. The Second Division is the Preventative Programs. The "Parent Map" is a six week program from 10/16-11/20 on Wednesday evenings. School Based Groups, through the schools in our Township, for Crisis Intervention three times a year using assessment measuring tools to follow students throughout the school year. There are Tutoring Programs for grades 2-12. The fee is \$45 per semester. Open Gym Programs that are free of charge, after school programs which IWC has it five days a week grades 2-6 that are also run during school breaks as well.

They have an Alternative Support Program which instead of school suspensions they help those students that are “falling through the cracks” with the goal of them get through high school. Substance Abuse Programs; Leadership Development Groups. Streamwood Park District has partnered with YFS and has quarterly sports leagues, free of charge, and they presently have between 80-90 kids interested in the programs.

In December 2021 our IWC repurposed as a youth center. Illinois State has a Task Force report card which through a community Education Task Force helps to fill the gaps of service offered to the Community. Besides so many services YFS also has so many fun events for students: December has Cookies and Cocoa with Santa; Spring has pictures with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt; and Summer closes out with NNO (National Night Out) all happening at IWC. Tina entertained questions by the Committee and then left us with a wonder of all the things they do to help the youth of our Township. Thank you Tina!

Trustee Liaison’s Report

None

Director’s Report

Open enrollment for Medicare is from 10/15-12/7. LIHEAP programs are also open for Low Income home utility assistance. Adopt a Senior applications are now available. We have movement in employees but we also have many applications. AgeOptions is hoping that more people will choose to eat inside the café to encourage socialization. A reminder that the Hanover Township Foundation will hold its Casino Night Friday, October 25, 2024. Megan will be representing the Township at the annual education conference for Township Officials of Illinois as Vice President of Senior Services Association 11/11-11/14.

Thomas had to leave at 2:10.

New Business

We reviewed the Proposed Meeting Dates for the Senior Committee, they are the second Monday of each month except for December. Larry moved to approve, Clint seconded, motion carried.

Minutes from the 9/9/24 meeting, Larry moved, Clint seconded, motion approved.

The Senior Committee had previously approved the purchase of an 18’ Christmas Tree for the Lobby throughout the month of December last year. Due to the delay from the original purchase order this is a new request with a reduction of price from \$8,499 to \$7,699. The delivery will be 14 days from purchase date. Motion was made by Larry, seconded by Clint, motion approved.

Next up was a request for the purchase of new items for the Library totaling \$11,416 this includes six shelving units, one display piece, one 42” round table for small board games and repairs to the pool table. Clint made a motion to approve, Larry seconded, motion carried.

Next we are asked to review the nine Aging Services Strategic Goals for FY 2025 and offer any suggestions.

Consideration of Staff Recognition for November there was none.

Other Business

Breakfast at Brianna’s on December 9, 2024

Adjournment

Larry moved, Clint seconded, motion passed 2:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Peggy Deyne