Commission on Aging

East Granby, CT

Minutes

February 4, 2025

East Granby Community Center/ 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cheryl Bermani-McCann, Chairwoman, Cathy Delasco, Vice Chairwoman John Kiang Warren Miltimore, Pam Carroll Jess Kuqi, Tom Ferdman, Mattia Brose, Lee Galluccio, Alternate, Eden Wimpfheimer, Alternate

1. **Opening Remark** - Chairwoman Cheryl Bermani-McCann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Cheryl thanked everyone for coming. She extended best wishes to Suzanne Soucy and Marie Sandora as they were unable to join the meeting tonight. Cheryl thanked the YAC groups for making Valentine's Day cards for the elderly.
2. **Minutes of Past Meeting** - ***MOTION:*** A motion was made by Eden Wimpfheimer, seconded by John Kiang to accept the January 7, 2025 meeting as presented. ***Motion passed.***
3. **Senior Services Update** – Cheryl reported updates. The superintendent approved the flyer. Possible places to distribute would be Higley / Metacomet and in Talk Turkey. The superintendent offered upcoming dates of school sponsored events to attend.
4. **Social Services Update** – Cheryl reported on behalf of Elise Cosker. She reiterated the programs that continue to be offered. The Energy Assistance fund, the Energy Assistance program and the Renters Rebate program. If residents need help completing applications, they can reach out to Social Services for assistance.
5. **Good Samaritan Program** - Nothing to report at this time.
6. **Old Business**

Review COA Website Information - The website looks good.

PowerPoint Presentation - Cheryl is working the presentation.

2024 Initiatives

1) **Technical lessons on phone/pc** – Cathy and Maya are planning for April vacation where students will have more availability in their schedule due to school vacation. Cheryl will include the announcement in her Talk Turkey submission once a date is finalized.
2) **Free Atty Elder Law Program** -Eden will provide possible dates to the attorney and will also work with Kelly to arrange. Cheryl would like to know if it is possible to video the session. Lee noted there was a scam presentation that took place recently and was very informative. Tom attended and agreed, giving the committee a quick overview.

Senior Reading Program - Cheryl reported earlier under Opening Remarks.

Rich Galluccio's Sunshine Fund - Lee read a nice donation letter from a recent monetary donation she received. There have been no new requests.

New Services Listing for Seniors – Suzanne is in the process of comprising a list. Granby has a book of services that will be looked into. Warren added the VA is another source for services. Many people are not aware of services they are eligible to receive.

EG Cares Day Spring Date Options – Danny noted April 26th would be the best date and will check with Kelly Jacobs to organize. Advertising will be placed in the March Talk Turkey.

Plaque for Rich Galluccio Hydrangea - The plaque is on order. Eden will bring it to the meeting once it is delivered. Cheryl thanked everyone for all their work.

Alzheimer Program – Tabled to next meeting.

Youth Action Committee attendance/participation – Donna thanked the committee for the opportunity for the students to make Valentine's Day card. A special thank you to Cathy for distributing the cards to seniors.

7.New Business

Initiatives for 2025 - Cheryl had each member contribute their initiatives and will comprise a list to be voted on at the next meeting.

8. **Comments from the Public** - None

9. **Comments from COA** – Stay warm!

10. **Adjournment - MOTION:** a motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Warren Miltimore to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mattera