

Holland Council on Aging Meeting

Holland Community Center
40 Brimfield Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting -- December 13, 2022

Online Zoom Meeting called to order at: 10:15 A.M. by Linda Racine, Chairperson

Board members in attendance: Linda Racine, Chairperson; John Senseman, Vice Chairperson; Susanne Hilbert, Secretary; Robin Wilson, Treasurer; Robin Cournoyer, Cheryl Rogers, Members. Absent: Karen Horton. Other: Brenda Palmer, Center Director.

Secretary's Report

Motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes by: John Senseman

Second by: Cheryl Rogers

All Members Approved.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by: John Senseman

Second by: Cheryl Rogers

All Members Approved.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Per Robin Wilson, just received newsletter invoice.

There should be some money left in the Budget, Robin will look into it.

Regular account has \$10,000 in fund.

Director's Report

Brenda Palmer says it's been crazy busy at the Community Center. A security system has been installed at the Center. Election was held. Brenda was asked about big ticket items she needed. New kitchen appliances are needed badly at HCC. Senator Fattman visited, and mentioned trying to get money. Town is looking at money. Brenda is getting estimates. Electrical service will need updating. Downstairs area needs a second emergency exit, and a bathroom with a shower. Stacy came in during the visit and she and the Senator discussed a feasibility study. Brenda praised her staff and their hard work at the Community Center that is so much appreciated by everyone.

Outreach Report

Brenda mentioned more fuel assistance applications are being requested. Work on the meeting room/game room/Outreach room is in process now. The Staff are helping Brenda

with Outreach questions when Brenda is not available. Outreach is largely answering questions. Often adult children calling for seniors needing help/assistance.

Old Business

Van

Brenda wrote the van person for an update. She is waiting to hear back.

Holland Helpers

Stacy is checking with lawyers and insurance about liability issues.

GSSSI

Robin Cournoyer mentioned that there may be funding available for kitchen/basement renovations through GSSSI. Robin will check, if funding is needed.

New Business

Director Requests

For Nail Services, as an on-going service, Brenda requested up to \$100.00.

Motion to approve by Linda Racine.

Second by John Senseman .

All approved.

Motion passed.

Brenda is planning on using some holiday money to buy candy to be given out and Holly is getting cheesecake donated for the meal tomorrow. Around 60+ people are coming for the meal tomorrow.

Outreach Requests

Two tables for the Outreach Room, to fit in the space, up to \$500.00 for two tables requested.

Motion to approve by Linda Racine.

Second by Robin Cournoyer.

All approved.

Motion passed.

Robin Cournoyer asked if we had a grant writer to apply for grants, we do.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Cheryl Rogers.

Second by John Senseman .

All Members Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:52 AM

Next COA Meeting on January 10, 2023 at 10:15 AM

