



BETHANY VILLAGE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL(RC) MINUTES
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December 1, 2020 @ 9:15

Meeting held via ZOOM

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

(*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, Tony Wright, Sandy Jones, Kathy Salmon, Cheryl Brown, Bob Brommer, Maria Laterra, Lowell Starling

Visitors: Joan Bretz, MaryAnne Morefield, Ray Saunders, Kerry Butz, Margaret Schultz

Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky

To update the current situation regarding our residents who tested positive with COVID-19, all have received an all clear and have returned to their residences. There are no more active cases in Bethany Village. We do have three associates from Assisted Living (AL) who were quarantining at home. All are now clear and expect to return to work end of this week or next week. The situation seems to have improved greatly from two weeks ago and we are working diligently on our testing process. BV will continue to test our residents in Skilled Nursing (SN) and AL weekly until there are no positive tests for two weeks. We will continue to test our associates in AL once a week and associates in SN twice a week along our approved guidelines. Cumberland County positivity rate is 11.9%. Overall, we are

doing well now and will continue to be open and transparent in reporting virus information. We are in constant contact with the Governor's office and other officials re COVID-19 in the area, because the situation is not good right now. Some of the local hospitals have reached their limit. Keep Messiah Village in your prayers: they have 110 residents with COVID-19 and 35 residents have died.

Financial Update: We continue to do well through October and continue to beat our operating ratio by about 5% year-to-date. Revenues took a bit of a hit with some attrition in AL, which we were unable to address because of the problems we were dealing with in the last two weeks. Anticipate that things will return to normal in that area now.

Cannot say enough about our staff and the work they have done, especially in the last two weeks. We had several of our associates volunteer to work in the "Red Zone" with our positive residents.

Regarding Brian's Q and A Monday morning with Judith Clovsky, we received many questions re the recent rate increases. Want to assure residents that BV closely examines all areas of the budget and does everything possible to minimize the rate increases. The percentage of increase is based on a number of factors and we do complete a market analysis of how we compare to other retirement communities in the area. We look at each level of care and all Residential living areas. We found that one of our residential areas was at the top of that market; therefore, it received a smaller increase so we would not price ourselves out of the market and remain competitive in this area.

Update on Century Drive: Has been open now for several weeks and seems to be going well. Still waiting for trees which will be planted on the berm. Need increased signage to guide trucks to Gettysburg Rd.

John and Annie's Bistro/Clyde's Pub: Going well. Anticipate completion in Mid- January 2021, with the opening in mid-to late February. The TV installed on the outside wall will be used for communication of information and news to our residents.

President Judith Clovsky called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence at 9:39am

Minutes November 3, 2020: Motion to accept made by Cheryl Brown and seconded by Bob Gasull. Approved by all present.

Financial Report for November 2020:

Despite not having fairs this year, but due to excellent sales of furniture by Kathy Salmon and team, RC is approximately \$1100 ahead. Details on Budget will be reported at January meeting.

Report received and placed on file for audit.

Correspondence: None

Old Business

Unfortunately, the BV Fair was cancelled because of concerns over the virus. Uncertain as to when another fair will be held. If interested in buying items, contact June Kostrab and/or Marcia Marsh. For furniture, call Kathy Salmon, who reported that furniture was loaned to BV for use in rooms where residents may visit with family.

New Business

1. RC reps voted on the following slate of officers for 2021-2022: Vice President-Lowell Starling; Asst Secretary-Leona Fickel, and Asst Treasurer- Ralph Tygard. Kerry Butz was appointed as the voting member on the Executive Committee (Treasurer non-voting member), replacing Kathy Salmon.
2. Resignations: Georgianne Diener has resigned as a rep from West Apts; Susan Stiller has resigned as Chair of the Art Committee and Pat Marr has resigned after 16 years arranging flowers for Vespers services.
3. Marcia Marsh has rescinded her resignation and will remain as RC Secretary. Marcia has also agreed to become Chair of the Art Committee.

4. Ballots to elect a West Apt Rep, replacing Georgianne Diener, will be issued Dec. 2nd, returned by Dec 9th, with result known on Dec 11th.

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, Chair - No report.
2. **Associates Appreciation Fund (C)** - Nan Keiser, Chair. - On Nov. 12th, the committee, Lloyd Chorpenning, Kay Hess, Rita Sweeney, George West, and Judith Clovsky, met to open envelopes for the Fund. A total of \$39,655 was collected and deposited, and, along with our Spring drive, a total of \$70,675 will be distributed to our worthy associates this year. Checks have been readied and will be mailed before Dec 10th. (Per Dale Meadowcroft, Treasurer, the actual total is closer to \$75,000 because of leftover monies. Also, the scale was adjusted so lower end associates receive more money.) The Chair would personally like to thank all who gave and the committee for all their work.
3. **Audio-Visual (C)** - Bob Brommer, Chair. - George West is now a member in good standing of the committee and will participate in the Morning Announcements team.
4. **Audit Committee (SC)** - Tony Wright, Chair - No Report.
5. **Benevolence Fund (C)** - Anne Wagoner, Chair. - For 2020 the committee collected \$7,700 in Vesper offerings. We will distribute funds of \$700 each to the following 11 organizations: Bethesda Mission, Central PA Food Bank, Christian Churches United, Downtown Daily Bread, Ecumenical Food Pantry @ Messiah Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels; Mission Central, New Hope Ministries, The Salvation Army, United Methodist Home for Children and Volunteers of America.
6. **Bethany Village Fair (C)**- June Kostrab, Chair - See Old Business.
7. **Bylaws Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, Pres., Chair - No Report.
8. **Campus Outreach (A)** - Grace Ann Steckbeck, Chair: Status of vacancies as of November 30, 2020: Center - 2, 1 contracted; Court Apartments - 8 available, 2 contracted; West Apartments - 19

available (includes 4 model apts.) and Marketing office (#3113); East Cottages - 2 available, 2 contracted; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. COMPLETED MOVES: Center - 0; Court Apartments - 2; West Apartments -3 completed; East Cottages - 0; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. Independent Living - 473; Assisted Living - 96 and Oaks - 68 for a total of 637 residents but changing daily.

9. **Care Assurance (C)** - Kathy Salmon, Chair - Notice re the virtual concert has been distributed and response has been particularly good. Concert is on Dec 12th at 6:30pm on channel 956.
10. **Courtesy (A)** - Kay Hess, Chair - For November 14 get well cards and 0 sympathy cards mailed.
11. **Dining Services (C)** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - Staffing in dining services is going well and will soon begin the staffing process for the Bistro. Encourage all to use the Bistro when it opens.
12. **Executive Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, Pres., Chair - No Report.
13. **Facilities (C)** - Bob Gasull, Chair -Fall pruning has not begun, so if residents have specific questions/problems, please call Facilities. There have been queries re a dog park. Mark Ruiz would like info from interested residents as to what would be expected, such as location, fenced or not, grass or turf, etc.
14. **Garden Club (CL)**- Mary Ann Swartley, Spokesperson - No Report.
15. **IT (A)**- Maria Laterra, Chair - As reported in the Oct minutes, some residents have been generously donating their old or unused computer equipment to the IT lab. The two newer printers in the lab are available to residents to make copies. Paper and toner (ink) for those printers are paid for by RC so please do not make large quantities of copies. If anyone needs help using these printers please come to the computer lab, located on the west side (door 1), 2nd floor, next to the clinic any Wednesday between 9:30 - 11:00am. A new Apple iMac desktop computer was also donated and installed in the lab, not an iPad as previously noted. The old iMac was donated to Computer Ministry in Mechanicsburg. Some residents have become victims of spoofing scams recently. If you get an email seeming to come from someone you know asking if you have an Amazon userid be very careful. If you reply that you do, the next email will ask you to purchase a gift card on Amazon for them. Always verify the identity of anyone asking you to provide gift card details and do not provide

any details (such as claim code) to someone you do not know. For more info, please contact Maria.

16. **Library (C)**- Connie Scheib, Chair - In November, the Library added 14 large print books and 6 regular print books for total of 20 new books. Thanks to all who supported us in our sub drive, which helps provide funds for more books.
17. **Model Railroad (CL)**- Lowell Starling, Chair - Details were included in the recent SCOOP article. Garden Train is receiving major face lift: gravel is being replaced by pea gravel and a new fence has been installed. Currently, 35 buildings are being put together on the East side, near Woodshop. The Xmas Train will be set up on Thursday, Dec 3rd, with new buildings donated by Tony Wright and family. Train will be up until New Years.
18. **Nominations/Elections (SC)** - Kay Hess, Chair- See New Business.
19. **PARCR Committee (C)**- Lowell Starling - Chair - Quarterly meeting on Jan 14th, 2nd Wednesday, via ZOOM. Featured speaker will speak on future CCRC industry and approaches senior living capabilities. Gov. Wolf vetoed limited liability legislation. Will advise if further action is taken.
20. **Program (C)**- Cheryl Brown, Chair - No report.
21. **Remembrance Garden (A)**- Five bricks were installed, and notification letters were sent to recipients. Two more bricks have been ordered and will be installed in the Spring.
22. **Special Events (A)** -Sandra Jones, Chairs - Have 23 volunteers now for Asbury Amigos and have begun to make contacts and several have received calls back with thanks. Article in SCOOP was great. Social workers in AL and SN have been extremely helpful.
23. **Spiritual Life Enrichment (C)** - No Report.
24. **Wellness (C)**- Carol Leidig, Chair - No Report
25. **Wood Shop (A)** - Joe Kearney, Chair - Fairly slow month. Members have been working on a few individual projects, mostly on the lathe. For example, Ken Kieffer worked on a piece of furniture for his daughter and Joe Kearney made Xmas gifts for family members. Charlie Davis & Jim Wilt did a nice job on repairing a table with display case atop for military medals and paraphernalia owned by one of our retired military residents. They also constructed two Santa's

Mailboxes for Resident Life. Repair work has brought in about \$90 revenue.

ECOLOGY TEAM: MaryAnne Morefield reporting.

Will meet next week. We are continuing to collect plastic. We have two benches and working on a third. John Judson, the founder of our Team, has died and we will advise as to how the team will remember him.

Announcements:

1. Judith Clovsky, RC President, noted that this was December and the last month on which several members will be on Residents' Council:

George West - Thank you so much for your leadership and help. Happy to see that you have found yourself a new niche on the Audio-Visual team, this time behind the camera.

June Kostrab - Thank you so much. Know we have not lost your energy with your continuing work on the Fair. Thank you for all you have done for us.

Kathy Salmon - Thank you for all your work on the furniture, Xmas masks and so many other things.

Barbara Hilt - Thank you so much for your 6 years on the Council and all your hard work on our behalf.

2. There will be an orientation with new members of the Council on Tuesday, December 15, @ 1:00pm in the Craft Room.

Executive Committee – Tuesday December 29, 2020 at 1:00pm

Full Residents' Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2021 @ 9:15 am

Adjournment

Motion was made by Grace Ann Steckbeck and seconded by Kathy Salmon to adjourn meeting at 10:14am

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia M. Marsh