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East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2023 Senior Center

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

Meeting called to order at 10:32 AM by Vice-chair J. Guertin, sitting in for Chair J. Sina.

Minutes: The November 2022 Minutes were accepted as read.

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

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

- Covid-19: Covid positivity numbers had been fluctuating in East Haddam and Middlesex County. Right now the numbers seem stable.
- Flu is on the rise. There is a notice on the Senior Center door to advise anyone with Flu/Covid symptoms to stay home.
- Senior Meals: The numbers are steady. There are 21 people coming for lunch today. It's usually higher on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as the meals are coming from Hometown Market.
- Meals on Wheels: Funding guidelines dictate that no one can be added unless someone drops off the list.

Coordinator's Report:

- B. Parker reported that he is working on the Senior Center/Coordinator annual budget and the Long Range Plan (10 year plan). The Long Range Plan will cover expenses such as the air conditioning and boiler at the Senior Center, the Med Car, senior bus, etc.
- Wine Tasting and Open House: to encourage those in town over 50 to come and see what is happening at the Senior Center.
- The Holiday Fair and Bake Sale very well. The Craft Fair brought in over $4200, the Bake Sale brought in $800. The Knitting Room brought in $600 and the Vendor Table fees brought in $110.
- New Year's Eve Party went well and was well attended.
- Blood Drive: went well and the amount of people signing up to donate is increasing, since Covid. The end time of the Blood Drives will now be 6 PM instead of 6:30.

Upcoming

- Energy Assistance: Sign-up at Senior Center.
- EH Fuel Bank: Clients will only be able to receive 50 gallons once every 12 months.
- Tax Assistance: sign-up to receive help with taxes. First appointment is Feb. 15th. The program is looking for volunteers to help with taxes on Wednesdays beginning in February.

New Business:

- Tax Assistance: M. Gillis said that they are always looking for people to take the Tax Assistance training. The training is not difficult and will allow the program to schedule appoints with more residents.
- B. Davis will not be at the March meeting. M. Gillis offered to take minutes.

The next COA Meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Motion to adjourn at 11:01 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Davis, Secretary