



BETHANY VILLAGE (BV) RESIDENTS' COUNCIL (RC) MINUTES bvrescoun.org

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 9:15

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

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

Officers Present: President Judith Clovsky, Vice President Lowell Starling, Secretary Jane Bonser, Assistant Secretary Leona Fickel, Treasurer Dale Meadowcroft, Assistant Treasurer Ralph Tygard

Committee Chairs Present: Marcia Marsh, Bob Brommer, Grace Steckbeck, Kay Hess, Judith Clovsky, Bob Gasull, Kerry Butz, Maria Lattera, Sandra Jones, Don Shover.

Non-voting member present: Jane Bonser, Secretary

Visitors: None

Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky

Covid19 challenges are still in play, with 9 breakthrough (post-vaccination) cases at this time. 2-3 of those have had moderate symptoms, 2 have had minor symptoms, 4 are asymptomatic and were detected by testing. Pennsylvania numbers are still high and the Covid transmission rate still dictates the wearing of masks indoors. Events on campus are restricted, with discontinuation of indoor events involving outsiders, including funerals, speakers, etc. The plans for the upcoming Bethany Fair are in strict compliance with Covid safety precautions and at this point the Fair remains scheduled for Associates and Residents only on October 22 and 23. October 31 remains the deadline for Associates to be vaccinated in order to continue as employees; 10 associates have been granted a medical or religious exemption and will be required to be tested weekly. 90% of Associates are vaccinated and there have been minimal losses of employees due to the vaccination requirement. TV station WGAL was on campus and Henri Lively, Administrator of Health Services, was interviewed in a feature on Bethany's success in dealing with the Covid Pandemic. Care Options, our Covid Pharmacy, will be here on October 18 to give Pfizer booster shots to residents and associates who had the Pfizer vaccine. When the Moderna booster is authorized and available, Care Options will provide it to residents who originally received the Moderna vaccine. Our financial status continues to be impacted negatively by employee Health Insurance costs, food and supply costs, and the replacement of our vehicle fleet with the switch

to a new fleet provider. Occupancy rates in Residential Living are trending in the right direction. Doug Leidig (CEO) and Todd Andrews (President of the CCRC Division) of Asbury Communities will lead a focus group in the Rife Center on October 13. Previous (July) participants in the group will be invited to attend and the event will be recorded as well as live-streamed and televised on Channel 956. Residents are asked to submit written questions prior to the meeting. A generous monetary donation has enabled immediate installation of new flooring in the East breezeway, and that project has been removed from the future Phase 3 Capital Campaign.

Call to Order: President Judith Clovsky called the business meeting to order at 9:36 and requested a moment of silence, with special thoughts for our friends and neighbors in Assisted Living and Skilled Care.

Minutes from September 7, 2021: Motion made by Marcia Marsh to accept minutes as submitted, seconded by Bob Gasull. Approved by all.

Correspondence: Notice of Anne Wagoner Resignation as Benevolence Fund Committee Chair, effective December 31, 2021. Motion to accept resignation with regret made by Ralph Tygard, seconded by Graceann Steckbeck.

Financial Report of Aug. 31, 2021: Presented by Treasurer Dale Meadowcroft; received and put on file for audit.

Reports by Committees (C), Activities (A) and Clubs (CL) - If NO REPORT is listed, that standing committee, activity, or club may be active only at certain times of the year or did not have a meeting. Some submitted written reports, (marked **), have been summarized. All full written reports are available on file in the Residents' Council office. For further information about committee reports, please contact the listed Chair of the committee.

1. **Art (C) ****- Marcia Marsh, Chair - Art Committee has completed changing several paintings and met with committee representatives from the West Apartments, showing them our inventory of paintings and which paintings they might be interested in using. West representatives to the committee picked up approximately 40 to 50 large paintings/photographs. Purchased glass for frames of paintings the art committee is repairing.
2. **Associates Appreciation Fund (C)** - Nan Keiser, Chair - The Associates Appreciation Fund fall letter should be going out soon.
3. **Audio-Visual (C)** - Bob Brommer, Chair - There is a need for the various users of the Rife Center AV equipment to meet and clarify and coordinate needs and expectations. This will help along the efforts to update the equipment.
4. **Audit Committee (SC)** - Tony Wright - No report

5. **Benevolence Fund (C)** - Anne Wagoner, Chair - Anne Wagoner has submitted her resignation as Chairperson of Benevolence having served in that capacity for 3 years. She will remain on the committee as a member. Committee meets in mid-November to finish this year's business. Judith mentioned the upcoming need to find a replacement for Anne.
6. **Bethany Village Fair (C)**- June Kostrab, Chair - Marcia Marsh reported that at this time the Fair is still planned for October 22 and 23, for associates and residents only, including residents from the Towers. Covid19 safety is foremost in consideration in the planning.
7. **Bylaws Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, President - No report
8. **Campus Outreach (A)** - Graceann Steckbeck, Chair: **Status of vacancies:** Center Rental, 1 Contracted; Court Apartments, 8 available; West Apartments, 14 available (includes 2 model apts.) plus Marketing Office (#3133) and 5 Contracted.; East Cottages, 1 contracted; West Cottages, 1 contracted; Estate Homes, 0 available. **Completed moves for September:** Center Apts. 1; Court Apts. 0; West Apts. 5; East Cottages 1; **Total residents:** Independent Living 481; Assisted Living 96; Oaks: Full Capacity 69; **Campus Total** 646 Residents and changing daily.
9. **Care Assurance (C)** - Kathy Salmon, Chair - No formal report. Council members mentioned the upcoming Corvette Show on October 29, which will benefit Care Assurance.
10. **Courtesy (A)** - Kay Hess, Chair - 11 Get Well Cards sent in September; 0 Sympathy Cards sent to bereaved spouses sent in September.
11. **Dining Services (C)** - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair - No report
12. **Executive Committee (SC)** - Judith Clovsky, President -The Executive committee met on August 31 and applicable items have been placed on today's RC agenda. Lowell Starling gave notice that he will not be running for election to another term as Vice President of Council.
13. **Facilities (C) **** - Bob Gasull, Chair - Numerous issues were discussed at the September 30 meeting, including staff shortages and related hiring difficulties; maintenance projects on campus including painting, curb repair; providing adequate accommodations for needs of residents using walkers and wheeled transportation; housekeeping attention to maintaining cleanliness in various areas; street paving and maintenance; tree trimming near East Apartments; need and legal requirement for fire drills in apartments; newly-installed Micro-farm.
14. **Garden Club (CL)** - Kerry Butz- . The produce tables for residents will be taken down October 16. The garden club was happy to provide fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers to the residents. We also want to thank the residents for their

monetary donations. This helps to cover the cost of items needed for the garden. Gardeners will soon be putting their plots to bed for the winter.

15. **IT (A)**- Maria Laterra, Chair - No report
16. **Library (C)**- Ellie Meadowcroft - Librarian/Chair - 29 books were added to the collection in September: 14 regular print and 15 large print. The library volunteers participated in the Rock-A-Thon selling subs and sandwiches, raising \$929 for the Alzheimer's Association. An unused display case outside the library is now displaying a collection of old and antique books, on loan from several residents and associates.
17. **Model Railroad (CL)**- Lowell Starling, Chair - Council members are referred to the current issue of The Scoop for an article about the Railroad Night.
18. **Nominations/Elections Committee (SC)** - Kay Hess, Chair - Ballots for election of RC Representatives were distributed on October 1 and are due returned by October 15. Ballots will be counted on October 20. We are on schedule to submit the results of the election at the November meeting of the Council.
19. **PARCR Committee (C) ****- Lowell Starling - The next Quarterly PARCR meeting will be on October 13. The meeting will feature a keynote presentation on "Becoming Dementia Friendly", with speaker Kimberly Korge, BS,ED, CDP. Kim is a Memory Care Coach, Certified Dementia Practitioner, and Support Group Facilitator from Cross Keys Village, New Oxford. Because the meeting will be via ZOOM, the meeting is limited to PARCR members and delegates. Individual memberships are \$20 a year; registration materials are available at PARCR.org.
20. **Program (C)**- John Sweeney-**Chair?**- No report
21. **Remembrance Garden (A)**- Dale Meadowcroft, Chair- The committee has ordered 12 new bricks and hopes to have them installed by the end of October. Letters will be sent to new donors after installation.
22. **Special Events (A)****-Sandra Jones, Chair - The Rock-A-Thon was a huge success and the Residents' Council team did a great job of raising \$1000. The Train Porch Rockers were in first place with \$1372 raised. Thanks to Council members Sue Moeslein, Howell Sasser, Judith Clovsky, Kerry Butz, Maria Laterra, and Sandy Jones plus Linda and Arnie Cushner, Carol Pennington, and Deb Mihalich. Bethany Village raised \$8,271 total for the Alzheimer's Association with 16 teams across campus. The total raised at the last Bethany Village Rock-A-Thon in 2019 was \$7,682 (no Rock-A-Thon in 2020 due to Covid pandemic).
23. **Spiritual Life Enrichment (C)**, Don Shover, Chair - No report
24. **Wellness (C)**** - Carol Leidig, Chair - Bethany Village is participating in Active Aging Week, October 4-8, with events scheduled all week. Flyers are hung and info for each day will be on morning announcements. One massage therapist has

left, and we now have only one massage therapist on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We do not have enough appointment times for everyone who was getting a massage by the therapist who left. Picnic in the Park will be catered this year by Mission Barbecue.

25. **Wood Shop (A)**** - Joe Kearney, Chair - Wood Shop members completed a few individual repair projects for residents, bringing in \$145 for the Residents' Council. A six-week beginner's woodworking class will be offered this fall on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, October 20 through November 24. The class is open to all residents and no prior experience is required to participate. Instruction will be given on the router, circular saw, radial arm saw, sliding compound miter saw and planer. Emphasis will be on safety and hands-on experience that will enable participants to produce a beautiful hardwood cutting board. For more information or to register, call Ken Kieffer at 717-599-4527 by October 11.

Old Business

President Judith expressed thanks to all RC members who helped distribute sandwich with salad meals to all working shifts of associates for the Associate Appreciation Lunch on Thursday, Sept. 16. She has received numerous expressions of thanks to Residents' Council for the meals.

New Business: None

Announcements

Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday October 26, 2021 @ 1:00pm

Residents' Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 9:15am

Bethany Fair - October 22, 1-4 p.m. and October 23, 9a.m.- noon

Adjournment: Motion made by Howell Sasser, seconded by Graceann Steckbeck at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane H. Bonser, Secretary