East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2024 Senior Center

Present: Brad Parker, Joe Sina, Jo Cozean, June Guertin, Mary Ellen Klinck, Maureen Gillis, Elaine Flaherty, Jo Golec
Absent: Barbara Davis, Sue Bostelman
Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by J. Sina.

Minutes: The January 2024 minutes were accepted. Motion to accept by J. Cozean and seconded by J. Golec.

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

Correspondence: none

Old Business

- Senior Meals: There has been a small decline in Jan. and Feb., likely due to holidays and icy weather at times. The St. Patrick's Day lunch/celebration was well received, with 65 people attending. Donations are keeping meals going; other centers have had to cut back on the number of meals but we have not.
- COVID 19 Update: There were a few cases in the last couple months, but due to vaccinations, they weren't severe. This item can be taken off the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business: With 1 more week left, so far we have assisted with 141 tax returns, all of which were accepted by the IRS and CT.

Coordinator's Report:

- Senior Calendar Items: April 6: We will be at Chick Day at Shagbark. April 18, in conjunction with Hometown, we will have a presentation on different cuts of meat and how to cook them. April 18: Daytime bingo and April 25: Evening bingo with pizza. April 24: Annual volunteer reception. Wine tasting May 10 (also will have craft beer); last year, this brought in new members with different interests. Blood drive May 23. Working on annual picnic 2nd or 4th Saturday in June.
- A question was asked about regional meetings with other Centers. Because there have been a number of recent changes in directors and some open positions, no regional meetings have been scheduled. Brad has offered to host one as soon as there is interest.

First Selectman's Report: None

The next meeting is on May 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Gillis, Acting Secretary