

Commission on Aging (COA)

Minutes from January 22, 2015 Meeting

Call to Order: 10:35 am by Chairwoman Jovita Cozean

Present: Suzanne Bostelman, Jovita Cozean, Jo Golec, Rosalie Hoffman, Jim O'Brien, John Pagnani, Brad Parker, Vicki Riley-Pach, Alice Sabo

Absent: MaryEllen Klinck, Ernie Malavasi: both excused

Guests: Nancy Geysen of East Hampton; Laura Falt, Director of Community Relations of Marlborough Health & Rehab Center

Secretary's Report: Accepted on motion by Jo Golec, seconded by Alice Sabo

Treasurer's Report: Fund 52 Account: \$5,542.33. No change.

Correspondence: None

Chairwoman's Report: No report

Citizens' Concerns: None

Old Business:

Rosalie Hoffman, *"Are You OK?" Call System* update:

- a. Craig Mansfield (Manager, EH Emergency Management Call System) has been wonderful to work with.
- b. Automated calls will take place each morning; will be completed very quickly.
- c. Marlborough has initiated a call system: volunteers are sent out to the homes. East Haddam will not send out volunteers. Will call 911 as last resort.
- d. Monday – Friday, Senior Center will call 911 when applicable.
- e. Will need responsible volunteers to manage the "Drop Box" weekends and holidays.
- f. All volunteers will be trained to use "Drop Box"; directions will be in print.
- g. A trial run of the program will be conducted

New Business: None

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

1. Attendance numbers are continually increasing; 2014: 50% increase over 2013
2. BINGO: 29 players the past few months!
3. New Year's Eve luncheon: 69 people. 45 last year.
4. Pot Luck supper tonight: 40 people expected.
5. Next week: Blood Drive, Souper Bowl

6. Future Events:

- a. Darlene Dunbar has volunteered to reach out to members of the community, 60 and over, to inform them of the programs that take place at the Senior Center: activities as well as the programs we host: food stamps, area agencies, etc.
- b. Healthy Living Expo: taking place March 28th

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2015

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:05 on motion by Jo Golec; seconded by Rosalie Hoffman.

Respectfully Submitted: Susannah Griffin