East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2022 Senior Center

Present: Brad Parker, Joe Sina, Jo Golec, Jovita Cozean, Elaine Flaherty, Maureen Gillis, June Guertin.
Absent: Barbara Davis, Sue Bostelman, Mary Ellen Klinck, Irene Haines

Meeting called to order at 10:32 AM by J. Sina.

Minutes: The January 2022 Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: No change in account as reported by B. Parker.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

- Covid-19: Last week, 3 cases were reported in town, which is the lowest in 2 years. Participation numbers are rising with the decline in Covid cases.
- Senior Meals: CRT is sponsoring a "sell a wheel" (minimum of $1) and they are being sold at the Center, Shagbark, Two Wrasslin' Cats, Liberty Bank, and Alan's Small Engines. This fundraiser is particularly important as food and gas prices have risen so much. We expect to raise more than the $2,400 we did when this program was last in place 4 years ago. CRT is still furnishing meals 3 times a week and Hometown Market 2 times. The lunch numbers dipped in January and February when Covid cases were increasing but since then have gone back up. The Hometown meals are very good and CRT meals are getting better.

New Business/Coordinator's Report:

In March, there were many new/resumed activities and in April there will be more. Some items of note:

- Art by Denny started this week, and he will have classes 2 times per month starting in April.
- There was a St. Patrick's Day party on Thursday, March 17th with corned beef and cabbage; 75 people attended.
- 60 people signed up for evening Bingo
- Indoor cornhole: 10 people played the first time, when the weather gets good it will be outdoors, and there will be some in the evening with ladder ball and food. Cornhole will be offered 2 times per month.
- Tax prep ends on April 6th
- Other activities: Cora (massage) twice a month; Reiki April 12 and 26; mystery lunch 13th; Easter Egg Hunt with prizes 14th; AARP safe driving 20th (sign up in advance); Mary Hall (first female lawyer in CT and founder of Boys and Girls Clubs) presentation by "Mary" herself as an evening event; Arts & Crafts 4/24; day bingo 28th; volunteer reception 4/27 at 1:30 (all should attend). June 18 Annual picnic with Anthony Nero's band.
- Fill out a card from the Jake from State Farm cut out that is located near the front door; receive a $20 gift certificate from Hometown. An agent (local) will call but if anyone does not want to meet with him, they can still get the certificate.
- Hoping to have a program on fraud (phone/debit cards, etc.) in June by police.

First Selectman's Report: None.

The next COA Meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Gillis, Acting Secretary