



BETHANY VILLAGE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2020

Council Members: Cheryl Brown, Judith Clovsky, Grace Hartsock, Kay Hess, Barbara Hilt, Sandra Jones, June Kostrab, Marcia Marsh, Kathy Salmon, Lowell Starling, Graceann Steckbeck, John Sweeney, Bob Gasull, George West, Tony Wright, Sue Moeslein, Georgianne Diener

(*E = Excused Absence: U=Unexcused Absence)

Non-Voting Member:

Dale Meadowcroft - Treasurer

Committee Chairs Present: Graceann Steckbeck, Dale Meadowcroft, Anne Wagoner, Bob Brommer, Kay Hess, Cheryl Brown, Lowell Starling, Lloyd Chorpenning, Sandy Jones, Kathy Salmon, Tony Wright, Maria Laterra, June Kostrab

Visitors: Joan Bretz, Art Wagner, Helen Lee

President Judith Clovsky opened the Residents' Council (RC) meeting at 9:15 AM.

Minutes December 3, 2019 meeting: Under New Business, Para C re Gallery Goodies, revise sentence after "...January 2020." to read "All food prices are adjusted proportionately." Motion to accept report as changed made by Kathy Salmon and seconded by Tony Wright. Approved by all present.

Financial Report for December 2019: Regular report received and placed on file for audit. Also distributed was RC's Statement of Financial Position, which shows the RC is in a strong position financially.

Correspondence: Several thank you notes of appreciation from associates for contributions via Associations Appreciation Fund (AAF); BV Instrumental Ensemble for Xmas arrangement, and a thank you letter from the Ecumenical Food Pantry for \$700 donation.

Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky

- A. Financial Update: Financial figures are through November because we have not received December's from corporate offices. BV performed very well financially, meeting our November OPR by 4%. Occupancy rates are improving significantly, with only 15 vacancies, which are all in West Apartments. BV continues to look for incentives for these apartments, including making better upgrades, which appears to be successful. In Assisted Living (AL) there are 3 openings, but 2 are spoken for. Skilled Nursing (SN) has two open beds, which are for male patients only. As a result, BV has had to direct some residents to other SN locales temporarily.
- B. Bistro Update: Permits are being reviewed by the township. Pending any delays with permit review, anticipate construction to begin week of January 20th.
- C. Century Drive Extension: Project has gone out to bid and construction will probably begin in Late March 2020. BV has started working with a couple of landscape companies re construction of the berm and will advise all concerned residents on final decisions.
- D. Asbury has announced an affiliation with Albright, which have facilities in both York and Lewisburg. A letter announcing the affiliation was distributed recently to all residents.
- E. Hillside Foot and Ankle Associates, which is headed by Dr. Michael Parris, DPM, will be providing podiatry services to BV residents as of January 2020. Dr. Frank Sheaffer, our previous podiatrist, has relocated. A

letter to BV residents announcing this change was distributed in December.

- F. Comcast's decision to remove the TCM channel from regular programming was made by Comcast without coordination with BV and was implemented worldwide. BV talked to Comcast, but they are unwilling to change this policy.

Old Business

Newly elected chairs of the Standing Committees are: Tony Wright, Audit Committee; Exec Comm, Judith Clovsky, President; Bylaws, Exec Committee; Kay Hess, Nominating/Election Committee. June Kostrab and Marcia Marsh are members of the Audit Committee. Rita Sweeney, Sandy Jones and George West are members of the Nominating/Election Committee.

New Business

1. George West was presented with a Certificate to honor his service as a passed President of RC.
2. Marcia Marsh and Lowell Startling were reelected unanimously to two-year terms as RC Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, respectively.

Standing Committee Reports

1. **Audit Committee** - Tony Wright - Will be conducting annual audit in January.
2. **Bylaws Committee** - Exec. Committee - No report.
3. **Executive Committee** - Judith Clovsky - No Report.
4. **Nominating/Elections** - Kay Hess - No report.

Reports by Committees (C), Activities (A) and Clubs (CL) - Complete reports available from the secretary. (If NO REPORT is listed, that committee, activity or club may only be active certain times of the year or did not have a meeting.)

1. **Art (C)** - Susan Stiller, Chair. - Very busy preparing for a February 20 program in the Rife Center; therefore, have postponed changing pictures in the Center. Have taken down pictures in lobby area because of upcoming construction. Art Committee plans to hold an art exhibit with art created by students from the art class in SN and watercolor class, which is taught by Mary Lou Dallam. Exhibits will be hung in hallway where bank and library are located circa late January.
2. **Associates Appreciation Fund (C)** - Nan Keiser, Chair. - No report.
3. **Audio-Visual (C)** - Bob Brommer, Chair, - Continue to have problems with sound volume and quality for morning announcements. Company came in and found some problems but understand there are still problems. Beginning to believe there are other problems, so will put "incident sheets" at front desks to record problems and we can track them to try to figure out. Jim Wilt and Bob Brommer assumed responsibility for morning announcements. Looking for new volunteers to help. Anyone interested, please contact Bob Brommer. Facilities and AV committee are getting together to begin training for AV members on all equipment in Rife Center.
4. **Benevolence Fund (C)** - Anne Wagoner, Chair. - Need two new assistants to help with counting money after Vespers on Sunday evening.
5. **Bethany Village Fair (C)**- June Kostrab, Chair - Fair coming up on March 27/28, so beginning to make plans. Will have access to Rife center day before fair begins.
6. **Campus Outreach (A)** - Grace Steckbeck, Chair: Status of vacancies as of December 31, 2019: Center - 0; Court Apartments - 0 t; West Apartments - 15 available, including 4 model apts, 1 under contract; East Cottages - 1 available, (Marketing Office); West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. COMPLETED MOVES: Center -0; Court Apartments - 6; West Apartments -5; East Cottages - 0; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. Independent Living - 492; Assisted Living - 99 and Oaks - 67 for a total of 658 residents but changing daily.

7. **Care Assurance (C)** - Kathy Salmon, Chair - Will be conducting carnation sales on Valentine's Day.
8. **Courtesy (A)** - Kay Hess, Chair - For December, 18 get well and 1 sympathy cards mailed.
9. **Dining Services (C)** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - Meeting in two weeks. Dining Services very busy and going a great job. An instrument has been set up outside the dining room, on which residents can record their opinions online.
10. **Facilities (C)** - Bob Gasull, Chair - Meeting on January 15th. Remember, best to report problems directly to Facilities directly.
11. **Gallery Goodies (A)**- Joyce Frak, Chair - No Report.
12. **Garden Club (CL)**- Mary Ann Swartley, Spokesperson - No report.
13. **IT (A)**- Maria Laterra, Chair: No report
14. **Library (C)**- Connie Scheib, Chair - For December, added 28 new books, 20 in large print. Five of the books are in the BV Reader's Club selections for the year and have been paid by the Reader's Club in memory of Marian Dornell. Recent purchases of Books on CD have also been purchased by the Reader's Club in memory of Marian Dornell. Library Committee will hold its first meeting in 2020 on Tues., January 14th in the Craft Room at 1:00 pm. Will be discussing process of barcoding patrons (a pass) and how to use that info to check out items that have now been barcoded in the library via a scanner and a computer, which should make checking out smoother and more accurate in the future. Anyone interesting in attending meeting is welcome.
15. **Model Railroad (CL)**- Lowell Starling, Chair - Have installed counters on train exhibits to find out how many people look at them. Last count is over 900 people. The counter on train in East Breezeway recorded 444 times. On Christmas train, 666 people were recorded. Working on getting the garden train in prime working condition.
16. **PARCR Committee (C)**- Lowell Starling - For this month's meeting, BV is expecting 52 people from BV to attend PARCR meeting. Meeting is sold out.
17. **Program (C)**- Cheryl Brown, Chair - Meet each month. Feedback on recent programs positive. Discussed creating an icon to denote program requires walking/physical exertion. Discussing trips to Hershey Garden, Hot Toddy Day, Mackinac Island, Chambersburg Ice Festival. Please note, if an insufficient number of residents do not sign up for a

program, that program will be canceled. Kathy Salmon raised issue of establishing a BV-wide calendar, on which programs and activities are listed.

18. **Remembrance Garden** (A)- Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - Continue to send letters to families of those who have passed.
19. **Special Events** (A) -Sandra Jones, Chairs - No Report.
20. **Spiritual Life Enrichment** (C)- Lloyd Chorpenning, Chair - No report.
21. **Wellness** (C)- Carol Leidig, Chair -No report.
22. **Wood Shop** (A) - Joe Kearney -As of Dec. 20, Wood Shop has repaired a mirror frame, a piano music box, a small stool and quilt rack, and an ottoman, as well as use of the chop saw for cutting and cut top off of two 5' wide cabinets. Several members continued to work on their own projects: Ed Bitzer made "Xmas ornaments"; Ken Kieffer worked on a table with drawer; Jim Wilt and his daughter finished a large cutting board. John Bowen made an attractive wall hanging planter out of old barn wood and Kerry refinished a thee legged table, retrieved from the dumpster. Tom Beckley sorted out the Wood Shop screw drawer, which had become very scrambled over the years. Open houses will be reinstated on the first Tuesday of 2020.

Other Reports

Ecology Group - Trees have been planted in Healing Garden.

Announcements:

1. January 10: "Central Pennsylvania" Buffet, sponsored by West Cottages in the Springfield's Dining Room.
 2. January 17: Greater Harrisburg Concert Band, an evening for a winter concert in the Rife Center at 7:00 pm.
 3. January 28: 20th Buffet "Pennsylvania Dutch", sponsored by East Cottages in Springfield's Dining Room
- **Executive Committee** – Tuesday January 28, 2020 at 1:00pm
 - **Full Residents' Council Meeting** – Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 9:15 am

Adjournment - 1010

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia M. Marsh