



## Residents' Council Minutes

June 7, 2022

**Council Members\*:** Monte Avery, Kerry Butz, Judith Clovsky, Nadine Creighton, Leona Fickel, Bob Gasull, Sandy Henry, Kay Hess, Sandra Jones, Larry Miller, Susan Moeslein, Dennis Plymette, Howell Sasser, Ray Saunders (E), Margaret Schultz, Graceann Steckbeck, Ralph Tygard

**Officers\*:** President Judith Clovsky, Vice President Kerry Butz, Treasurer Dale Meadowcroft, Assistant Treasurer Ralph Tygard, Secretary Anne Hipp, Assistant Secretary E. M. Avery

\*E = Excused Absence; U = Unexcused Absence

**Visitors:** Maria Laterra, Don Shover, Lowell Starling, Ann Swenson

### **Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky**

Brian began with finances, stating that we had a better month last month, a lot of that due to the fact we received about \$290,000 from the federal government based upon their COVID guidelines. Occupancy issues reflected the fact that we had 5 residents in The Oaks pass away in a span of several weeks, so we've experienced a bit of a roller coaster. Assisted Living and Residential Living are doing better. A current challenge is our lack of staffing, not only from an operational standpoint, but also from a financial one. If we must use agency staff, the cost is 3-4 times as high. Certified nursing assistants, skilled nursing, housekeeping, and dining continue to be an issue, but we're hoping to get some help now that school is out. A question came up in the Facilities meeting about our Disclosure Statement. The recent statement reflected between 6 and 8 million in reserves. Based on guidelines put forth by the Department of Insurance for our industry, those reserves are kept for emergency situations in operations. Brian ended with the update that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row BV has been voted a great place to work.

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 by President Judith Clovsky, who asked for a moment of silence for residents in The Oaks and MapleWood, as well as for the hiring process.

Minutes from May 3, 2022. Motion to accept was made by Dennis Plymette, seconded by Susan Moeslein, and passed unanimously.

**Correspondence: There was none.**

**Financial Report:**

**Ralph Tygard reported that about \$6300 was made on the recent Fair, a figure stable for reports of the last 6 – 7 years. Dale Meadowcroft announced that the Associate Appreciation Fund, collected twice yearly and now managed by the Asbury Foundation (all contributions are tax deductible) had recently collected approximately \$29,000, with over 132 residents contributing. Budget-wise Dale stated we are in real good shape. See attached Statement of Financial Position.**

- **Reports by Committees (C), Activities (A) and Clubs (CL)**
- 1. **Art(C) – Marcia Marsh, Chair: The Art Committee is preparing for the exhibit of 7 Lively Artists in the Administration Hallway (East) starting June 10 – July 22. Most of the art is original. No dates are set yet for viewing in the West.**
- 2. **Associates Appreciation Fund (C) – Nan Keiser, Chair: No report.**
- 3. **Audio-Visual (C) – Bob Brommer, Chair: No report.**
- 4. **Audit (C) - Larry Miller, Chair: No report.**
- 5. **Benevolence Fund (C) – Ginny Wilt, Chair: No report.**
- 6. **Bethany Village Fair (C) – June Kostrab, Chair : No report.**
- 7. **Bylaws Committee (SC) – Judith Clovsky, President: No report.**
- 8. **Campus Outreach (A) - GraceAnn Steckbeck, Chair: Following report as of May 31, 2022**

**Status of Vacancies:**

**Center Rental = 0  
Court Apartments = 3 available, 2 contracted  
West Apartments = 8 Available, plus Marketing Office #3133, and 2 contracted  
East Cottages = 0  
West Cottages = 0  
Estate Homes = 0**

**Completed Moves:**

**Center Rental = 0  
Court Apartments = 2  
West Apartments = 5  
West Cottages = 0  
East Cottages = 2**

**Independent Living 464  
Assisted Living 93**

Oaks 65

Total 622 residents, changing daily

9. Courtesy (A) – Kay Hess, Chair: 11 get well cards and 2 sympathy cards sent.

10. Dining Services (C) – Dale Meadowcroft, Chair

We continue to focus on improved communications. In addition to the monthly menu calendar for Springfield's and John and Annie's Bistro in The Scoop, there is an additional page with details for each of the special events. The committee recommends posting this page on your refrigerator so you can keep track of all the events in our two major dining venues. Note special Beatles event celebrating the 60s scheduled for the Bistro in June.

11. Executive Committee (SC) – Judith Clovsky, President. No report.

12. Facilities (C) – Bob Gasull, Chair:

Unfilled positions in all departments continues. If you know someone interested in applying to work as a bus driver, the number to call is 717-591 8039.

Landscape update has begun outside the Breezeway.

West reception desk will be redone this year.

Court canopy will be replaced.

Landscaping plastic edging that is unsightly is being removed.

Difficulty with the Comcast TV on West Campus was not restricted to the West Campus but was a community-wide problem.

The automatic Door #1 will be repaired when needed parts arrive.

Because of the increasing number of motorized chairs in the apartment hallways, it was suggested that mirrors be placed at corners.

#### Facility Report

Maintenance staff – 3 open positions

Housekeeping staff – 7.6 open positions

Laundry – 1 open position

Drivers – 8 open positions

Work orders completed: 1,532 in April

Laundry Processed: 36,462 lbs. in April, YTD completed 144,591 lbs.

West mailbox posts are being painted

West parking garage lights, partially turned off 7 am-7pm to conserve energy

13. Garden Club (CL) – Kerry Butz: No report.

14. IT (A) – Maria Laterra, Chair: IT Activity report:

The IT team has been doing some spring cleaning. We went through all the equipment, cables and other IT related items picked up from residents. Some of it we

will keep for spares, some will be trashed, some will be donated to Computer Ministry in Mechanicsburg, and some will be placed in the furniture room for sale at the fair. If residents have IT items, they want to get rid of they can call Maria Laterra for pickup.

**15. Library (C) – Ellie Meadowcroft, Chair:**

The library volunteers were treated to breakfast in the Bistro by the Resident Life Office on May 18. It was a good time to introduce new volunteers and to enjoy food and fellowship. We added 30 books to the collection last month: 5 regular print and 25 large print. We continue making donated and withdrawn books and other materials available for purchase by donation and received \$10 in donations for used books last month. We were also given a sizable donation by a resident and 2 donations to replace lost books. A large number of books, not suitable for our library, were donated by an unknown person. We are researching a place to take them.

**16. Model Railroad (CL) – Tony Wright, Chair**

Facilities installed a beautiful light over The Oaks HO platform making the area much brighter. Residents continue to enjoy this layout.

The club sold some items at the BV Fair and made about \$200.

The Garden Train began operating Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. It will continue to operate every Wednesday and Saturday until September 28<sup>th</sup>. A new donated sign, approximately 4-foot square, will be mounted to the wall outside of The Oaks welcoming people to the Garden Train.

We now have a membership recruiter to search for new members.

We conducted orientation for three new members on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> showing them the West Apartment layouts (HO and O scales) and the storeroom/workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, also The Oaks Platform and the Garden Train.

**17. Nominations/Elections Committee (SC) – Kay Hess, Chair: No report.**

**18. PARCR (C) Lowell Starling, Chair:**

PARCR's next Quarterly Meeting will be July 13 from 10:00am to 11:30am and will be held again via Zoom. The keynote speakers will be Chris Horsman and Fred Weidemann, design engineers from Morefield Communications in Camp Hill. Their topic will be "The Connected Community: Streaming and Conferencing for Today's Retirement Communities." The speakers will discuss how video conferencing and streaming technologies enable retirement communities to be more inclusive, accessible, and connected than ever before. The talk will also address strategies for helping residents adopt new technologies with simplicity while maintaining safe internet practices.

The meeting as usual will include an update from LeadingAge PA on what is going on, or not going on, in Harrisburg that affect our lives and pocketbooks. LeadingAge PA is spearheading a budget ask from the state for \$294.3 million in Medicaid funding to cover the increasing costs of operating quality skilled nursing units across the state. This is important to all of us at Bethany Village because The Oaks costs not covered by Medicaid for Medicaid patients affect Bethany Village's finances.

In addition, Dan Seeger, a board member of NaCCRA will give an update on national activities and legislation that may affect retirement community residents. Separate from the meeting, LeadingAge PA will be holding their Annual Conference which will be June 22-24 in the Hershey Convention Center. PARCR will be exhibiting there as well as attending some of the sessions. You can see the details of the conference at <https://www.leadingagepa.org/education-events/annual-conference>. The conference includes valuable keynote addresses as well as a variety of educational sessions. As always, PARCR individual memberships are \$20 a year and you can find the registration materials at PARCR.org.

**Official Websites:**

PARCR – [parcr.org](http://parcr.org)

(Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents)

LeadingAge PA – [leadingagepa.org](http://leadingagepa.org)

NaCCRA – [naccra.com](http://naccra.com) (National Continuing Care Residents Association)

19. Program (C) – Margaret Schultz, Anne Swenson, Co-chairs: No report.

20. Remembrance Garden (A) – Dale Meadowcroft, Chair:

We received spring shipment of seven new bricks for the remembrance garden, which should be installed within the next week, and donors will be notified by mail.

21. Special Events (A) - Sandra Jones: No report.

22. Spiritual Life Enrichment (C) - Don Shover, Chair: No report.

23. Wellness (C) - Carol Leidig, Chair:

- Bethany Games is a success so far, with more participants than in the past.
- Well Being Focus groups were conducted May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - BV was first of all communities. Info will be used for advancing Well Being Program across Asbury.
- Wellness team will have two changes in mid-June
  - Friday Yoga move to being shown on 956 only.
  - We will also be looking for a new associate.

24. Wood Shop (A) – Joe Kearney – Chair:

We brought in donations of \$105 from repairs and repainting, as well as replacement of a 3-way switch. Several folks used the lathe for wine stoppers, bluebird houses and a Christmas tree ornament was made.

Shop open house for visitors is every Tuesday from 10 – noon. During this time residents can bring items in to see if we can repair them. We charge nothing for labor, only for parts.

**Old Business: Time Capsule report:**

The Time Capsule committee has been busy reaching out to various groups on campus requesting input into a video being produced by Bob Brommer and directed by Nancy Toth. Bob has already filmed 2 clips and Nancy is in the process of scheduling more. A time capsule related theme weekend will be held at the Bistro on June 24 and 25 highlighting the 60's and the Beatles. See the article in the June Scoop. We are working with the maintenance department to schedule a time to dig up the old-time capsule. A social sponsored by the Residents' Council will be held in the fall to celebrate placement of the new capsule.

**New Business:**

Bethany's history (clippings, photos, etc.), is attractively contained in binders in the East Breezeway and ended in 2016 with the passing of Vicky Leo, who had lovingly maintained and added to the collection over the years. We would like to continue this legacy and ask that anyone (or perhaps a group of several) interested contact President Judith Clovsky.

**Other: None**

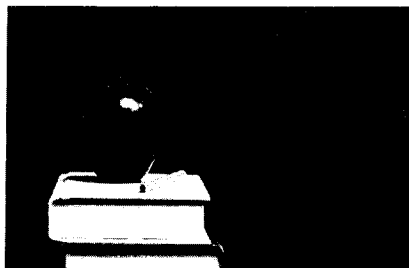
• **Announcements**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:            Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 1 p.m.**

**Next Residents' Council Meeting:            Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 9:15 a.m.**

- **Adjournment: Howell Sasser made a motion to adjourn at 10AM, seconded by Dennis Plymette, and carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Hipp  
Secretary**



## **FOCUS ON THE LIBRARY**

### **NEW BOOKS added in May 2022**

#### **REGULAR PRINT FICTION:**

A Touch of Grace by Lauraine Snelling; c. 2008  
Lone Calder Star by Janet Dailey; c. 2005  
A Man of His Word by Kathleen Fuller; c. 2009  
An Honest Love by Kathleen Fuller; c. 2010

#### **LARGE PRINT FICTION:**

Dream Town by David Baldacci; c. 2022  
A Family Affair by Robyn Carr; c. 2022  
Mrs. Wiggins by Mary Monroe; c. 2021  
Fear Thy Neighbor by Fern Michaels; c. 2022  
Mulberry Hollow by Denise Hunter; c. 2022  
Summer at the Cape by RaeAnne Thayne; c. 2022  
Sunday at the Sunflower Inn by Jodi Thomas; c. 2022  
The Baxters by Karen Kingsbury; c. 2022  
Calder Promise by Janet Dailey; c. 2004  
Calder Storm by Janet Dailey; c. 2006  
Beautiful by Danielle Steel; c. 2022  
High Stakes by Danielle Steel; c. 2022  
Country Born by Linda Lael Miller; c. 2022  
The Castaways by Elin Hilderbrand; c. 2009  
Summer Love by Nancy Thayer; c. 2022  
A Summer Affair by Elin Hilderbrand; c. 2008  
Sophie's Dilemma by Lauraine Snelling; c. 2007  
The Shadow by James Patterson and Brian Sitts; c. 2021  
Nightwork by Nora Roberts; c. 2022

#### **LARGE PRINT MYSTERY:**

The Chase by Candice Fox; c/ 2021  
The Investigator by John Sandford; c. 2022  
What Happened to the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline; c. 2022  
22 Seconds by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro; c. 2022  
A Safe House by Stuart Woods; c. 2022  
Robert B. Parker's Revenge Tour by Mike Lupica; c. 2022

#### **REGULAR PRINT BIOGRAPHY:**

Lady in Waiting by Anne Glenconner; c. 2020



# Residents' Council of Bethany Village

## Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2022

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
11020 Members 1st-Savings	0.00
12000 Peoples Checking	59,603.18
12010 Peoples Money Market	32,549.95
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$92,153.13</b>
Other Current Assets	
13000 Investments - National Financial	10,894.81
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$10,894.81</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
12040 Peoples Credit Card	278.14
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$278.14</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
80010 Associate Appreciation Fund	13,115.01
80020 BVRC RR Fund	4,058.45
80030 Garden Fund	2,799.89
80040 Vespers Fund	6,683.61
80050 Instrumental Music	530.37
80060 Library Fund	851.22
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$28,038.55</b>
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Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	0.00
33000 Unrestricted Net Assets	70,359.43
Net Revenue	4,371.82
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$74,731.25</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$103,047.94</b>