



Residents' Council Minutes

May 7, 2024

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Council Members*: Harry Boswell, Joan Bretz, Mary Darden, Ida May Heidecker, Dale Meadowcroft, Bill Middendorf, Carol Owen, Carol Pennington (E), Dennis Plymette, Claire Powers, Bob Regan, Anna Mae Roof, Ray Saunders, Charley Sproule, Ann Swenson, Tom Usiadek, Ron Wolf

Officers*: President Dale Meadowcroft, Vice President Bob Regan, Treasurer Jim Smeltzer, Assistant Treasurer Charley Sproule, Secretary Anne Hipp, Assistant Secretary Claire Powers

*E =Excused Absence; U =Unexcused Absence

Visitors: Edna Andrews, Bob Brommer, William Dallam, Pat Hutter, Kristen Juchem, Connie Kehs, Kathy Salmon, Don Shover

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Dale Meadowcroft

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

Administrative Report: Brian Grundusky: Brian was away at training.

Minutes from April 2, 2024.

Motion to accept: Dennis Plymette Second: Bob Regan Accepted

Correspondence: None

Financial Report: Jim Smeltzer, Treasurer:

As the new treasurer of the Residents' Council, Jim has received the needed paperwork from the IRS. The attached Trial Balance and Profit and Loss Statements do not include revenue from the recently held BV Fair, which is reported under #5 below.

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

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

The Art Committee has received a large number of paintings in the last couple of months. We sorted through them and transferred many to the West Art group. As a result of the Living Fair, a few residents have expressed an interest in joining the Art Committee, both the East and West groups. Hooray!

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:

We had a very successful Spring Fair on May 3 and 4 and made around \$10,000. Charley Sproule will provide the specifics. This is slightly more than we made at the 2023 Spring Fair and is in spite of fewer attendees due to many community yard sales on the same dates. I cannot say enough about the volunteers who worked to sort, price and display the many items that came in the week prior to the Fair and for their help when I was not there. We are starting to plan for the Fall Fair that is scheduled for October 11-12.

6. Bylaws Committee (SC) - Bob Regan, Chair: No report.

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

Status of Vacancies:

Center Rental	0 available
Court Apartments	7 available, 1 on hold, 1 contracted
West Apartments	1 available plus the Marketing Office, 1 on hold, 2 contracted
East Cottages	1 on hold
West Cottage	0 available
Estate Homes	0 available

Completed Moves:

Center Apartment	0
Court Apartments	1

West Apartments	6
East Cottages	3
West Cottages	0

Current Resident Count:

Assisted Living	88
Skilled Nursing	67
Independent Living	<u>452</u>

Total **607, but changing daily**

8. Courtesy (A) - Kay Hess, Chair:

25 Get Well cards and 2 Sympathy cards were sent in April.

9. Dining (C) - Dale Meadowcroft, Chair:

The committee is very excited about the service and quality as we go through the construction phases of the Springfield’s dining room. Tuesday night specials in the Collegiate Café are well received. We look forward to the beginning of a new tradition for community-wide buffets on the second Thursday of each month in the Rife Center. The buffet on May 9th is in celebration of Pacific Heritage month and is fashioned after a Hawaiian luau. Our next scheduled meeting is May 14.

10. Executive Committee (SC) - Dale Meadowcroft, President, and Chair: No report.

11. Facilities (C) – Carol Pennington, Chair: Highlights of report 4/30 Facilities Committee report from Mark Ruiz and New Items and Efforts.

Mark Ruiz –

Staff vacancies - Maintenance, 4; Housekeeping, 4; Transportation, 5.

Electronic locks, Brain Health, and Rife Kitchen - all moving forward.

SARA Testing - 18 remain and 3 were refused.

West Chiller – will be in on Monday.

West Roofing – The first to be completed will be the flat roofing, then in turn, Skilled, AL and West Apartments.

West Apt. – Motion activated lighting (by ADM: benches at doors 64, 55, and 51. Luggage cart to be delivered next week. The chandelier motion detector is adjusted. The West Apt. water fountain removal will be delayed.

New Items:

West Apts. - It was reported that there is a drainage problem at Door 64 – too much tanbark was placed around the trees.

Fire Drills – Last time there was a fluke, and no announcement was made. IL is in the dark about the fire drills if an announcement is not made. Question: How should the issue of people in wheelchairs who need elevators be handled during fire drills?

Question: When old but good, usable equipment is discarded, can they be recycled or salvaged?

New Efforts:

Mark is trying to get carpeting and paint for the AL building, carpeting for the Center Apartments and a new design idea for the canopy area for the East Apartment Front Door.

Sinkhole fixes will start soon.

Grass cutting is now on Fridays.

The East Apartment 1st floor trash room needs cleaning.

3rd floor B in the Court is dusty and dirty.

Downspouts in the West Cottages are a problem.

12. Garden Club (CL) - Cindy Lindsay, Chair:

Garden Club members are busy planting spring crops and setting out chairs in their plots to watch their garden grow. There are two small half plots remaining from the 37 plots in the garden. Anyone interested, please call Cindy Lindsay.

13. History (C), Joan Bretz, Chair:

The primary activity of the History Committee at the moment continues to be the compilation of the Archival Yearbook for 2024. The Committee was represented at the Living Fair to make BV residents more aware of the committee and its responsibilities. Two RC members have sent photos to the Committee and at least one person has mentioned getting photos together to submit, so we may be gaining some traction in making residents more aware of the need to submit photos and suggestions. All RC members are requested to take photos when attending an event or activity and submit them. It would be helpful if a number of folks would take photos at the various BV Games events.

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

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

In April 2024, 36 books were added, 2 regular print and 34 large print. A cart of books was delivered to AL and the previous cart of books returned to the library. The Library Committee met on April 16 to prepare for the Living Fair and decide on our fund raiser for the Rock-A-Thon.

16. Model Railroad (CL) - Jim Wilt, Chair:

I would like to introduce you to our platform managers.

- Jim Long, HO Scale platform manager, a longtime member and recently moved to BV. He is the designer and constructor of The Oaks train display.

- Bob Schmauk, Garden Train platform manager, along with several members, held a cleanup day at the Garden Train storage shed. They cleaned the area and removed obsolete equipment and debris. Bob will be preparing the Garden Train for the upcoming season.
- Ed Caravello, O Scale platform manager and a new member of the club, inventoried the engines and rolling stock. He also developed a maintenance and repair spread sheet.
- Harv Huth, N Scale platform manager and longtime model train enthusiast, reports the train display in the breezeway continues to operate without any problems.
- Lowell Starling, Oak's platform manager and past president of the club, continues to keep The Oaks trains running.

We are always looking for new members to join us. Experience is not necessary, only a willingness to participate and share your ideas.

17. Nominations/Elections Committee (SC) - Dennis Plymette, Chair: No report.

18. PARCR (C) - Claire Powers, Chair:

With the support of Resident Life, we will provide transportation to future out of town meetings if drivers are available.

Coming soon:

July 10, 2024, PARCR Quarterly Meeting at Quincy Village in Waynesboro, Pa.: Nick Patel, CEO of ThriveWell Tech (an Asbury Communities subsidiary) will be the keynote speaker on the benefits of Artificial Intelligence and their participation in AARP's AgeTech Collaborative on Senior Living. We will also have speakers from LeadingAge PA and NaCCRA to give us updates.

October 11, 2024, PARCR Quarterly Meeting at Pleasant View Communities in Manheim, PA. The keynote speaker will be Brian Roche, investigative reporter, and anchor for WGAI, Channel 8. He will give a presentation on Frauds and Scams impacting seniors.

You do not have to be a PARCR member to attend the in-person meetings. However, PARCR individual memberships are only \$20/year, and you can find registration materials at PARCR.org. For the \$20 you get access to all the legislative and regulatory information published by PARCR in conjunction with the LeadingAge PA and the PARCR Post newsletter. You also get front row seating at the Quarterly Meetings.

January 8, 2025m PARCR Quarterly Meeting at Bethany Village.

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

19. Program (C) - Ann Swenson, Chair:

Upcoming events include:

- May 17, Friday – Infusions Restaurant for luncheon at Lancaster Culinary School

- May 19, Sunday – Susquehanna Chorale @ Messiah University
- May 24, Friday – Wildwood Park outdoor recreation
- May 29, Wednesday- Bethany Studs Breakfast in the Bistro
- June 5, Wednesday – Senior Day at Mount Asbury
- June 12, Wednesday – Dutch Apple to see The Full Monty
- June 12, Wednesday – Harrisburg Senators Game and a buffet meal

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

We look forward to the installation of new bricks in May. Last month, we sent out 9 letters to next of kin, and we reordered 38 bricks that have deteriorated to the point of being difficult to read.

21. Special Events (A) No report

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

23. Volunteer Support (C) – Carol Owen, Chair

The Volunteer Support Committee had a table at the Living Fair, and members were able to talk with a lot of residents. Kristen Juchem has compiled a list of needs and has included the physical ability required to perform the task. We will be working with the ambassadors to encourage new residents to volunteer at Bethany.

Wellness (C) - Ed Stevenson, Chair:

- The Kinnections program is underway. Hannah started assessments.
- The pool closed for new flooring till the end of May.
- Bethany and Aidan will be at AMV being trained in Rock Steady Boxing, which we will be doing once the remodel is completed.
- The Longest Day Walk will be at BV on June 20th from 7am to 7pm.
- BV games are the last two weeks of May.

Ed Stevenson welcomes any questions or comments.

25. Wood Shop (A) - Joe Kearney and Ken Kieffer - Co-Chairs:

Activities in the shop for April centered around both individual projects and repairs done for residents. Some of the repairs were two lamps, a spindle rocking chair, a picture frame, a tabletop, the drawer in an end table and a screen door on a submarine. The repairs brought in \$75 in donations which went to purchase a new power drill, charger, and battery. The owner of the submarine did not donate, as the screen was not waterproof!

Individual projects included 2 bluebird houses built by Beth Shank to be sold at the Spring Fair and a bat house which will be hung on the side of the farmhouse off Bethany Drive. Ken Kieffer made a picture frame and Joe Kearney made 4 trivets to be sold at the Fair. Ken Hatcher made 3 beautiful walnut wall clocks with quartz movements and an intricate cross. cut out with a scroll saw for the Fair. Ed Slaby, Ken Hatcher, and Leroy Weaver created a large charcuterie board of

beautiful walnut. Ed Ravizza repaired items for the Garden Club and a good-looking mini library for the Healing Garden to house gardening books, etc.

It was a good month, with good attendance for our open houses on Tuesdays, with 5 or 6 members showing up each day.

And so, once again a reminder that the shop is open every Tuesday from 10 am to noon. Come one, come all!

Old Business: Dale Meadowcroft:

- Dale introduced Kristen by noting that the recent Living Fair was the first under her supervision and that, with 38 exhibitors, it was a great success.
- Kristen stated that she met with current Ambassadors to improve the Ambassador's program. She envisions that as new residents come through the program, they will be directed to Volunteer Support to, hopefully, become active.
- Another note was that on May 18, a church group with 30-40 volunteers wearing identifying T-shirts will be at BV from 10 – 12 to clean mailboxes, and, if there are enough volunteers, stairwells, and other areas.
- June 20 will be The Longest Day, a walking event to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association and will coincide with Jubilee Day and accompanying festivities.

New Business: Dale Meadowcroft:

- 2023 Disclosure Statement for Bethany Village is available in printed version, as it is each year, in the library. This Disclosure Statement is the annual fiscal report from Asbury and the cover letter is attached to the Minutes. RC Treasurer, Jim Smeltzer, said that it was in good order. Dale noted that Bethany Village and Asbury have planned well, noting that many skilled nursing facilities have closed in recent years, but that Bethany, with its relatively small number of beds is in a very good position.
- Dale summarized a recent written communication to Executive Director, Brian Grundusky in which he reiterated his agenda for the Residents' Council to focus on what is great with Bethany Village and moving away from "what BV can do for me to what I can do for Bethany Village." Following up with conversations with residents and, more recently, the Executive Committee, a few thoughts to emerge were:
 - Re-starting reading at elementary schools
 - Working with area high schools in tutoring, interfacing with Vo-tech schools, perhaps employing some of their students as facilities and dining interns and doing small budget jobs not normally issued to contractors
 - Interfacing with area colleges or junior colleges

In short, Dale's vision calls for more interaction with the outside community and building a volunteer organization to support the efforts of Kristen Juchem (in place and chaired by Carol Owen as Volunteer Support). He will check with the Administration to see if there were any impediments to implementing these ideas.

Items from around the table, an opportunity for members to share their thoughts and constructive feedback. Some highlights:

- Joan Bretz raised the possibility of a group rate for cottages from PPL. A number of emergency evacuation maps on campus are outdated. She has sent an e-mail to Mark Ruiz regarding this.
- Dennis Plymette shared that keyless lock installation has begun. Doors will need to be locked when going out. They will not do so automatically.
- Bill Middendorf reports his thanks that the dirty floors reported at last month's meeting have been cleaned.
- Claire Powers reports that a celebration ensued following the new luggage cart that has been delivered to door 55.
- The 3rd floor storage room in the West apartments was reported dirty.

Announcements:

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 1 pm.

Next Residents' Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment at 10:33

Motion to adjourn made by Claire Powers Seconded by Dennis Plymette

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hipp, Secretary

RESIDENTS COUNCIL OF BETHANY VILLAGE

Statement of Financial Position

As of April 30, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
12000 12000 Peoples Checking	66,264.46
12010 12010 Peoples Money Market	54,865.86
Total Bank Accounts	\$121,130.32
Other Current Assets	
13000 Investments	
13001 Investments - National Financial	0.00
13002 Investment - U.S. Treasury Bond	0.00
Total 13000 Investments	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
12050 Peoples1662 Main	399.87
12051 3040	0.00
12052 4350	0.00
Total 12050 Peoples1662 Main	399.87
Total Credit Cards	\$399.87
Other Current Liabilities	
80010 Not Assigned	0.00
80020 BVRC RR Fund	5,385.45
80030 Garden Fund	3,416.30
80040 Vespers Fund	4,708.46
80050 Instrumental Music	530.37
80060 Library Fund	1,099.14
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$15,139.72
Total Current Liabilities	\$15,539.59
Total Liabilities	\$15,539.59
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	0.00
33000 Unrestricted Net Assets	104,051.69
Net Revenue	1,539.04
Total Equity	\$105,590.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$121,130.32

RESIDENTS COUNCIL OF BETHANY VILLAGE

Statement of Activity YTD Comparison

April 30 - May 1, 2024

	TOTAL	
	APR 30 - MAY 1, 2024	JAN 1 - MAY 1, 2024 (YTD)
Revenue		
13200 Investments - Interest		52.97
13202 Money Market		52.97
Total 13200 Investments - Interest		52.97
46500 Fund Raising		
46510 Jewelry		600.00
46520 Furniture		5,584.00
46530 Housewares		526.25
46550 Craft Sales		129.00
46560 Library Sales		100.00
46580 Woodworking Sales		94.00
Total 46500 Fund Raising		7,033.25
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$7,086.22
GROSS PROFIT	\$0.00	\$7,086.22
Expenditures		
62100 Contract Services		
62130 Entertainment		
62133 Skilled Care		220.05
Total 62130 Entertainment		220.05
Total 62100 Contract Services		220.05
65000 Operations		
65040 Supplies		164.43
65060 Website Support		50.30
Total 65000 Operations		214.73
66000 GiftsExpenses		
66040 Asbury Foundation		900.00
Total 66000 GiftsExpenses		900.00
67000 Fund Raising Expense		
67040 BV Fair Expenses		710.00
Total 67000 Fund Raising Expense		710.00
68000 Budgeted Expense		
68005 Advertizing		297.75
68010 Art Restoration		163.15
68055 Computer Supplies		162.45
68060 Courtesy Activities		37.63
68070 Craft Supplies		156.37
68100 Historian		123.11
68110 Knitting		151.38
68120 Library Books/Supplies		1,606.46
68126 PARCR		60.00

RESIDENTS COUNCIL OF BETHANY VILLAGE

Statement of Activity YTD Comparison

April 30 - May 1, 2024

	TOTAL	
	APR 30 - MAY 1, 2024	JAN 1 - MAY 1, 2024 (YTD)
68150 Music		
68151 Combined Chorus		369.10
Total 68150 Music		369.10
68165 Venture Series		300.00
Total 68000 Budgeted Expense		3,427.40
QuickBooks Payments Fees		75.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00	\$5,547.18
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$0.00	\$1,539.04
NET REVENUE	\$0.00	\$1,539.04



April 30, 2024

Dale Meadowcroft
Bethany Village Residents' Council
5255 Cypress Court
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Re: Year 2023 Disclosure Statement

Dear Mr. Meadowcroft:

Attached is a copy of the Year 2023 Disclosure Statement for Bethany Village Retirement Center. A copy of this Disclosure Statement, as required by the Pa. Insurance Department, is now available in the Bethany Village library for review.

Just as a reminder, copies can be obtained by contacting Beth Merkel, Marketing Coordinator at 717-591-8072. Residents with questions are asked to contact Brian Grundusky.

Please include this information in the Residents' Council minutes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Debbie Barris
Director of Administrative Services

Cc: Brian Grundusky

Enclosure





FOCUS ON THE LIBRARY

New in April, 2024

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

Three-inch Teeth by C,J, Box; c. 2024
The Women by Kristin Hannah; c. 2024
The Princess of Las Vegas by Chris Bohjalian; c. 2024
Her Hidden Genius by Marie Benedict; c. 2022
Love and Ruin by Paula McLain; c. 2018
Lone Wolf by Greg Hurwitz; c. 2024
Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty; c. 2021
The Cemetery of Untold Stories by Julia Alvarez; c. 2024
A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci; c. 2024
Tom Clancy Firing Point by Mike Maden; c. 2020
Sweetgrass by Mary Alice Monroe; c. 2005
The Summer Book Club by Susan Mallery; c. 2024
How to Walk Away by Katherine Center; c. 2018
The Italian Teacher by Tom Rachman; c. 2018
Funny Story by Emily Henry; c. 2024
Crazy Blood by Parker T. Jefferson; c. 2016
End of Story by A.J. Finn; c. 2024
The Familiar Dark by Amy Engle; c. 2020

REGULAR PRINT MYSTERY:

All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny; c. 2020
Windigo Island by William Kent Krueger; c. 2014

LARGE PRINT MYSTERY:

The Truth About the Devlins by Lisa Scottoline; c. 2024
The Uncharted Flight of Olivia West by Sara Ackerman; c. 2024
Nine Lives by Peter Swanson; c. 2022
The New Couple in 5B by Lisa Unger; c. 2024
The Keeper of Lost Causes by Jussi Adler-Olsen; c. 2011
Everyone in my Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson; c; 2022
Before She Was Found by Heather Gudenkauf; c. 2019
The #1 Lawyer by James Patterson and Nancy Allen; c. 2024
Nest of Vipers by Linda Davies; c. 1995
Toxic Prey by John Sandford; c. 2024
The Killer's Wife by Bill Floyd; c. 2008
A Great Reckoning by Louise Penny; c. 2016
The Housemaid by Freida McFadden; c. 2022

Maplewood Resident Council Minutes

April 30th, 2024

Residents Present: Mary Ann Cieslar, Peg James, Jeanette Reinbrecht, Robert Steele

Staff Present: Bridget Walling (Administrator), Laura Prietz (Director of Therapeutic Recreation), Christine Dincau (Housekeeping & Laundry Manager), Dawn O'Neill (Maplewood Social Worker)

Dawn welcomed residents to the meeting and opened with a moment of silence.

Resident Right/House Rule

Dawn shared the following:

- Resident Right #10: A resident shall be treated with dignity and respect.
- House Rule #8: Telephones: The resident has the expense of telephone service. The phone is available for use at the nurse's station. Local calls may be made by dialing "9" and then the local number. If the phone at the nurse's station is being used, the staff will assist the residents to make telephone calls. Charges for long distance calls will be billed to the resident.

Recreation

Laura shared the following on behalf of the Therapeutic Recreation team:

- May Outings are the following:
 - 5/2: Theo's Bar & Grille (will be rescheduled due to illnesses)
 - 5/9: Marzoni's
 - 5/16: Dollar Tree
 - 5/30: Oak Grove Farms
- May Events:
 - 5/4: Homespun Radio Band - 3pm Oak Terrace
 - 5/7: Lisa de Vries – 2:30pm Sugar Maple Library
 - 5/14: Bonnie Koons – 2:30pm Oak Terrace
 - 5/15: *OPENING DAY* for the Trains in Martha's Garder. They will be running Wednesdays @ 10:30am and Saturdays @ 10:30am
 - 5/15: First date of mini golf on campus
 - 5/17: Charles Lee – 3pm West Ed Room
 - 5/18: Mechanicsburg High School Orchestra – 2:30pm Oak Terrace
- Maplewood Bethany Games begins Monday, May 20th through Thursday, May 30th. Lots of fun activities planned for this event.
- Currently have one open activity position and have received 30 applications.

Administration

Bridget shared the following on behalf of Administration:

- Staffing:
 - Open Shifts: 1 Director of Nursing position (8 applicants), 2 full-time LPN positions, 1 full-time RA position open
- Occupancy:
 - Currently Maplewood has 2 open suites. However, there is a large number of residents on campus with a need for Assisted Living.

Christine shared the following on behalf of Housekeeping/laundry:

- Currently they have openings in both laundry and housekeeping.
- Please let staff know if you are missing any items.
- If residents happen to find items on the lost and found cart that belong to them, please make sure those items get labeled so they don't end up back on the cart, especially bedding items.

Next Resident's Council Meeting:

Tuesday, May 28th at 10:45 am

Sugar Maple (2nd floor) Activity Room