



BETHANY VILLAGE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL(RC) MINUTES  
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February 2, 2021 @ 9:15

Meeting held via ZOOM.

**Council Members:** Cheryl Brown, Judith Clovsky, Kay Hess, Kerry Butz, Sandra Jones, Leona Fickel, Marcia Marsh, Ralph Tygard, Lowell Starling, Graceann Steckbeck, John Sweeney, Bob Gasull, Howell Sasser, Tony Wright, Sue Moeslein, Ray Saunders, Margaret Schultz

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

**Non-Voting Member:**

Dale Meadowcroft - Treasurer

**Committee Chairs Present:** Graceann Steckbeck, Lowell Starling, Bob Gasull, Kay Hess, Dale Meadowcroft, Tony Wright, Sandy Jones, Kathy Salmon, Cheryl Brown, Maria Laterra, Marcia Marsh, Kerry Butz

**Visitors:** Joan Bretz, Mary Ann Morefield

President Judith Clovsky called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence at 9:12 am.

**Minutes January 5, 2021:** Motion to accept made by Howell Sasser.

Seconded by Bob Gasull. Approved by all present.

**Correspondence:** An additional 13 thank you cards from Associates Appreciation Fund for Xmas gifts, including one from entire staff of Maplewood

## Financial Report for January 5, 2021:

Report received and placed on file for audit.

## Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky

We have contracted with Care Options Rx for all residents in Independent Living to receive the MODERNA COVID-19 vaccine on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rife Center and Multipurpose Room, respectively. Residents will be contacted as to appointment times by Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Second shots will then be given on March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> (4 weeks). Residents in The Oaks Skilled Nursing (SN) received the Pfizer vaccine on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, with second shot given on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Those in MapleWood (AL) received their first shots on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and will get their second shots on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. We have had one associate testing positive. That associate is asymptomatic and is in isolation at home. There have been no positive tests in the associate's work area or with any of the residents. Cumberland Positivity Rate is now 6.4%. When that rate is lower, BV can scale back on testing frequency in AL and SN.

Regarding current levels of occupancy, we have several openings in AL. SN also has some vacancies, which should be occupied shortly. We continue to have vacancies in Independent Living, 19 in the West apartments and 9 in the Court apartments. We have initiated an incentive program to offset those openings. With the number of openings we have, that means a decrease in income; therefore, we are analyzing our expenses and adjusting our staffing levels in SN and AL.

Bistro and Pub look fantastic. Furniture has arrived and is being placed in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions. Dining Services in process of upstaffing and working with the Dining Services Committee re final menus, etc. Anticipate opening the Bistro and Pub for business in late February or early March. This being all dependent on the staffing of this area.

Request those residents who are going to drive to the Rife Center for vaccine, please park in the Rife Center parking lot and use door from there to Court apartments. From that door, walk to front and around to breezeway for further instructions.

## Old Business

Audit of 2020 financial records was completed by Audit Committee and reported that records were complete and accurate. A motion was made by Graceann Steckbeck and seconded by Cheryl Brown to accept the report, and the report was placed in the official file.

## New Business

1. Following is the **tentative** schedule/menu for the Bistro:
  - Serving breakfast/lunch; Tuesday - Thursday
  - Serving lunch/dinner; Friday - Saturday
  - Bar Hours to support Friday-Saturday dinner; Tuesday - Saturday (early afternoon)
  - Bistro will be closed on major holidays, with dinners served in the Springfield's Dining Room
  - **Tentative** menus: grilled (no fried) foods; salads (w/optional protein toppings); sandwiches; wraps, pizzas, steaks, and seafood.
2. Dining Services is looking for volunteers to deliver dinners to residents throughout Independent Living and to collect green plastic containers. With serving dinners in Springfield's and delivering dinners to residents, Dining Services has insufficient staff to do both at the same time. Please contact Bobby Garland and/or Dale Meadowcroft.

**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 - No report
3. **Audio-Visual (C)** - Bob Brommer, Chair - Want to note how proud I am of team. They continue to do an outstanding job on the broadcast programming on Channel 956. Morning announcements have traditionally been the start of the day at BV with devotions and campus news, but in recent times it has become an important tool to keep residents informed of rapid changes caused by the COVID-19 crisis. Our team has been able to adapt to change and continue to

produce quality programming. Also, want to investigate ways to improve/update the communication systems in both the Chapel and Rife Center.

4. **Audit Committee (SC)** - Tony Wright, Chair - See New Business
5. **Benevolence Fund (C)** - Anne Wagoner, Chair - No report
6. **Bethany Village Fair (C)** - June Kostrab, Chair - No report.
7. **Bylaws Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, Pres., Chair - No Report.
8. **Campus Outreach (A)** - Grace Ann Steckbeck, Chair - Status of vacancies as of January 31, 2020: Center - 1; Court Apartments - 8 available, 1 under contract; West Apartments - 18 available (includes 4 model apts.), Marketing office (#3113) and 2 under contract; East Cottages - 1 available, 2 contracted; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. COMPLETED MOVES: Center - 2; Court Apartments - 2; West Apartments 4; East Cottages - 2; West Cottages - 0; Estate Homes - 0. Independent Living - 474; Assisted Living - 93 and Oaks - 69 for a total of 636 residents but changing daily.
9. **Care Assurance (C)** - Kathy Salmon, Chair - Unfortunately, will not be selling carnations this year because of COVID-19 requirements. Would welcome contributions to Care Assurance in lieu of carnations.
10. **Courtesy (A)** - Kay Hess, Chair - For January 10 get well cards and 5 sympathy cards were mailed.
11. **Dining Services (C)** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - See New Business
12. **Executive Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, Pres., Chair - No Report.
13. **Facilities (C)** - Bob Gasull, Chair - Various problems were resolved in Center Apartments; Facilities is looking at installing automatic lights in recycle rooms in Independent Living apts. and, finally, working to address RVs protruding into driving lanes. The township will repaint lines on the road when weather is warmer. Please remember that all maintenance problems should be forwarded to Facilities.
14. **Garden Club (CL)**- Kerry Butz, Spokesperson - Making plans to have a Feb. Meeting. There are several plots available this year. Therefore, anyone interested in signing up for one of these plots, please call Cindy Lindsey, 717-458-8825, for more information.
15. **IT (A)**- Maria Laterra, Chair - Activities this month included picking up and evaluating donated equipment for donation to Computer Ministry, supporting the head Librarian on calls to the software vendor for automatic backup problems and researching free software

to track volunteer hours for the Resident Life office. Demonstrated this software to RC members. More information in The Scoop.

16. **Library (C)**- Connie Scheib, Chair - In January, Library added 29 new books, with 10 being in large print. Nine were purchased for the Readers' Club to complete the list of their book selections for the year. There was a donation of \$300 towards purchase of these books. Library Committee meeting was on Jan 12 in the craft room. Profits from sub sale was \$522.
17. **Model Railroad (CL)**- Lowell Starling, Chair - Report on recent activities in the February 2021 Scoop.
18. **Nominations/Elections (SC)** - Kay Hess, Chair- No report.
19. **PARCR Committee (C)**- Lowell Starling - Chair - Jan. meeting was successful and most interesting. Next meeting will be in April and will discuss "dealing with pandemics, such as COVID-19." Meeting will be via ZOOM.
20. **Program (C)**- Cheryl Brown, Chair - First, would like to acknowledge all the interesting/fun activities organized by Resident Life. Wellness and Medicine Shoppe to make 2020 and the new year as inspirational and fun as possible despite the COVID-19 restrictions. Their contributions were beyond expectations. The ice carving on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> was well attended, despite having to be rescheduled. Resident Life is planning many activities, such as various Valentine events in February, the Peeps event in March, and St. Patrick's Day tree.
21. **Remembrance Garden (A)**- Two letters were mailed for November.
22. **Special Events (A)** -Sandra Jones, Chair - No report. Concur with Cheryl Brown's compliments to Resident Life, etc. Asbury Amigos is continuing well. One volunteer has written an inspirational review of her experience in the recent Scoop.
23. **Spiritual Life Enrichment (C)** - No Report.
24. **Wellness (C)**- Carol Leidig, Chair - No report.
25. **Wood Shop (A)** - Charlie Davis for Joe Kearney - Chair - Not much activity this month, although a few individuals are working on personal projects and others concentrated on maintaining the equipment and doing minor repairs for residents. Jim Wilt and Charlie Davis continue to work on additional buildings for the Garden Train for the Spring. We welcomed Dennis Plymette as a new member of the Shop Group!

**ECOLOGY TEAM:** MaryAnne Morefield reporting.

Arnold Cushner attended a recent meeting of the township to discuss installation of a unit for disposal of prescription pills, etc., at Bethany Village. Waiting for word from the township on whether we get approval. Unit will be placed outside the door of the clinic. Still collecting plastics!

**Announcements:**

Flakey Day on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm. Please register with Resident Life via email or call Kristen. They will be offering light snacks and hot chocolate.

**Executive Committee** – Tuesday February 23, 2021 at 1:00pm

**Full Residents' Council Meeting** – Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 9:15 am (ZOOM)

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Ray Saunders and seconded by Graceann Steckbeck to adjourn meeting at 10:20am.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia M. Marsh