



## Residents' Council Minutes

February 7, 2023

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**Council Members**\*: Monte Avery, Kerry Butz, Judith Clovsky, Nadine Creighton, Bob Gasull, Ida May Heidecker, Sandy Henry, Kay Hess, Bill Middendorf, Larry Miller (E), Susan Moeslein, Dennis Plymette, Anna Mae Roof (U), Ray Saunders, Charley Sproule, Melissa Stock, Ann Swenson

**Officers**\*: President Kerry Butz, Vice President Monte Avery, Treasurer Dale Meadowcroft, Assistant Treasurer Charley Sproule, Secretary Anne Hipp, Assistant Secretary Judith Clovsky  
\*E =Excused Absence; U =Unexcused Absence

**Visitors**: Fred Baldwin, Bob Brommer, Tom Johnston, Ann Marie Judson, Jenny Kornfeld, Rick Lewis, Tracy Olson, Kathy Salmon, Lowell Starling, and Tony Wright

**Administrative Report**: Brian Grundusky

Covid: Overall, since the beginning of the year, those affected at BV have had very minor symptoms. For perspective, Cumberland County is currently at 17.1% and in the red phase. However, on the state-wide map some counties are turning yellow.

West side pipe burst follow-up: We are currently waiting for delivery of carpet, which will be replaced throughout all affected areas. Anticipated delivery is late February or early March.

West hot water: the new system is here and testing for compatibility went well. We are hoping to implement this next week, hopefully on a warm day, as this will have an impact on water and possibly heat. There will be further communication to affected residents prior to installation. The temporary system in the parking lot will be removed after final testing.

Land sale: Still in the due diligence phase. Proceeds from the sale will be reinvested in the community as had been mentioned. Among other improvements will be the AV system in the Rife Center and, in June BV will pilot a system to have all communications in one place. We are also looking at electronic locks (to replace keys) throughout the community.

East Phase 3: We expect to have final plans soon. Kerry Butz and Kathy Salmon have been working with architects on the resident fair area.

Questions for Brian:

Regarding several thefts in the West Apartments, the Lower Allen Township is following up and has a significant lead, which Brian cannot comment on further.

Do we have a list of those who have master keys? Yes. The installation of electronic locks (see above) is under consideration.

Has there been discussion of making East and West Cottages gated? There has been no history of this, but Brian could ask the question. He assumes we would have to follow township guidelines, which might not allow this, as BV previously has had to agree to open up a walking path to the community at large.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:25 by President Kerry Butz, who asked for a moment of silence for our friends and families, as well as our military around the world.

**Minutes from January 3, 2023.** Motion to accept was made by Judith Clovsky, seconded by Sandy Henry and approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:** A note of thanks for her recent Appreciation gift from Associate Natasha Richards was read.

**Financial Report:** Dale Meadowcroft stated the Residents' Council is doing quite well. See attached Statements of Financial Position and of Activity.

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

**1. Art(C)** -Marcia Marsh, Chair: The West art groups welcomes two new members, Mary Lou Suckling and Joe McLaughlin. Starting Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, the East art group will begin changing all paintings in the bank hallway, Center and Court apartments and even new pictures in the beauty salon. Be sure to visit the art exhibit in the Administration Hallway.

**2. Associates Appreciation Fund:** No report.

**3. Audio-Visual** (C)- Bob Brommer, Chair: No report.

**4. Audit** (C)- Dennis Plymette, Chair: As requested, the Audit committee has completed its Review of the 2022 Residents' Council Financial Statements. Based on our review, we believe that the 2022 Financial Statements as presented are financially accurate and complete. Motion to accept the report was made by Judith Clovsky, seconded by Charley Sproule, and accepted.

**5. Benevolence Fund** (C)- Ginny Wilt, Chair: Vesper committee received acknowledgement letters from all 10 charities supported during 2022. Copies of the letters are posted across from the resident life office in the East and in the mailroom at door 62 in the West, where they will be on display until March 1.

**6. Bethany Village Fair** (C)- Kathy Salmon, Chair: Following are updates on the March 31 and April 1, 2023, Fair.

Activities in preparation for the Fair continue, with 44 volunteers (including many new residents) offering to work before, during or after the Fair.

Area coordinators in Furniture, Housewares, Needlecrafts, Crafts, Jewelry, Art/Pictures, Wood Shop, Books/Puzzles and Bake Sale are preparing items for sale.

Advertising will be placed in newspapers, on Facebook and on posters to be distributed to local churches and area businesses.

A welcome flyer is being prepared and will be distributed by greeters at each entry point.

Kathy brought one of two new outdoor signs which will advertise the Fair to the meeting.

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

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

**Status of Vacancies:**

Center Rental	0 available
Court Apartments	2 available, 1 contracted
West Apartments	13 available, plus Mktg. Office, 1 contracted, 1 on hold
East Cottages	0 available
West Cottages	1 contracted
Estate Homes	0 available

**Completed Moves:**

Center Rental	3
Court Apartments	3
West Apartments	4
East Cottages	1
West Cottages	0
Independent Living	487
Assisted Living	93
Oaks	65

**Total # of Residents** 645 Residents but changing daily

**9. Courtesy** (A)- Kay Hess, Chair: 15 Get Well cards and 3 Sympathy cards were sent in January.

**10. Dining Services** (C)- Dale Meadowcroft, Chair: We welcome and happily announce the official appointment of Dustin Goss as the director of dining services for Bethany Village. Things are beginning to look better. With the renovation of Springfield's and the Collegiate Café, dining will soon be back to normal. It is anticipated that we will begin the West and East Cottage dinners soon, but we must be mindful of the fact that the dining staff has 16 full-time vacancies. Please talk to anyone you know who might be interested in a full or part-time job in dining services.

**11. Executive Committee** (SC)- Judith Clovsky: No report.

**12. Facilities** (C)- Bob Gasull, Chair: Items reviewed at the Facilities Committee meeting –

In-person meeting/requests will be accepted at the Facilities Office, in addition to e-mail and phone requests\*. The notice on Channel 956 and Touchtown on TV requesting there be no in-person requests at the Facilities Office will be removed.

The building controllers Brian mentioned at Town Hall to be put on the HVAC units refers to the HVAC in the main building and not to individual apartment HVAC units.

Mechanical door opening preference will be a) restrooms at Springfield's Dining Room, b) Restrooms at the Bistro, c) Wellness Center entry doors and d) Garage doors

Suggestion that workers from outside contractors wear identification

Discussion of replacing all keys to residences with electronic key system

\*Mention was made at the RC meeting that the on-line system of requests works but needs clarification

**13. Garden Club** (CL)-Cindy Lindsay, Chair: The Garden Club will have their annual spring meeting in the Rife Center on Tuesday, February 28 at 10 am. Members and any others interested in the club are welcome to attend. For questions or to reserve a plot, call Cindy Lindsay (717-458-8825).

**14. IT** (A)- Maria Laterra, Chair: IT: No report

**15. Library** (C) -Ellie Meadowcroft, Chair: In January, 31 books were added, 2 regular print and 29 large prints (See attachments for details). We also have 2 new volunteers for a total of 23. Our Resource Mate web OPAC and support agreements were renewed for another year.

**16. Model Railroad** (CL)- Tony Wright, Chair: The Oaks platform is being used and averaging about 100 clicks per month. Thanks to the Residents' Council for their contribution to this worthy endeavor.

We have several new members. The Train Club will be attending a model train show in Harrisburg on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and will have two tables to sell excess inventory.

**17. Nominations/Elections Committee** (SC)- A new chair, who must be a member of the RC, is needed for this committee.

**18. PARCR** (C) Lowell Starling, Chair: PARCR's January Quarterly meeting was held in the Rife Center, with 20 Bethany Village residents attending. Slides used by 2 speakers are available on PARCR.org under the What We Offer tab. A recording of the meeting is available under the Members tab. PARCR's April Quarterly Meeting will be at Londonderry Village in Palmyra on April 12, 2023, at 10 AM. Keynote speaker, Gary Pezzano, CEO of LeadingAge PA. will discuss his plans for LeadingAge PA, as well as the legislative climate for CCRCs.

You do not have to be a PARCR member to attend the in-person meetings. PARCR individual memberships are \$20/year and registration materials can be found at PARCR.org.

Lowell Starling is now on the board of NaCCRA (National Continuing Care Resident's Association).

**19. Program** (C)- Ann Swenson, Chair: Upcoming events include:

February 20, Snowtubing at Ski Roundtop

February 23, Hollywood Casino trip

February 25, Barbershop Parkside Harmony at Messiah University

February 26, Capitol Pops Concert at the Forum in Harrisburg

February 27, Middle Creek Wildlife Mtg. Area

March 1, Hershey Bears Game (home)

March 6, National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg

March 8, Philadelphia Flower Show

March 17, Great Decisions at the Carlisle Barracks

March 18, Oyster Mill Playhouse presents The Savannah Sipping Society featuring our own Lois Heagy

March 30, Sister Act at the Dutch Apple

**20. Remembrance Garden** (A)- Dale Meadowcroft, Chair: The committee sent out 15 letters to the families who became eligible for bricks in November and December of 2022.

**21. Special Events** (A) no report

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

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

We now have a lifeguard for Saturdays.

We have a new massage therapist, currently able to work only on Mondays, and are working to find an additional therapist.

Silver Sneakers is back on Thursdays only, 10 AM in the West Residence Commons Room.

Snow Tubing at Ski Roundtop, Monday, February 20.

**24. Wood Shop** (A)- Joe Kearney- Chair: January was a typical slow winter month, with only 2 repairs. These repairs and a donation brought in \$120, of which \$100 was given to the Council, with \$20 going into petty cash.

Ken Kieffer continued with training for those interested in joining the shop.

The Wood Shop has an Open House every Tuesday 10AM till noon. Residents are welcome to visit, bring items for repair or to just hang out to see what is going on.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Other:** A sign-up sheet was passed for those who would like to help deliver carnations on Feb. 14.

**Announcements:**

Charley Sproule spoke of the Great Courses, which he had recently bought and suggested that others might buy a course and donate it to the library.

Lowell Starling stated that 18 BV residents are currently involved in the Brain Health initiative, and that after completing a segment, all 18 had improved their scores of brain function.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 1 p.m.

Next Residents' Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 9:15a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hipp, Secretary