



BETHANY VILLAGE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL(RC) MINUTES  
October 6, 2020

Meeting held via ZOOM

Meeting called to order with moment of silence

**Council Members:** Cheryl Brown, Judith Clovsky, 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:** Grace Ann Steckbeck, Lowell Starling, Bob Gasull, June Kostrab, Kay Hess, Dale Meadowcroft, Joe Kearney, Tony Wright, Sandy Jones, Kathy Salmon, Cheryl Brown

**Visitors:** Joan Bretz, John Judson

**Administrative Report:** Brian Grundusky

Want to express gratitude to the RC for its continued support to BV through all our challenges with COVID-19. Latest info on vaccines, primarily the Pfizer vaccine, is encouraging and Pfizer might have something by the end of the year. We will continue to work with our Corporate Clinical team on this subject.

BV has completed the first monthly testing of The OAKS Associates. We completed 117 associate tests in Skilled Nursing, and all were negative. Since Cumberland County currently has less than 5% positivity rate (3%) and BV does not have any active cases in The OAKS, we only need to test monthly. If that rate increases above 5% or we have a new active case, then we would have to test on a

weekly basis. We begin testing associates in Assisted Living in October and will do that monthly as well.

Residents no longer must be screened when leaving/returning to the BV campus. Screening will continue for residents when visiting the beauty salon, wellness areas, dining room and clinic due to the close contact with others. We continue to focus on the well-being of associates, ensuring they can work safely in BV. Unfortunately, other Asbury communities are experiencing active COVID-19 cases, so it is imperative that we continue to adhere strictly to current COVID-19 requirements to wear masks, maintain distancing and washing hands.

Century Drive Update - Construction progressing and should be completed in Nov. We will plant trees along the berm, then seed the area. Want to make sure the trees and grass take root.

Bistro - Main construction should be completed by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Will have a walkthrough of the area, then Bobby Garland will take over to make sure equipment is installed and working correctly. Hope to have opening Feb/March 2021. We are hiring 7 more staff members to work in the Bistro.

Financial Update - Continue to do well on this front. Occupancy in Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living is above budget. There are openings in both West (17) and Court (9) apartments. We have received reimbursement of \$780 thousand through the CARES Act. Our highest expenses are medical PPE and testing supplies. The 2021 budget process has begun. We are sensitive to resident concerns about increases in fees and can assure all that they will not be out of line with previous years. Final budget info will be announced in November.

Hope to have Wi-Fi throughout BV (apartments) campus by November. Plan to have training sessions, maybe in the Rife Center. More details in The Scoop.

President Judith Clovsky called the meeting to order circa 9:46am.

**Minutes September 1, 2020:** Motion to accept report with the following corrections: Under Committees, #13, change "Light bulbs have been replaced" to "Poles with burned out bulbs have been labeled." #16, change "3<sup>rd</sup>" to "31<sup>st</sup>" and

"16" to "15." Motion made by *Georgianne Diener*, Seconded *Bob Gasull*. Approved by all present.

**Financial Report for September 2020:** Report received and placed on file for audit. Despite not having a fair, RC is \$1000 in the black because of furniture sales - also got a \$300 donation from the Hoagie sale.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Governor Tom Wolf thanking RC for active participation in social and legislative issues  
Thank you note from Bethany Readers for financial support for Zoom

### **Old Business**

Update on Adopt a Neighbor, now known as "Asbury Amigos." Sandy Jones coordinating activity and working with Susan Crossley to organize this project (see #22 under Committees). November Scoop will have more specific details.

### **New Business**

1. RC agreed that if a resident wishes to participate in ZOOM RC monthly meetings, he/she should contact President Judith Clovsky, who can issue a ZOOM invitation. Will place notice in The Scoop.
2. Kay Hess and Anna Beckley have resigned from the Facilities Committee. Lloyd Chorpensing has resigned as Chairman of Spiritual Enrichment Committee.
3. Fundraiser making Xmas masks has received an overwhelming response. Already have orders for 80 masks. Limited number of 5 masks per person.
4. PARCR (Leading Age) has requested that we contact our State Senator Mike Regan to support the Senate bill concerning "reasonable liability limitations," which protects retirement communities from unreasonable libel suits. (Judith will send out the Senate Bill and Talking Points to assist members in making calls.)
5. Plan to begin collecting questions from residents to Brian Grundusky to begin at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Q and A session between Brian and Judith (to

- be televised after Brian's Monday Update). This will be a monthly process (last Monday of each month). Residents are to email or mail their questions to the attention of the Residents' Council. The object is to provide residents an opportunity to ask Brian questions so he can respond in real time. We are also checking to see if we can run a monthly "Virtual" coffee through ZOOM. John Judson, Dale Meadowcroft and Lowell Starling will investigate this process. For those who have questions, please contact Judith Clovsky (via email [jclovsky@gmail.com](mailto:jclovsky@gmail.com) or campus mail to Residents' Council mail.)
6. Grocery store runs are based on a sign in/reservation process since only a limited number of residents can go at a time. We ask residents who have access to other transportation, use that instead of the store run which is for residents who have no other way to go to the grocery store. Further, BV is unable to provide transportation to vote on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. BV has been encouraging residents to make other accommodations and have been requesting that residents, who do not drive, apply for mail-in ballots.

**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)** -S. Stiller, Chair - No report.
2. **Associates Appreciation Fund (C)** - Nan Keiser, Chair - Letters for contributions have been distributed, with a November 1 deadline.
3. **Audio-Visual (C)** - Bob Brommer, Chair - No report.
4. **Audit Committee (SC)** - Tony Wright, Chair - No Report.
5. **Benevolence Fund (C)** - Anne Wagoner, Chair - Had a wonderful and generous response to our call for offerings to support the 2020 Vesper Fund. The \$4,400 collected will be added to offerings already collected. Distributions will be made in December.
6. **Bethany Village Fair (C)**- June Kostrab, Chair - Planning to hold small fair for residents and associates only and will restrict the number of people in the housewares area at any one time. Tentative dates Nov. 13 in the pm/Nov 14 in the am. Crafts/knitting will also be holding a small fair, although timing is unknown. Furniture is not included in

the fair; however, contact Kathy Salmon if you wish to purchase furniture. More details to come.

7. **Bylaws Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, Pres., Chair - No Report.
8. **Campus Outreach (A)** - Graceann Steckbeck, Chair - Status of vacancies as of September 30, 2020: Center - 2; Court Apartments - 8 available & 1 contracted; West Apartments - 16 available (includes 6 model apts.) plus 1 under contract and Marketing office (#3113); East Cottages - 1 available; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. COMPLETED MOVES: Center - 0; Court Apartments - 2; West Apartments -5 completed; East Cottages - 0; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. Independent Living - 473; Assisted Living - 98 and Oaks - 67 for a total of 638 residents but changing daily.
9. **Care Assurance (C)** - Kathy Salmon, Chair - K. Salmon has resigned as chair of the committee. Asbury Foundation will pick another chairman. Began discussions on how to have a concert or something like a concert as a fundraiser.
10. **Courtesy (A)** - Kay Hess, Chair - For September, 21 get well cards and 1 sympathy card mailed.
11. **Dining Services (C)** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - No meetings. Changes in Dining Room's operations ongoing. Café now available for pickup service.
12. **Executive Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, Pres., Chair - No Report.
13. **Facilities (C)** - Bob Gasull, Chair - Leaks in Friendship /Gallery Goodies area will be patched as they occur. Areas for disposal of alkaline batteries are in the mail areas for both Court and West apartments.
14. **Garden Club (CL)**- Mary Ann Swartley, Spokesperson - No Report.
15. **IT (A)**- Maria Laterra, Chair - Residents should read article on page 4 in this month's Scoop re wireless internet throughout BV campus. Some residents have upgraded their computer equipment and have generously donated their old equipment to the IT Lab. Have installed one printer and another one in the works. Will also have a new iMac for Apple fans. New dining room website seems to be working well.
16. **Library (C)**- Connie Scheib, Chair - In September, added 29 books, 18 in large print. Also, started an oversize book section. A company, Integrity Hearing Aids, will purchase 8 magazines for the library during the upcoming year for residents to check out. Eight

magazines are: Better Homes & Gardens, Good Housekeeping, Women's Health, Eating Well, Martha Stewart Living, Real Simple, Field & Stream and Diabetes Self-Management. Also, have Readers' Digest in large print and Consumer's Report. **FYI: Mini houses being installed for a "book exchange" does not include library books which need to be returned to the library.**

16. **Model Railroad (CL)**- Lowell Starling, Chair - Ran the train five times in September. The new fence is up, and we received additional funding for the addition of three new villages, Southwest, 19<sup>th</sup> Century and 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Working on getting Xmas train up and running.
17. **Nominations/Elections (SC)** - Kay Hess, Chair- Ballots are being returned. Will begin counting votes after October 15 deadline. All candidates will be notified of the results.
18. **PARCR Committee (C)**- Lowell Starling - Chair - On Wednesday, October 14, PARCR will hold virtual meeting via ZOOM with Community delegates and members. Have 60 people signed up. Corey Miller, Director of Information Services at Cross Keys Village, will speak on "Recent Technology Advancements." Anne Henry of Leading Age PA will provide updates on current legislation and other issues.
19. **Program (C)**- Cheryl Brown, Chair - Have not had meetings for time being. Kristin and Lois are doing an excellent job in creating things to do.
20. **Remembrance Garden (A)**- Have 4 bricks ready for installation in Oct. Each donor will receive a letter.
21. **Special Events (A)** -Sandra Jones, Chair - Working with Susan Crossley, "Asbury Amigos" is being created so BV residents can reach out to residents in assisted living and skilled nursing. Susan will match volunteers with residents in skilled care who will benefit from the friendship of a fellow BV resident. An article in the November Scoop and a flyer being sent to all residents will provide more details.
22. **Spiritual Life Enrichment (C)**-\_\_\_\_\_, Chair - No Report.
23. **Wellness (C)**- Carol Leidig, Chair - Wellness planning to expand hours and adding indoor classes. We will be trying an online registration system for the expansion. Now have a part time intern from Messiah for a few hours per week.

24. Wood Shop (A) - Joe Kearney - Chair - Not too much activity, except building the "Book Exchange" mini houses. Lots of repair work has been completed for which we have collected \$200. Mini houses are being installed on East and West sides of campus.

ECOLOGY GROUP: Only about a year old and the Ecology Group has accomplished a lot. One of our main projects has been the Healing Garden, a now beautiful area in the Skilled Nursing area. We have received many generous donations which will help to enhance the Garden even more. Our other project is collecting soft plastics. In four weeks, we collected 550 lbs. of plastics, which means we have one bench and are now on the way to a second bench. Encouraging residents to do individual composting behind their houses and sharing with neighbors. The trees around the campus need a lot of care. Hopefully, funds can be included in the BV budget so the trees can be taken care of. Finally, we are continuing to work with Lower Allen Police to get disposal of medications here at BV.

Executive Committee – Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 1:00pm

Full Residents' Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 3, 2020 @ 9:15 am

Announcements: None

### Adjournment

Motion was made by George West and seconded by Tony Wright to adjourn meeting at 1037am

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia M. Marsh