**INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING**

**10/1/21**

**11:30am**

**Zoom**

**GENERAL MEETNG MINUTES**

**SPEAKER:** Bruce Davis (Licensed Insurance Agent)

* Lots of changes with Medicare
* Important to have someone educate your people
* Gateway Medicare fully owned by Highmark. People will be getting new card, new info
* More people are going toward Medicare Advantage plans
* Everyone needs to review their plans
* Today’s first day can talk about changes
* Oct. 15-Dec 7th open enrollment where you can change plans
* There are plans that don’t have monthly premiums
* Plans now have rides to Dr. apts. and it does not involve the Lift
* Don’t have to wait to take you back home like you do with the Lift
* Some plans cover meals after stay in the hospital – 14 meals delivered to your home
* Some plans cover dental, vision, and hearing
* $2000 dental including dentures
* $5000 every year for hearing aides
* Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Companion Care, Silver Sneakers, telehealth
* Home healthcare, Daycare, short term care can be paid for
* Can call Bruce with any questions
* [www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-you.pdf](http://www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-you.pdf)
* www://medicaidplanningassistance.org/definitions/

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**  Sister Pat Hause

* Nothing more to report

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Kathie Soudan

* Nov. speaker is Natalie Massing from the Second Harvest Food Bank
* Working on further speakers

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Wendy Wallace

* See attached report

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Stephanie Garcia

* If missing anyone on e-mails, please let her know

**MEMBER’S AT LARGE:**

* Nothing to report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Amy Chevalier

* Currently have 42 paid members
* If you know anyone who would like to join, please direct them to our website.

**ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT:** Mary Beth Pfister

* Art show at Traditions 1608 West 8th Street

**VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Kathie Soudan

* Still have reservation in place
* Holding decision until we get a little closer

**COMIC RELIEF:** Amee Weislogel not present

* Nothing to report

**BY-LAWS:** Amy Chevalier

* Currently reviewing

**ELDER JUSTICE:** Pasquale Casane

* Everything is on hold

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jennifer Moody

* Marybeth will e-mail Jennifer with info to post on website about Art Show

**GUIDES TO SERVICES:** Todd Kuzdzal

* Has had a lot of people volunteer to help – Thank you

**FINANCE:** Wendy Wallace

* Nothing more to add

**LEGISLATION:** Matt Trott

* [www.dhs.pa.gov/healthinnovation/pages/healthequity.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/healthinnovation/pages/healthequity.aspx).
* www.governor.pa.gov/about/office-of-advocacy-and-reform/

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Trevor Pearson not present

* Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Nothing to report

**NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

* Mary Machuga
* Emily Hackshaw

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

* Ann Flick shared if you know anyone who she can sent a card to let her know
* GSWA meetings are always held now at the Ambassador the 2nd Thursday of the Month. Next meeting is Oct. 14 at 2:30pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday Oct. 28th at 8am via Zoom**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Nov. 5th at 11:30 via Zoom or in person**

**Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Garcia Secretary**