

HINSDALE/ PERU COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2023

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

Present: Cathy Spinney, Janet Verge, Jill Cole, Marion Tinney, and Jennifer Stark

Absent: Linda Schermerhorn, Margi Roussin, Joanne Larmon and Eve Gripaldi

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Janet made a motion to accept the November 13, 2023, minutes. Jennifer seconded the motion and the November 13, 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 received 50% of our state grant and would be getting the rest in January 2024. Janet made a motion to accept the December 4, 2023, report and Jill seconded it and approved by all present.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter – The December newsletter created by Margi has been mailed out. Good job Margi on your first publishing. It was noted that it would cost less to mail if the addresses were placed on the back of the newsletter. Then it could be folded and mailed without an envelope.

NEW BUSINESS

Review plans for the Christmas Party – The date of the event is Friday December 8 from 12:00 to 2:00 at the Fire station. The meal will consist of Ozzie's turkey dinner and is free to all Hinsdale seniors 60 or older. There are 75 seniors signed up. The fire chief will have the fire trucks outside before 10:30. There is no sound system at the fire station. Marion will bring the boom box over from Yoga. Jill and Marion will bring Christmas music on CDs. Marion will order cupcakes from Price Chopper. Jill will purchase two quarts of half and half and a small milk for the coffee table. Jennifer will bring an artificial poinsettia for the 13th table. We will meet at 10:00 to refresh the table decorations from last year and set up the tables after that.

Festival of Trees – This event will be held at the old Town Hall on **December 16 and 17** and is put on by the Hinsdale Dayz Group. The COA members serve cookies and hot chocolate during the event. The times are **Saturday from 6-8 PM** – Janet and Jill **Sunday from 1-4** – Jennifer, Linda and Marion

Any other COA members are welcome to assist at these times and to bring cookies.

Decorate a COA Christmas Tree for the Festival of Trees – We need to set up and decorate our tree the week before this event at the old town hall. A date and time for this still needs to be decided. Please let Marion or Cathy know if and when you can help.

Review plans for luncheons.

Some ideas for meals for January through March were discussed. Janet will meet with Dylan to decide. Meatloaf, Mac and cheese/ham, pork, stew with biscuits.

Trips and Events for 2023 – These are upcoming trips with more info to follow:

March 11 – Celtic Angels – Connecticut

May – Menopause – Proctors

June – Strawberry Festival - Holyoke

July – Lake George

September – 911 – New York City

Adjournment Janet made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Marion and the meeting adjourned at 6:30. Submitted by Marion Tinney