

HINSDALE/ PERU COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 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, Jill Cole, and Jennifer Stark

Absent: Linda Schemerhorn, Joanne Larmon and Eve Gripaldi

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Janet made a motion to accept the February 12, 2024, minutes. Cathy seconded the motion and the February 12, 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 first half of our state grant had been received and the letter stated that the other half (\$4,865) was to be distributed in January. That did not occur. In February, only \$542 of the second half of the grant was distributed. Jennifer is trying to find out why we did not receive the entire second half. She is asking the state for last year's annual report so she will be able to complete the 2023 fiscal report. However, she said that even though the 2023 report has not been completed yet, it should not affect our distribution. Jill made a motion to accept the March 11, 2024, report and Marion seconded it and approved by all present.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter – Margi reported that the March 1 newsletter was well received by the community. They remarked about the pictures of the luncheon crew and especially liked that the newsletter was in color. Jim offered to continue taking pictures at the luncheons. Margi is researching articles for better senior health to add to the next issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Luncheons and speakers –

A discussion followed regarding the February luncheon and that Ozzie's did not provide enough ham slices for all the requested dinners. Fourteen people did not receive ham. After much discussing back and forth with Ozzie's, Janet agreed to accept a refund of \$66 from them.

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.”

There are 49 people signed up. Cathy will pick up dessert for the event.

April 11 – Beef Stew, salad and rolls.

The speaker will be Kristen Tool. The topic is “Heart and Soil.”

May – Super Senior Party will be on May 9 at Ozzie’s at 11:30 for the turkey dinner.

Marion will update the invitation and mail them out. Cathy will send Marion a list of seniors who are 90 and older. Cathy will keep track of who is coming.

June 13 – Marion will call the Berkshire Farm Sanctuary to see if the owner would speak at our luncheon.

July – Janet discovered that having a psychic medium as guest speaker would be too expensive - \$50 per guest.

Trips and Events for 2024 –

MacHadyr Theater –

Cathy reported that Dufour will only allow their bus drivers to operate the bus on trips at \$100/hour. The musical will be West Side Story on June 23. The \$90 cost for the trip will include tickets for the show, a buffet lunch at Yianni’s and the cost of the bus.

The bus will leave the fire station at 12:30 for a 2:00 show.

The Goldenrod Restaurant in Worthington –

Jim is still working out the details for lunch and a show at the Goldenrod Restaurant in Worthington. He will try for July or August. It would be about a 5 hour event for the bus cost

Submitted by Marion Tinney

