



## Residents' Council Minutes October 4, 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 (E), Ray Saunders, Margaret Schultz, Graceann Steckbeck, Ralph Tygard (E)

**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 Lattera, Don Shover, Lowell Starling, Ann Swenson, Kristin Juchem, Tony Wright, Charley Sproule, Jennifer Kornfeld, Tom Johnston, Art Lindsay

**Administrative Report**: Brian Grundusky

Covid: As of Monday, October 10, and following updated CDC guidelines, masks will no longer be required for Residential Living residents and their visitors (in RL areas only). We do recommend that residents who are immunocompromised to utilize masks at social events. We are also recommending that residents take the necessary precautions if you are visiting with family and friends who may be unvaccinated. Mask requirements remain in place for residents and visitors in MapleWood and The Oaks. All BV associates will continue to be required to mask, including those working in Residential Living.

Staffing: Last month's Job Fair was a success, with 14 offers of employment made. The areas of dining and skilled nursing remain priorities. We hope to have another Job Fair in the near future.

Occupancy: Key area is the West Apartments, with 14 units available. (For detail, see report #8, Campus Outreach).

Other: The Town Hall Meeting, October 25, 10 – 11:30 will replace the monthly Coffee meeting for October. Todd Andrews, President of Living Community Division; Andrew Jeanneret, Chief Financial Officer; and Brian will be presenting.

Questions from the group to Brian:

BV property for sale on West Campus: We are finalizing an agreement with PepsiCo, who own the bottling company adjacent to our property. They want to use the land for an office area and

storage. The company will be building away from the cottages, will implement a berm, and submitted the highest offer. Pepsico is doing due diligence before the sale can be finalized. Dining: Don Shover relayed concerns he had heard from residents about recent changes reducing dining services coupled with rate increases. Brian stated that this was an issue voiced in the recent Residents' Survey. Competitive salaries are a factor and changes are being made.

Removal of ATM on West Campus: That decision was made by Peoples Bank. The ATM was under-utilized, and Peoples must pay a fee for the ATM.

**Resident Life**, Kristin Juchem:

Update on Rock-A-Thon, its 8<sup>th</sup> year. Final tally will come in late October, but thus far we have raised \$8458, the most ever, with 18 teams participating. The trip to walk at City Island was canceled due to inclement weather.

Planning for Living Fair, (Activities Expo): This event will be held October 27 from noon to 3 pm, with booths and tables to acquaint BV residents, old and new, with groups and activities they may wish to become a part of.

**Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 9:37 by President Judith Clovsky, who asked for a moment of silence for residents in The Oaks and MapleWood, as well as for Bethany Associates.

**Minutes from September 6, 2022**. Motion to accept was made by Dennis Plymette, seconded by Sandy Jones and passed unanimously.

**Correspondence**: A thank you note from the Associate Engagement Committee for providing pizza for Associates during Appreciation Week was received and read.

**Financial Report**: Dale Meadowcroft:

There is a positive \$4000 balance, which includes payment of \$700, approved by Executive Committee, for pizza during Associate's Appreciation Week.

See attached Statement of Financial Position, which will be filed for audit.

**• Reports by Committees (C), Activities (A) and Clubs (CL)**

**1.Art(C)** -Marcia Marsh, Chair:

At the request of BV Clinic, the East and West Art Committees will be hanging original paintings by residents in the Clinic. This should be completed in October. West Committee reports that wallpaper has been hung in West Apartments!

**2. Associates Appreciation Fund (C)**- Nan Keiser, Chair: No report.

Comments by RC Treasurer, Dale Meadowcroft, who explained that at the beginning of the year, the process for this fund changed. No longer are the collected monies coming to the Residents' Council and being distributed by the Council. This process is now handled by the Asbury Foundation, with a letter announcing the fund drive coming from the Residents' Council. Money given by residents is now tax-deductible. Associates receive their money through their paycheck, which includes a payroll deduction.

**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, but the Fair is upcoming and open to the public.

**7. Bylaws Committee (SC)**- Judith Clovsky, President: No report.

**8. Campus Outreach (A)**- GraceAnn Steckbeck, Chair:

Status of Vacancies

Center Rental -	0
Court Apartments	2 available, 1 contracted, 1 on hold
West Apartments	14 available, plus Mktg. office, 1 contracted
East Cottages	1 on hold
West Cottages	1 on hold
Estate Homes	0

Completed Moves

Center Rental Apartments	0
Court Apartment	4
West Apartment	2
West Cottages	2
East Cottages	0

Census

Independent Living	453
Assisted Living	99
Oaks	66
Total	618 Residents, but changing daily

**9. Courtesy (A)**- Kay Hess, Chair: For September, 16 get well cards and 0 sympathy cards were sent.

**10. Dining Services (C)**- Dale Meadowcroft, Chair. No report.

**11. Executive Committee (SC)**- Judith Clovsky, President:

The committee discussed a request for \$700 for pizza served during Associate's Appreciation Week and unanimously agreed to it.

## **12. Facilities (C)- Bob Gasull, Chair:**

The Job Fair was considered a success. 13 people accepted positions, 2 of those are with Facilities.

There are now 4.6 openings in Housekeeping, down from 5.6

Road work to be done in spring will include seal coating of roads, walking path and parking areas, paint lining of roads and curbs.

West Apartments hot water repair is now in process.

West Lobby – Most work is finished. Carpet will be replaced.

Court Apartments and Bistro roof will be replaced this year. Phase 3 includes new roof in area where furniture is stored.

Clearing of noise near West apartments 2630 – 31 will require replacement of ventilator fan.

West apartment thermostats are in the process of being swapped out. This will start in 2023

Door from hall on east side of Martha's Garden is having an electronic card opener inserted so you can reenter the hall from the Vineyard.

Associate's break room is being updated.

Committee members presented the following items at the Facilities meeting.

New grocery carts are needed and will be replaced with 4 wheeled carts.

Area at Door 1 East needs to be cleaned.

Fire hydrants need to be painted.

Landscaper trucks have been parking at the fountain area outside East door 1, creating a danger because oncoming vehicles are unable to see each other.

## **13. Garden Club (CL)- Cindy Lindsay**

There is a need for some major repair work to be done to one side of the large barn, replacing the bulletin board and other smaller repairs. We will be getting estimates of cost for these repairs. Produce tables on East and West will be closed very soon.

## **14. IT (A)- Maria Laterra, Chair:**

Activity report: The Resident wireless network has been up for about 2 years. This service is free, provided by Asbury and is available to all apartment residents. We have been hearing from residents about a variety of experiences with the Wi-Fi network and the help desk. We would like to do an informal survey of the residents to see what they think of it.

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

In the month of September, 12 new books were added to the collection: 1 regular print and 11 large prints. The library volunteers participated in the Rock-A-Thon on September 22 with a Sub and Sandwich sale and raised over \$944 for Alzheimer's research.

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

Garden Train had a successful summer run with only a couple of days that it couldn't operate due to weather. The buildings will be taken to storage on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Running of the garden train for the Rock-A-Thon was poorly attended and we only sold two snow cones. So many activities were going on in other accessible areas and Martha's Garden is out of the way which may have been the cause.

The Christmas Train platform is schedule to be set-up in November and will run until the beginning of January.

If anyone is interested in seeing the various platforms, especially those in the West Apartment building, please let Tony know and he'll make the arrangements.

**17. Nominations/Elections Committee (SC)- Kay Hess, Chair:**

Ballots have been distributed and are due to be returned by October 15. Votes will be counted by the committee on October 19<sup>th</sup>, and all candidates will be notified of the results.

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

The next PARCR Quarterly meeting will be at 10:00am on October 12, 2022, at Garden Spot Village in New Holland, PA. 7 folks from Bethany Village have signed up. **You do not have to be a PARCR member to attend the in-person meetings.** Contact me for information on how to get an invitation if you are not a member.

After the presentation we will discuss the future of PARCR. We will introduce our draft strategic plan and have a question-and-answer discussion about the plan, the resources required to implement it, and how our members can help PARCR better serve the residents of our communities. 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:**

October 19 –Friends Helping Friends, Boscov's

October 26 –Rusty Rail Restaurant & Shade Mountain Winery

October 27 – Bethany Stud's Breakfast

November 5 – Dutch Apple, Saturday Night Fever

November 5 and 6 – Capital Pop Concert

November 14 – Farm to Table Experience, Lancaster County

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

Five letters were sent to next of kin inviting them to place a memorial brick.

**21. Special Events (A) - Sandra Jones:**

The Residents' Council team raised \$900.01 for the Rock-A-Thon in support of the Alzheimer's Association. Thanks to all who participated by rocking or giving money.

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

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

There is an open position in Wellness.

The Bethany Village Living Fair will be October 27, noon till 3 pm. Contact Wellness to reserve a booth.

Variety Show, November 16. Contact Wellness to participate in a fun evening!

**24. Wood Shop (A)- Joe Kearney- Chair:**

September was a slow month at the Woodshop, with most time spent repairing small lamps, chairs, and tables, as well as cleaning and maintaining equipment and tools. Donations for repairs brought in \$40.

Special thanks to Beth Shenk, Terry Wise, John Wolfe, Leroy Weaver, and Joe Kearney for the items they made to sell at The Rock-A-Thon and those who manned the tables. We had an almost total sell-out and brought in \$300.00 for Alzheimer's research.

**Old Business:**

Rock-A-Thon held September 22 and covered by Kristin Juchem's presentation above. Thanks to all who participated in making this event a success from President Clovsky.

**New Business:**

Historian for Residents' Council: President Clovsky has prepared a job description for the position of Historian, which was discussed at June RC meeting. Copies of the job description were passed and read.

Residents' Council 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, October 17, 3 – 5pm, Rife Center. This will be an informal gathering to reminisce and enjoy donuts, cider, and apples.

Name Tags: Members of the Ecology Team recently visited our sister Asbury facility, Solomon's, and were favorably impressed by residents there wearing name tags. A sample of a magnetic name tag was passed, and some pros and cons mentioned. President Clovsky will carry our feedback to Marketing.

**Other:**

Time Capsule Report: Maria Laterra reports that 2047 time capsule items are on display at Door 1, West side and will be moved to the East breezeway, where it will remain for a month. A few year-end items, such as a copy of the Patriot News and Time Magazine will be collected before the capsule is sealed and placed in the base of the 3-dimensional model of the campus outside the administrative offices. An inventory of what's in the capsule is posted on the Residents' Council website.

Video of individual interviews is complete and is also posted on the Residents' Council website ([www.bvrescoun.org](http://www.bvrescoun.org)). A request will be made to broadcast the video on channel 956 at various times for all to see.

Dog Park update:

The fence and canopy are in place, with sod to be installed. October 21 is the tentative opening date, and all dogs will need to be registered.

Ecology Team: Tom Johnston, co-chair

A group, the Dead Headers, has been clipping spent buds from BV rose bushes to promote blooming.

The Healing Garden, recently filled out with trees, shrubs, and plants, is shaded now. The area is maintained by a group of members of the Ecology Team.

Lantern flies: volunteers are putting tape around tree trunks to catch the destructive bugs.

• **Announcements**

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 1 p.m.

Next Residents' Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 9:15a.m.

• **Adjournment:** Bob Gasull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Plymette, and carried unanimously. Time of adjournment: 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Hipp  
Secretary



## **FOCUS ON THE LIBRARY**

**BOOKS RECENTLY ADDED – September 2022**

### **REGULAR PRINT FICTION:**

The Orchard by Beverly Lewis; c. 2022

### **LARGE PRINT FICTION:**

The Reluctant Midwife by Patricia Harman; c. 2015

Our Darkest Night by Jennifer Robeson; c. 2021

Desperation in Death by J.D. Robb; c. 2022

Calder Brand by Janet Dailey; c. 2021

Calder Grit by Janet Dailey; c. 2022

Whiplash by Janet Dailey; c. 2021

The Challenge by Danielle Steel; c. 2022

Invisible by Danielle Steel; c. 2022

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell; c. 2020

Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks; c. 2022

### **LARGE PRINT MYSTERY:**

Captive by Iris Johansen; c. 2022





## Residents' Council of Bethany Village

### Statement of Financial Position

As of September 30, 2022

	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
12000 Peoples Checking	50,641.91
12010 Peoples Money Market	32,553.19
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$83,195.10</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	324.19
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$324.19</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
80010 Associate Appreciation Fund	0.00
80020 BVRC RR Fund	3,707.59
80030 Garden Fund	3,857.99
80040 Vespers Fund	10,017.88
80050 Instrumental Music	530.37
80060 Library Fund	1,013.22
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$19,127.05</b>
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Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	0.00
33000 Unrestricted Net Assets	70,359.43
Net Revenue	4,279.24
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$74,638.67</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$94,089.91</b>