

Commission on Aging (COA)

Minutes from April 24, 2014 Meeting

Call to Order: 10:35 am by Chairwoman Jo Golec

Present: Jovita Cozean, Nancy Geysen, Jo Golec, Rosalie Hoffman, Mary Ellen Klinck, Vicki Riley-Pach, Alice Sabo, Brad Parker

Absent: Suzanne Bostelman, Ernie Malavasi, Jim O'Brien, John Pagnani: all excused

Secretary's Report: Accepted on motion by Rosalie Hoffman, seconded by Jovita Cozean

Treasurer's Report: Fund 52 account: \$6,362.00. Cost of cabinet has not been deducted.

Correspondence: None

Chairwoman's Report: No report

Old Business:

1. Thursday bus to Lunch is being cancelled due to lack of interest. May resume in the future.
2. "Call System" update: Brad will provide details beginning of June.

New Business:

1. Jo Golec requested volunteers to serve as Nominating Committee for new officers. Rosalie Hoffman and Jovita Cozean volunteered. Will report next meeting.
2. Citizens' Concerns: none.
3. Jovita Cozeans asked about the bus schedule to the food bank. Brad explained that the bus takes people shopping and to the food bank the first 3 Tuesdays of each month. The fourth week, the bus goes shopping on Wednesday. Riders must sign up by the previous day.
4. Drivers Safety Class on April 23rd: two people left prior to the start of the class because they didn't realize that the class was four hours long; thought it was two hours. Brad confirmed that the class was promoted as a four hour class. Prior years, the class was two days, four hours each day.
5. Vicki Riley-Pach asked for clarification regarding the sign up procedure for the Medical Car. Brad explained that seniors simply need to call the Senior Center. The med-car calendar fills up quickly; May has been booked solid since early April.
6. Mary Ellen Klinck reported that the town Democrats are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit the East Haddam food/fuel banks. To be held at the Senior Center: Sunday, May 4th, 8 am – 11 am. \$7.00. \$5.00 with cereal donation.

Coordinator of Senior Services Report: Brad Parker reported on the following:

1. Attendance increased for the month of March.
2. Donations: will be acknowledged monthly in the Newsletter and on bulletin board in the Center.
3. Daffodil Festival Luncheon: today. Expecting 67 people. Entertainment.
4. Volunteer Reception April 30th. Announcement of *Senior Citizen of the Year*; plaque will be mounted in outer foyer. Expecting 60 people. Small gift for all. Dessert & coffee will be served.

5. Maintenance Department: Sweeping/cleaning up the parking lot today. Will spray walls to eliminate poison ivy. Vo-tech Ag students will then begin the usual spring landscaping chores.
6. May 14th: Senior Club will “spring clean” the Center.
7. Flea Market/Tag Sale: August 16th. Fund raiser for Senior Center. Tables available for \$10.00. Will sell food: hotdogs, baked goods, etc.
8. Upcoming Events:
 - May 3rd (rain date May 4th): Inaugural *Taste of East Haddam* at Heritage Park.
 - May 4th: Pancake Breakfast (see notes above)
 - May 12th: *Summer Sun & Skin Care & Safety Workshop*: Deborah Ringen, RN, MSN of the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley.
 - June 9th: Photography discussion with Joe Sina

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am on motion by Alice Sabo; seconded by Jovita Cozean.

Respectfully Submitted: Susannah Griffin