



Residents' Council Minutes

March 7, 2023

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Council Members*: Monte Avery, Kerry Butz (E), Judith Clovsky, Nadine Creighton, Bob Gasull, Ida May Heidecker, Sandy Henry, Kay Hess, Bill Middendorf, Susan Moeslein, Dennis Plymette, Anna Mae Roof, Ray Saunders, Charley Sproule, Melissa Stock(E), 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, Maria LaTerra, Kathy Salmon, Don Shover and Leroy Weaver

Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky: None. Brian is out of town.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:14 by Vice-President Monte Avery, who asked for a moment of silence to think of others.

Minutes from February 7, 2023. Minor changes to the Minutes (updating the Chairs of the Executive and Bylaws Committees to the current President), were made. Motion to accept was made by Dennis Plymette, seconded by Bill Middendorf, and approved unanimously.

Correspondence: A note of resignation due to health problems from Council Member Larry Miller and dated 3/4/23 was read. Motion to accept with regret Larry's resignation was made by Dennis Plymette, seconded by Ray Saunders, and carried unanimously.

Financial Report: Dale Meadowcroft stated the bottom line is that "We're making money!" Motion to accept the report was made by Dennis Plymette, seconded by Charley Sproule, and approved by all.

For details, 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 East group has completed changing the paintings in the Court apartments and will complete the Center and beauty salon in the next two weeks. The West group will be hanging paintings on the first floor of West apartments after completion of removal of the border and painting of walls.

2. Audio-Visual (C) – Bob Brommer, Chair: No report.

3. Audit (C) – Dennis Plymette, Chair: No report.

4. Benevolence Fund (C) - Ginny Wilt and Kay Hess, Co-Chairs: No report.

5. Bethany Village Fair (C)- Kathy Salmon, Chair: No report.

6. Bylaws Committee (SC)- Kerry Butz, President: No report.

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

Status of Vacancies:

Center Rental	0 available
Court Apartments	2 contracted, 1 on hold
West Apartments	12 available, plus Mktg. Office, 2 contracted, 1 on hold
East Cottages	0 available
West Cottages	1 contracted
Estate Homes	0 available

Completed Moves:

Center Rental	1
Court Apartments	3
West Apartments	4
East Cottages	1
West Cottages	1
Independent Living	487
Assisted Living	93
Oaks	67

Total # of Residents 647 Residents, but changing daily

8. Courtesy (A)- Kay Hess, Chair: 11 Get Well cards and 2 Sympathy cards were sent in February.

9. Dining Services (C)- Dale Meadowcroft, Chair: We anticipate the re-opening of the dining facilities on the West side in April or sooner, depending on the installation of carpet. Dustin is interviewing for the executive chef position, which hopefully will begin the process of solidifying structure for menus and dining in the future.

10. Executive Committee (SC)- Kerry Butz: No report.

11. Facilities (C)- Bob Gasull, Chair: Highlights of Facility Report (Mark Ruiz) and Facility Meeting

Maintenance staff: 4 open positions,
Housekeeping staff: 7.6 open positions
Laundry: 2 open positions
Drivers: 6 open positions

- 1.Center Apartments – A new washer has been installed, with drain line opened; solarium windows and ceiling lights are to be replaced; cleaning of hall and trash room routinely checked.
2. Replacement of canopy at Court Apartment delayed due to recent emergencies.
3. Door 65 luggage cart missing.
4. Road work scheduled for warm weather to correct the night-time darkness at Wilson Lane turn onto Sheeley Lane on the West Campus.
5. ID badge door opener at Door 45 is turned off to prevent entrance into the work area.
6. Fire extinguishers are inspected by Bethany Associates. Suggestion made to place inspection date on extinguishers to confirm inspection.
7. Suggestion to inspect paving prior to applying coating, as in some areas, the paving is severely damaged.
8. Security:
 - a. Keys to campus work sites are held in Mark Ruiz’s office. Off-campus workers must sign out keys to areas where they are to work and must return keys to Mark’s office when leaving campus.
 - b. Suggestion made that off-campus contract workers wear ID badges to confirm reason for being in apartment halls.
 - c. Unidentified persons reported in an empty East apartment, who were rude in their responses to questions by a Bethany resident.

12. Garden Club (CL)-Cindy Lindsay, Chair: The Garden Club had a great turn out and added some new members at their February 28 meeting. Plots are to be cleaned and ready for spring tilling by March 15. Earl Norman was recognized for all his years of service. Much produce was lost last season due to animals getting into the plots. The Club voted to donate a basket to the upcoming April 12th raffle. There are garden plots available. Those wishing to spend time in the garden are invited to help someone. They and those wishing to join the club may contact Cindy Lindsay.

13. IT (A)- Maria Laterra, Chair: IT: The IT Activity has donated items for a laptop accessory basket for the Auxiliary Basket Raffle. Please purchase tickets for baskets to help this worthy cause.

The Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg is offering one-on-one tech help (<https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/SIM>)

14. Library (C) -Ellie Meadowcroft, Chair: In February, 16 books were added, 2 regular print and 14 large prints (See attachments for details).

15. Model Railroad (CL)- Tony Wright, Chair: The Club attended the Harrisburg Train Show and will participate in the upcoming BV Fair. We will have a table set up in the Books and Puzzle area with items for sale.

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

17. PARCR (C) Lowell Starling, Chair: upcoming PARCR Quarterly Meetings/2023

April 12: Londonderry Village, Palmyra. The keynote speaker will be Garry Pezzano, CEO of LeadingAge Pa, who will update us on plans and goals of LeadingAge PA and address issues of concern to seniors in Pa. Specific topics identified in the survey after the July Quarterly meeting include, in order of voting: regulatory issues affecting senior living, state funding options for senior living, pros and cons of ageing in place and the legislative process. Dan Seeger will provide updates on NaCCRA, and Jeff Shireman will present Londonderry Village highlights, with an optional tour of the community offered after lunch.

July 12: Masonic Village, Elizabethtown. The keynote speaker will be a principal from Mediplanconnect speaking on Medicare. The presentation will cover the evolution of Medicare and how to analyze the options facing seniors trying to select the most cost-effective options for them. This will be great timing, with Medicare open enrollment beginning in early fall.

October 11, location TBD, with a panel of industry leaders discussing challenges and possible solutions facing the CCRC industry.

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.

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

March 17, Great Decisions at the Carlisle Barracks

March 22, Springtime Country Ride

March 24, Great Decisions @ Carlisle Barracks Army Center on War Crimes

March 26, Lunch @ Marzoni's

March 29, Bethany Studs Breakfast, Bistro

March 31, Final Great Decisions @ Carlisle Army Barracks on Iran at a crossroads

April 2, Capitol Pops Concert @Forum
April 12 Auxiliary Basket Raffle
April 27, Phillies Game Senior Day @Citizens

19. Remembrance Garden (A)- Dale Meadowcroft, Chair: The committee submitted an order for 7 bricks. Donors will receive a letter of acknowledgement following installation. We also sent out three letters to families who lost loved ones in January.

20. Special Events (A) no report

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

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

Justin is looking into redefining the Wellness Committee.
The new Engagement System is coming to BV and will kick off at the end of June.
We continue to work on welcoming new residents.
New resident socials are beginning this month.
Brain Health Initiatives will take a step forward toward the end of May.

23. Wood Shop (A)- Joe Kearney and Ken Kieffer-Co-Chairs: We welcome new members Dick Neff, Don Baltosser, Judith Sommer, Tracey Olson, and Rick Lewis. Activities in the Shop in February included repairs for lamps, tables, picture frames, chairs and projects of new bluebird houses, bird feeders, and under-cabinet shelf, a hummingbird house and toast retrievers. It has been busy and profitable, with \$168 coming in and \$100 turned in to the Council, the remainder in petty cash.

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: Kay Hess, previous Chair of Nominations, spoke of the immediate need for someone from Council to step up as Chair. She offered her help to get the new Chair started and to speak with anyone interested. The committee consists of the Chair (a Council member) and 3 others, who represent each living area and do not have to be on Council. Their work schedule is primarily from early August to early December. Vice-President Monte Avery appealed to the group and requested anyone interested contact him.

New Business: Ray Saunders made a motion “That the Resident’s Council approve a maximum of \$380. for purchase of a Pyle Portable PA speaker system and 2 Singing Machine Wireless Unidirectional Dynamic Microphones or their equivalent. The system would be used when conducting monthly News and Views Meetings with West Apartment Residents. Additionally, the system could be used in the Rife Center for the Residents’ Council Meetings and Ecology Meetings. There may be other Bethany Village meetings that would use this system.”

This written request had been received by President Kerry Butz and was scheduled for discussion at the next Executive Committee. However, Dennis Plymette pointed out that according to the

By-laws this request was not “business of an urgent nature between Council meetings” and should come before the entire Council to be decided by the entire body.

Discussion ensued with some of the pros and cons and questions/answers raised being:

Con -

-There are already designated rooms with microphones in several areas in the West building, which could be used for meetings where a mike is needed.

Pro -

-There is a use for a portable system that could move around.

-In a campus our size, this equipment is needed. It is often difficult for folks to hear in a crowded room.

- To the suggestion that perhaps a different system could be purchased at less expense and the portable mikes we already have used with them, possible issues of compatibility w/different frequencies, as well as concerns about mikes going from unit to unit and being available when needed were mentioned.

- Questions were raised as to storage location, sign-out, and overall responsibility for the unit.

The original motion was called, seconded by Sandy Henry, and passed by a show of hands 7 – 4.

A second motion was made by Charley Sproule that the group making the purchase work with the audio-visual committee to maximize integration of the equipment, etc., seconded by Ray Saunders and passed 11-0 with 1 abstention.

Other: None

Announcements:

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 3 p.m.

Next Residents' Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 9:15 a.m.

Adjournment: Bob Gasull made a motion to adjourn at 9:55, seconded by Dennis Plymette and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hipp, Secretary