

HINSDALE/ PERU COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2023

The meeting began at 5:35 PM in the community room at the town hall.

Present: Cathy Spinney, Jill Cole, Marion Tinney, Jennifer Stark, Margi Roussin, and Linda Schermerhorn

Absent: Janet Verge, Joanne Larmon and Eve Gripaldi

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Cathy made a motion to accept the October 9, 2023, minutes. Jill seconded the motion and the October 9, 2023, secretary's report was approved by all present members.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jennifer handed out a current copy of our account expenditures, deposits, and balances. She reported that we did not receive our state grant in October as was expected. However, she did receive an email from Elizabeth Chen, secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, stating that we will be receiving half of our state grant in November and the other half in January. A motion to accept the November 13th treasurer's report was made by Marion and seconded by Jill and approved by all present.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter – Margi shared copies of her first newsletter with the group for preview. It will be a one-page document written on both sides. Cathy reported that the company that has been mailing our newsletters, Zip-N-Sort, will be closing as of January 31, 2024. Our next newsletter will be going out for December 1st, but Cathy said she will try to find a replacement company for our future mailings.

NEW BUSINESS

Review plans for November 16 luncheon – The menu is chicken parm, ziti, salad, rolls, and dessert. There are 38 seniors signed up. The speaker will be Isaac Stone from Elder Services. Marion will get dessert. We will meet at 11:00 to set up.

Rising cost of meals and cost for a lunch – Cathy shared info from Janet regarding the cost of a turkey dinner from other caterers. It was discovered that the cost elsewhere was equal to or more than what Dylan was charging us. It was decided that if all goes well with the Christmas dinner from Ozzie's, we will stay with them for the January, February, and March luncheons. Then go from there.

Review plans for luncheons and speakers

Margi offered to contact Mae, the Hinsdale librarian, to see if she would be our January 11 speaker.

Marion will contact someone from the Berkshire Action Team (BEAT) to be our February 15 speaker.

The Christmas party is December 8, and the COA meeting will be on Dec 4th. Cathy will call Ralph to be sure the date is set.

Cathy will call Carol Forward to get the date for the Festival of Trees.

Trips and Events for 2023

Tabled.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:20. Next meeting is December 4th. Submitted by Marion Tinney