



BETHANY VILLAGE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL MINUTES
May 5, 2020

Meeting held via ZOOM

Council Members: Cheryl Brown (E*), Judith Clovsky, Grace Hartsock (E*), Kay Hess, Barbara Hilt (E*), Sandra Jones, June Kostrab, Marcia Marsh, Kathy Salmon, Lowell Starling, Grace Ann Steckbeck, John Sweeney (E*), 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: Bob Brommer, Grace Ann Steckbeck, Lowell Starling, Bob Gasull, June Kostrab, Carol Leidig, Kay Hess, Dale Meadowcroft, Joe Kearney, Nan Keiser, Tony Wright, Sandy Jones,

Visitors: Tom Cognato, Mary Anne Morefield, John Judson

President Judith Clovsky welcomed Executive Director Brian Grundusky, who briefed the RC on current issues affecting BV, circa 9:05am

Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky

- A. Thus far, Bethany Village is free of COVID-19 cases. Believe the reasons we have been virus free is our adherence to CDC/State restrictions, the dedicated service of our associates and cooperation of our residents. Asbury Methodist Village (Gaithersburg, MD) has experienced a number of active cases within their residential and health

care areas. Asbury Solomon's had two cases, both of which have recovered. All information pertaining to COVID-19 is available on the Asbury.org website, click on COVID-19.

- B. The BV team continues to rise to the challenge, and all are doing a great job. BV associates work under most stringent restrictions, which includes remaining at home if not feeling well. Appreciate residents' cooperation, the Residents' Council support, including contacting residents. Really want to thank the ladies who have sewn all the masks, which made things easier for all of us. Unique to BV
- C. Doug Leidig, Asbury President and CEO, and Andrew Jeanneret, Chief Financial Officer, visited BV on Monday, May 4. They appeared on Morning Announcements, met with Judith Clovsky, RC President, and they walked throughout BV to thank associates for their contributions.
- D. Business operations remain strong. BV continues to maintain operating ratios and continue operations despite Covid restrictions. We could see this changing in the second quarter of 2020 and will monitor closely.
- E. BV restrictions remain in place and will continue until notified by CDC and the State. It is possible that relaxation of some restrictions for independent living might occur soon, but no decisions have been made. Anticipate mandatory testing will be initiated in skilled nursing facilities throughout the country and Pennsylvania. Talked to State Rep DeLozier's office re possible mandate that hospitals will return patients with covid-19 to nursing facilities. We are opposed to that mandate and Brian has relayed this concern to our local legislators.
- F. Bistro still delayed, but construction company looking at restarting work soon. Nothing definite yet.
- G. Century Drive: Sent out call for bids, beginning survey of land, no definite start-up date for construction.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35AM

Minutes March 3, 2020 meeting: Approval delayed until next meeting.

Financial Report for March, 2020: Report received and placed on file for audit.

Correspondence: Letter from Asbury Foundation thanking RC for \$1000 donation to the Healing Garden.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Discussed results of RC's calling all residents re their well being and any questions they might have. Generally, most all responses were incredibly positive.
2. Letters from the Associates Appreciation Fund (AAF) were distributed on Monday, May 4. Cut off day for receiving contributions is May 29th.
3. RC President Judith Clovsky met with Doug Leidig and Andrew Jeanneret to discuss various topics.

Standing Committee Reports

1. **Audit Committee** - Tony Wright - No report.
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)** - Marcia Marsh for S. Stiller - No report
2. **Associates Appreciation Fund (C)** - Nan Keiser, Chair - See info under new business. In May and October 2019, over \$28,000 and \$29,000 was collected, respectively.
3. **Audio-Visual (C)** - Bob Brommer, Chair - Most projects put on hold. Four members, Jim Wilt, Charlie Davis, George Tjiattas and Bob Brommer continue with Morning Announcements and Sunday Vespers. Also working with Resident Life to find new programming, etc., to put on channel 956, such as Friday Night Movies.
4. **Benevolence Fund (C)** - Anne Wagoner, Chair - With everything on hold, unable to collect funds. If things return to normal, hope we have a phenomenally successful December. The 11 local charities we support not only continue to serve our community but also have had increased needs due to the hardships created by the pandemic.
5. **Bethany Village Fair (C)**- June Kostrab, Chair - On hold. Mulling over future options about opening fair again. Looking at ways we might be able to sell items. Right now, do not have clearance to enter fair area so we can sort through items.
6. **Campus Outreach (A)** - Grace Steckbeck, Chair - Status of vacancies as of April 30, 2020: Center - 0; Court Apartments - 4 and one contracted; West Apartments - 13 available, including 5 model apts., 1 apartment will be future Marketing office (#3113); East Cottages - 1 contracted (old Marketing Office). West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. COMPLETED MOVES: Center -0; Court Apartments - 0; West Apartments -1 completed, 3 pending; East Cottages - 0; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. Independent Living - 485; Assisted Living -99 and The Oaks - 67 for a total of 651 residents but changing daily.
7. **Care Assurance (C)** - Kathy Salmon, Chair - No report.
8. **Courtesy (A)** - Kay Hess, Chair - For April, 13 get well cards and one sympathy card mailed.
9. **Dining Services (C)** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair -No meetings. Dining services outdoing themselves with delivery of over a hundred meals daily. This does not include meals they serve to AL and SN. Excellent reviews.

10. **Facilities (C)** - Bob Gasull, Chair - Still working on getting Rife Center doors installed with badge readers.
11. **Gallery Goodies (A)**- Joyce Frak, Chair - No Report.
12. **Garden Club (CL)**- Mary Ann Swartley, Spokesperson - Meeting was held March 10th. Plot numbers were identified and assigned to new members. We still have some open plots. Current Club balance is \$2366.96. Garden rules were discussed with no changes. All plots were opened on March 30th. Water lines have been repaired and there are wood chips and leaves available for the gardeners' use. Tilling was carried out on on April 22nd. Thanks to Maintenance and Todd who did a wonderful job. Purchase of a small tiller is still being discussed. Planting has begun and it is great to be out and about working and seeing friends we have not seen in months.
13. **IT (A)**- Maria Laterra, Chair - IT is quiet now with computer lab closed. Group have had a few meetings via phone and e-mail re a few IT questions and problems. Good to see Asbury Foundation donated tablets for residents to use to keep in touch with families and appreciate the associates who helped the residents. Also, pleased that warning about internet scams has been publicized.
14. **Library (C)**- Connie Scheib, Chair - No report
15. **Model Railroad (CL)**- Lowell Starling, Chair - Will have ZOOM meeting on Thursday PM. Got permission to have a 3-member work group to work on garden train. It will be ready to go when restrictions are lifted. Will install new fence in the future.
16. **PARCR Committee (C)**- Lowell Starling - No meetings. Still pending on October meeting. All speakers postponed until next year.
17. **Program (C)**- No report.
18. **Remembrance Garden (A)**- Nine new bricks received on Friday. Talking to Maintenance about installation.
19. **Special Events (A)** -Sandra Jones, Chair - No Report.
20. **Spiritual Life Enrichment (C)**- Lloyd Chorpenning, Chair - No report
21. **Wellness (C)**- Carol Leidig, Chair - No meetings. Article in Scoop outlined what Wellness is doing. Busy delivering meals, etc.
22. **Wood Shop (A)** - Joe Kearney - Still closed and looking forward to opening.

ECOLOGY GROUP: Mary Anne Morefield - Glad to hear that Healing Garden is progressing. Starting to plant the pollinator garden. Will have a meeting on Wednesday via ZOOM.

Announcements:

None

- **Executive Committee** – Tuesday May 26, 2020 at 1:00pm
- **Full Residents' Council Meeting** – Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 9:15 am

Adjournment

Motion was made by Marcia Marsh and seconded by Tony Wright to adjourn meeting at 1026.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia M. Marsh