

## HINSDALE/ PERU COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

**February 12, 2024**

The meeting began at 5:30 PM in the community room at the town hall.

**Present:** Cathy Spinney, Jim Alden, Janet Verge, Marion Tinney, Margi Roussin, Linda Schermerhorn, and Jennifer Stark

**Absent:** Jill Cole, Joanne Larmon and Eve Gripaldi

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Cathy made a motion to accept the January 8, 2024, minutes. Jennifer seconded the motion and the January 8, 2024, 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 the other half of our state grant that was expected to come in January has not arrived yet. It was noted that any funds remaining in the town account will be returned July 1. Marion made a motion to accept the February 12, 2024, report and Cathy seconded it and approved by all present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Newsletter** – Margi brought a copy of the next newsletter which she has been working on. She will be adding more info to the February luncheon piece after the Feb. 15 luncheon. She has been communicating with Chuck Danforth who is the general manager of operations at the Berkshire Eagle. He indicated he has received our mailing list. Margi will be giving him her copy to mail out for March 1 and she will find out the cost of the mailing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Luncheons and speakers –**

February 15 – Mac and Cheese, ham, and carrots

The speakers are Jane Winn and Bethany Ebeling from Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) from Pittsfield. The topic is "Protecting the Environment in the Berkshires."

March 14 – Roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, applesauce, and carrots.

The speaker is Dawn Collins from Berkshire Wildlife. The topic is "What she does for Animals."

April 11 – a meal suggestion is beef stew , salad and rolls. Janet will check on this.

Cathy will check on a speaker.

May – Super Senior Party. Janet will call Ozzie's to set a date.

June 13 – Janet will check if chef salads and rolls will be possible.

The suggestion was made to have someone from Berkshire Farm Sanctuary of Hinsdale as speaker.

July – Instead of lobster rolls, it was suggested that cold meat or meatball grinders would be more economical.

Janet mentioned having a psychic medium as guest speaker. Janet will research the cost.

#### **Trips and Events for 2024 –**

##### **MacHadyr Theater –**

Cathy reported that Rima Sala's husband, Don, would drive the bus to the event. The musical would be West Side Story on June 23. Tickets cost \$45. The theater does not offer the tickets with a meal at a local restaurant as before. Cathy will find out how many seats are on the bus and will check out Yianni's Restaurant for a price.

##### **The Goldenrod Restaurant in Worthington –**

Jim mentioned the restaurant has Drag shows. It might be an idea for another event. He will check it out.

This is upcoming trip organized by Hilltown Travelers:

March 11 – The Encore Casino in Boston - \$60 which includes transportation.

May 19 – Menopause Show at Proctor's is sold out.

**Adjournment** Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jennifer and the meeting adjourned at 6:45. Submitted by Marion Tinney

