



BETHANY VILLAGE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL MINUTES
May 7, 2019

President George West opened the Residents' Council (RC) meeting at 9:15 AM with a moment of silence.

Council Members: Cheryl Brown, Judith Clovsky (E)*, Leroy Erickson, Grace Hartsock (E)*, Kay Hess, Barbara Hilt, Sandra Jones, June Kostrab, Marcia Marsh, Kathy Salmon (E)*, Lowell Starling, Graceann Steckbeck, John Sweeney, Anne Wagoner, George West, Tony Wright (E)*, Sue Moeslein

Non-Voting Member:

Dale Meadowcroft - Treasurer

Committee Chairs Present: Leroy Erickson, June Kostrab, Graceann Steckbeck, Kay Hess, Dale Meadowcroft, Corinne Kostukovich, George West, Earl Norman, Lloyd Chorpensing, Anne Wagoner, Carol Leidig

Visitors: Jim Wilt, Phyllis Kegerreis, John Judson, Bob Gasull

Minutes for April 2, 2019 meeting: Under Council Members, change "Sterling" to "Starling"; Under Financial Report, change "Merchants 1st Bank" to "Members 1st Bank"; Under Committee Reports, Model Railroad, change "at different rooms on West Side..." to "for more space on West/East sides of campus", and under Special Committee Reports, change "Mr. Bob Jones" to "Dr. James Jones". Motion to accept report as corrected:

Motion: Lowell Starling Seconded: June Kostrab

Minutes approved as corrected.

*E = Excused Absence: U=Unexcused Absence

Financial Report for April 2019: Regular report received and placed on file for audit. Interest income has increased significantly since account changed to Members 1st Bank.

Correspondence: None.

Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky

- A. Financial Update: BV mets its Operating Ratio (OR) for March, which was 96.6% compared to the budgeted OR was 98.8%. (See Scoop for more details.) Continue to experience some occupancy problems. BV is down by 11 beds in the Oaks, right now, a situation which is also occurring in other local retirement communities. BV has established incentives to offset the current vacancies in Residential Living. Goal is to have 11 sales by the end of May. Looking at an expense contingency plan for all our managers to make sure we have other options to make up the differences. System wide, the Asbury system is doing very well financially.
- B. The LDI conference last week was very successful, and BV received many positive comments about our community. Appreciate the patience of all the residents. Have requested the LDI not be held at BV next year (2020) because Phase II Bistro construction should be going on at that time.
- C. Century Drive: Met with reps from the township, which asked BV for another 3rd party appraisal of the land in question, which we will do. Anticipate bidding to go out this spring and construction to begin in early fall of this year.
- D. People's Bank: Will be meeting with Bank officials today (5/7) to finalize a contract to open an office at BV. Contract will for three years, with annual renewal. There will be two ATMs, one on West, near Café coat room, and one for East, in alcove near front office where coat rack is located. ATMs will not charge fees to those who do not have an account

with People's. Bank will give a presentation to all residents regarding their services.

Old Business

A. Susan Moeslein was welcomed as the newly elected RC member representing West Apartments. She will complete an unexpired term and will be eligible to run for reelection for a full two-year term in 2020.

B. Executive Council continues to revise the RC Bylaws. Anticipate completion in the fall.

New Business

A. 2018 Disclosure Statement for Bethany Village has been issued. Copies are available in Marketing office. A copy for reading is also available in the Library.

B. New PARCR delegates for 2019 are George West, Cheryl Brown and Sandra Jones.

C. Letter requesting contributions to the Associates Appreciation Fund went out to residents on May 3, 2019.

Standing Committee Reports - Complete reports available from the secretary. **(If NO REPORT is listed for a committee, that committee may only be active during certain times of the year or did not have a meeting.)**

1. **Alexander Dining Room** - No Report
2. **Art** - Susan Stiller, Chair. - No Report
3. **Associates Appreciation Fund** - Corrine Kostukovich, Chair. - See New Business. Open envelopes on May 29th. Appreciate all contributions.
4. **Audio-Visual** - Leroy Erickson, Chair, with help from John Judson, was able to show movie, but process continues to be problematic. Dale Meadowcroft offered to help resolve these issues.

5. **Benevolence Fund** - No Report
6. **Bethany Village Fair** - June Kostrab, Chair - No Report
7. **By Laws** - Executive Committee continuing revisions.
8. **Campus Outreach** - Grace Steckbeck, Chair: Status of vacancies as of April 30, 2019: Center - 0; Court Apartments - 7 available & 1 accepted; West Apartments - 14 available, 2 contracted and 1 accepted; East Cottages - 3 available, including Marketing Office & one contracted; West Cottages - 1 contracted; Estate Homes - 0.
COMPLETED MOVES: Center -0; Court Apartments - 0; West Apartments - 3; East Cottages - 0; West Cottages - 2; Estate Homes - 0. Independent Living - 475; Assisted Living - 101 and Oaks - 61 for a total of 637 residents but changing daily.
9. **Care Assurance** - Kathy Salmon, Chair - No Report.
10. **Courtesy** - Kay Hess, Chair - For April, 12 get well and no sympathy cards mailed.
11. **Dining Services** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - No report. Will have next meeting in June.
12. **Facilities** - George West, Chair- Roof in East is repaired, shuffleboard is completed and the new air conditioner for Court Apts has been installed. Repair of leak in the gardens is ongoing. Mini golf course has been completed, as well. New sign at Sheeley Road really helps.
13. **Gallery Goodies** - No report
14. **Garden Club** - Judith Clovsky, Chair - No Report
15. **IT** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair: New member Maria Laterra, E. Cottages.
16. **Library** - Connie Scheib, Chair - Added 19 books in April, with 11 in large print. Some books completed some series that were already in our collection. One of them is the Jefferson Series by Dumas Malone. Try them and see if you like them. We have moved the DVDs to their proper shelving, and on the shelves where the DVDs were located, we placed older books that residents might find interesting to read.
17. **Model Railroad** - Lowell Starling, Chair - Housing for East train is being refurbished with a new platform, which will be expanded with a plexiglass roof. Still working to get the Garden Train ready for use by May 15. Have been dealing with replacing rotting items, barns, etc.
18. **Nominating & Elections** - See Old Business for report by Earl Norman, Chair. regarding election of new RC member.

19. **Program** - Judith Clovsky, Chair - No Report.
20. **Remembrance Garden** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - Seven bricks were laid on Friday and letters sent out.
21. **Spiritual Life Enrichment** - Lloyd Chorpenning, Chair - Holy Communion went very well. Appreciate help on getting area that is used for preparations of services in working order.
22. **Wellness** - Carol Leidig, Chair - Enhanced Mobility Pilot has been launched with 111 registered and 100 of these evaluated. The program's goals are "Detection - Intervention - Prevention and Prediction". Spring Games are starting with Disc Golf, Ping Pong, Pickleball, Shuffleboard and Mini Golf. Upcoming Events: Wellness profile - May 7th - 9th. BV Games - two weeks, June 10th thru 21st. Mini Golf League begins May 13th.
23. **Woodworking** - Ed Bitzer, Chair - Busy month in the workshop. Started out well with three lamps, then became mundane with repair of a couple of busted chairs, a damaged music box and refurbishing a plant stand. Constructed a large habitat for "raising" butterflies on Maplewood's 3rd floor. Bridget Walling created the jungle and purchased larva, and on May 11, six of them had become butterflies! Refurbishing the train display cabinet in East Breezeway not adequate so new cabinet is now being made. Jane Bonser, another Ken proteges, is building an open cabinet with a shelf. Len Harp finished a couple of covers for filing cabinets and John Wolf is busy replacing all the wood on a wrought iron framed bench. Most important, our depleted stock of dimensional pine was replaced by a general gift from Marvin Brubaker, Security Associate. Marv/his wife owned Brushstrokes & Blessings at the West Shore Farmers' Market and are downsizing. He had a lot of pine and some hard woods to clear from his shop and, fortunately, thought of us.

Special Committee Reports:

Events Coordinator - Tita Eberly and Sandra Jones - Next Pancake Breakfast is on July 24th.

PARCR Committee - Lowell Starling -The April 10 meeting was held in Quincy Village with 12 from BV attending. Presentations included dealing with phone fraud as well as upcoming legislation affecting retirement communities. The next quarterly meeting will be here at BV on July 10th. The featured speaker at that

meeting will be from the Social Security Administration re the future of Social Security. The committee is looking to get BV residents more involved in contacting their legislative representatives on issues which impact the success of BV. The primary approach will be using the partnership between PARCR and Leading Age PA, an advocacy lobbyist/group representing PA not for profit senior living communities. They are working with the PA legislature and governor on the 2019-2020 budget and several other issues. The most time sensitive issue is the lack of adequate funding increases in Medicaid reimbursement for nursing homes. BV is losing \$271 per day for every skilled nursing resident covered by Medicaid. There is also work on other legislation including the potential expansion of Medicare to Assisted Living. More info on these items to be forthcoming before decision is made to encourage participation in these lobbying actions. The committee is still working on getting PARCR materials to all residents who don't receive data online. Next PARCR Committee meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at 3:00pm in Admin Conf. Room.

Announcements:

- May 10: "Barbeque" Buffet at Springfield's Dining Room. Sponsored by West Cottages
- May 17: "Mother's Day/Memorial Day" Buffet in Springfield's Dining Room. Sponsored by East Cottages'
- June 6: Front Porch Social, West Front Porch from 3:00 - 5:00. Sponsored by Resident's Council.

- Executive Committee – Wednesday, Wednesday, 29, 2019 at 1:00pm
- Full Residents' Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 2019 @ 9:15 am

Adjournment - 1010

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia M. Marsh

Secretary of Residents' Council