



## Residents' Council Minutes

May 2, 2023

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

**Officers**\*: President Monte Avery, Vice President (open), 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, Kristen Juchem, Jenny Kornfeld, Maria Laterra, Justin Margut, Tracy Olson, Beth Shank, Don Shover, Lowell Starling

**Administrative Report**: Brian Grundusky: Highlights of Brian's report follow.

**Covid**: Masking for Associates and for visitors to The Oaks and MapleWood has been lifted as of May 1. The masking requirement will be reimplemented if Cumberland County returns to the red zone or if there is an outbreak in Skilled or Assisted Living.

**West Land Sale**: Complete/closed with slightly more than 4.4M received. Both residents and associates have made suggestions for the use of these funds, all of which will be re-invested in the BV community. Some changes to be implemented, with projects based on vendor availability, are:

- Changing from key entry to an e-lock system for doors, with all areas to be assessed
- Increased cameras and security measures campus-wide
- The changing of a number of doors throughout the campus to handicapped-accessible

**Staffing**: Our goal is quality, consistency, and the elimination of contract labor. As an example, on 5/28 we will be offering a modest increase for new CNA hires.

**Resident Satisfaction Survey**: will take place from May 15 to May 28. Associates have already taken their survey, which revealed 75% expressing total satisfaction, up from the previous year.

**Quarterly Town Meeting with Todd Andrews**: May 31, Rife Center. **Time change to 11 am.**

**Wellness:** Justin Margut:

**Upcoming Residents' Satisfaction Survey:** May 15 – 28, with an Ice Cream Social May 24 from 2 - 4. This will be an electronic survey, the goal of which is to create plans to increase resident satisfaction based on the results. Each resident will receive a code and form, unlike last year's survey which had 1 form per household. Assistance will be available to those choosing not to participate by electronic means during publicized help sessions in the week, on weekends and nights, as well as individually. The Residents' Council was asked to help by promoting the survey and offering assistance to those needing help in filling out the forms.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:27 am by President Monte Avery.

**Minutes from April 4, 2023.** Motion to accept was made by Sandy Henry, seconded by Bill Middendorf and approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:** None

**Financial Report:** Dale Meadowcroft, Treasurer, submitted his monthly reports. This month's Statement of Activity enumerates individual sales from the recent BV Fair, as well as other information. 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 Art Group will be hanging pictures in the computer lab soon. Phyllis Kegerreis has donated two paintings, as has 7 Lively Artist John McNulty, one painted by Mr. McNulty: the other by the late Frank Hebert. All will be displayed in the bank hallway on the East side. The West Art Group arranged the pictures on the first floor before the Marketing open house. West Art Group is also reviewing the first four floors to fine-tune the placement of relocated pictures and plans to frame some different pictures.

**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: Recent new BV resident Howard Hertzler stepped into the position of counter upon the passing of our dear friend and fellow resident Ralph Tygard, who served faithfully in that capacity for an extended period. Vesper counters serve in this vital role through their year-long commitment.

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

**6. Bylaws Committee** (SC) - Monte Avery, President: Monte reported that the committee, aided by council members, Ray Saunders and Dennis Plymette, is completely revising the Bylaws and will have a working meeting tomorrow.

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

**Status of Vacancies:**

Center Rental	2 new renters
Court Apartments	2 available
West Apartments	6 available, plus Mktg. Office, 2 contracted, 1 accepted and 1 on hold
East Cottages	1 available, 1 accepted, 2 contracted
West Cottages	0 contracted
Estate Homes	0 available

**Completed Moves:**

Center Rental	0
Court Apartments	2
West Apartments	4
East Cottages	0
West Cottages	1
Independent Living	486
Assisted Living	97
Oaks	65

**Total # of Residents** 648 Residents, but changing daily

**8. Courtesy** (A) - Kay Hess, Chair: 21 Get Well cards and 2 Sympathy cards were sent in March.

**9. Dining Services** (C) - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair: There have been several new hires, including a bartender for Clyde’s Pub. Springfield’s buffet is open now on alternate Sundays. Theme nights have been well-received and East and West Cottage dinners are starting up. Dining is getting back to where it was!

**10. Executive Committee** (SC) - Monte Avery: There are currently 2 vacancies on council. We do not have a status report at this point on voting from Nominations Chair, Dennis Plymette, who is ill.

**11. Facilities** (C) - Bob Gasull, Chair: Highlights of 4/25 Facility Report (Mark Ruiz) and following Committee Facility Meeting.

Landscape update: campus spring cleaning has begun  
Community Center: renovation completed  
Phase 3 update: process continues  
Decal replacements – signs on hallways and doorways are being changed  
West Apt. hot water—second unit will be installed, no eta

West Apt. motion detector for hall lights—seeking quotes, but difficult to find a vendor  
Sink holes are beginning to open on West campus. Mark is aware of this

There has been an increase in requests for work but no increase in the number of associates to respond. All Facilities departments continue to work with a shortage of associates.

**12. Garden Club** (CL) - Cindy Lindsay, Chair: The garden is coming alive with cool weather crops now, including some perennials, like asparagus. There are several full plots and several ½ plots available. Art Lindsay removed the old bulletin board and installed a new one and cut up fallen tree limbs. We need approval before beginning repairs to siding on the large barn. The produce tables are now out on both the East and West sides.

**13. IT** (A) - Maria Laterra, Chair: A Windows 10 computer with a larger screen was relocated from the computer room on the west side to the east side to replace the Windows 7 computer in the library. In response to a request to make the computer room look more upscale, we are cleaning it and removing extra parts and devices. Marcia Marsh from the Art Committee is helping to select and hang new artwork.

**14. Library** (C) - Ellie Meadowcroft, Chair: In April, 23 books were added, 3 regular print and 20 large print (See attachments for details). A library committee meeting was held on April 18 to discuss volunteer changes, periodicals, suitability of some novels and shelving issues.

**15. Model Railroad** (CL) - Tony Wright, Chair: The Garden Train buildings are in place, the track has been cleaned, engines and trolley have been tested and are running smoothly and general maintenance of the area has been completed. We are scheduled to start running the trains on May 10, weather permitting. We are also looking into what it would take to move platforms from West to beauty shop area on the lower level on East after Phase III is completed.

**16. Nominations/Elections Committee** (SC ) - Dennis Plymette, Chair: President Monte Avery stated that voting for 2 new council members has taken place. Results will be shared at the June RC meeting.

**17. PARCR** (C) Lowell Starling, Chair

Next quarterly meeting will be July 12 at 10 am, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown. The keynote speaker will be Mike Fiaschetti, President of MediPlanConnect. He will discuss the various types of Medicare plans and the pros and cons of those plans to help us make an informed decision about the best selections for each of us. This information will be just in time for the Medicare Open Enrollment period in the fall.

You do not have to be a PARCR member to attend the in-person meetings. The invitation letter will be in your mailboxes a couple of weeks before the meeting.

PARCR individual memberships are \$20/year, which provides access to legislative and regulatory information published by PARCR in conjunction with LeadingAge PA, the PARCR

Post newsletter and access to recordings of previous meetings. Application materials can be found at PARCR.org.

Official Websites:

PARCR – PARCR.org. (Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents)

LeadingAge Pa – leadingagepa.org

NaCCRA – naccra.com (National Continuing Care Resident’s Association)

**18. Program** (C)- Ann Swenson, Chair: 12 upcoming events include:

May 13 – Susquehanna Chorale, Songs for the Journey.

May 14 – Lady Windemere’s Fan at Oyster Mill Playhouse

May 31- Bethany Studs Breakfast in the Bistro

June 4 - Stars on Ice at the Giant Arena

June 7 – Spring Fling Shopping Package at Kitchen Kettle Village

June 15 – Harrisburg Senators Game, City Island

June 22 – Elvis: A Musical Revolution at Dutch Apple

**19. Remembrance Garden** (A) - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair: 7 letters were sent to next of kin with information on bricks. In the last 10 years we have sent over 280 letters.

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

**21. Spiritual Life Enrichment** (C) - Don Shover: no report

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

The Bethany Games will take place May 22 – June 2. Wellness will be hosting practice days in May.

Line Dancing started April 18 and meets Tuesdays 11am to noon in the West Multipurpose Room.

Super Seven started May 1. The program is 6 weeks of new and improved content, including brain health lectures hosted by neuroscientist Ryan Glatt. The program targets the key neurocognitive domains with brain exercises that increase in difficulty over six weeks. If you are interested in continuing or would like to start the program, contact Wellness.

**23. Wood Shop** (A) - Joe Kearney and Ken Kieffer-Co-Chairs: 4 – 5 members came on Tuesdays to our open houses to greet visitors. During these open houses, several residents

brought items for repair, including squeaky chairs, a dead lamp and a very old wall clock that had fallen and broken into dozens of small pieces and was made by a resident's ancestors. Kerry Butz volunteered to take on the project. Our repairs have brought in \$50 for the month. Some new projects were: 2 under cabinet dowel shelves for residents who had shorter cabinets in their kitchens (made by Joe Kearney), cell phone and tv remote holders (Art Lindsay), 2 lattice-work trellises to help conceal the propane tank in his yard (Bob Brommer). Ken Kieffer purchased a tool to make dove-tail joints for furniture. Thanks to Don Baltosser for the help he gave the shop by repairing our bandsaw. It is now back in good operating order.

Open house – every Tuesday 10am till noon. Guests are welcome to stop in, bring items for repair or just to see the place.

**Old Business:** Election of Residents' Council Vice-President - Sandy Henry and Bob Gasull were the nominees. There were no new nominations from the floor.

The motion to close the nominations was made by Ray Saunders, seconded by Nadine Creighton and passed. Ballots were passed to each eligible voting member and counted by a team. Bob Gasull was elected Vice-President.

Those who had filled out the Volunteer services questionnaire at the April meeting were thanked for their participation.

**New Business:**

Request to change time of Residents' Council meeting: the time will remain at 9:15.

**Other:**

The 2022 Disclosure Statement for Bethany Village Retirement Center is now available in the Bethany Village Library for review. If you would like to have your own copy, please contact Beth Merkel, Marketing Coordinator, at 717-591-8072. Any questions you may have can be referred to Brian Grundusky.

Letters requesting donations for the bi-annual Associate's Appreciation Fund will be coming out in May.

Judith Clovsky and Kristin Juchem publicized the need for "Hydration Helpers" (suspended during Covid) in Assisted Living, Memory Care (M-F, 10:30-11:15) and The Oaks (M-F, 8:30-9:30). Help is needed offering water to help prevent UTIs among the residents, with an additional benefit to those residents of receiving an extra smile and greeting in their daily lives. Volunteers would receive a room list, prepare cups with ice and water, and deliver fresh water, taking 30-45 minutes. There are currently several volunteers, and it is possible to help for one day per week.

For further information, call Kristin Juchem (717-591-8021).

Fred Baldwin, Ecology Team Chair, shared his report, highlights of which follow:

The Team approved a resolution thanking Brian Grundusky and Mark Ruiz for timely notice of herbicide applications. The Team continues to try to understand recycling protocols for BV and to decide on signage communicating what can and cannot be recycled. They hope to look further into what happens to the BV recycled trash.

Kristin Juchem will contact Justin Margut in response to a request that suggestion boxes be made available on the east and west sides of campus.

A question was raised as to the oversight of the Reading Room. Kristin Juchem stated that she oversaw magazine and newspaper subscriptions in the Reading Room and Library. She thought that other aspects were resident driven.

**Announcements:**

RC Member Nadine Creighton will be moving to Assisted Living and resigned from Council. Nadine was thanked for her service and learned that there is a Council for her to join in her new living area.

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

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

**Adjournment:** Sandy Henry made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m., seconded by Anna Mae Roof and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hipp, Secretary