



## Residents' Council Minutes

April 1, 2025

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**Council Members**\*: Fred Baldwin, Harry Boswell, Joan Bretz, Ida May Heidecker, June Kostrab, Marcia Marsh, Dale Meadowcroft, Bill Middendorf, Ed Miller, Carol Owen, Carol Pennington, Claire Powers, Bob Regan, Ray Saunders, Ann Swenson, Tom Usiadek, Tony Wright

**Officers**\*: President Dale Meadowcroft, Vice President Bob Regan, Treasurer Jim Smeltzer, Assistant Treasurer Tony Wright, Secretary Anne Hipp, Assistant Secretary Marcia Marsh

\*E =Excused Absence; U =Unexcused Absence

**Visitors**: Kerry Butz, Jane Mentzer, Kathy Salmon, Don Shover

**Call to order**: The meeting was called to order at 9:29 am by President Dale Meadowcroft

**Moment of Silence**: Dale Meadowcroft

A moment of silence was observed to remember those who came before us, those helping us and our loved ones.

**Administrative Report**: Brian Grundusky:

Highlights of Brian's report:

- Financial update: February numbers are in, and occupancy and finances are good. Contract labor came in under budget, though we still have open positions to fill. March numbers are expected to be in on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.
- West Campus repairs – Finishing up.
- East Center fire – repair work is nearly finished. The cost of repairs will be picked up by the resident's insurance.
- Peace Pole – Dedication of the 2 Peace Poles, to be installed on the East and West campuses, will take place on 4/24/25.

- Change of provider for therapy – BV has contracted with Benchmark Therapies of Central Pa. Attracting therapists has proven difficult and we had hoped to sell the services of therapists to other communities, which did not happen. Current staff will transfer in with Benchmark on June 1, receiving no reduction in pay and their benefits going forward from Benchmark.

#### QUESTIONS FOR BRIAN:

- A request was made for a return to the resident shopping trips without requiring a minimum of 4. Brian will talk to Christine Storm about providing some basics, such as eggs, etc. for sale on campus. It was noted that Bethany Towers has a nice little store.
- Infrastructure study – has not been received yet.
- Housekeeping, the need for more and better – We have brought in a resource from Sodexo and are looking at 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers for these services. Those in attendance were not happy with the lack of housekeeping and had concerns in this area.

#### **Residents' Council Highlight: Kerry Butz**

Kerry Butz, head of the Furniture Room Sales for 2 years, was invited to the meeting to be acknowledged for his stellar job and to update the RC on the goings on in the Furniture Room. Kerry spends about 40 hours/month working in the furniture room. The following are highlights of Kerry's talk.

It used to be that maintenance would clear out apts./cottages and bring what they thought would be good for the furniture room. To avoid having to move things twice, a procedure was put in place to streamline the process.

We get an e-mail whenever an apt./cottage is released to Bethany Village. We then go to the apt./cottage and tag everything we want for the fair. An outside company then moves everything to the furniture room and/or the housewares area. Previously anything else was thrown away. Some of the things were useable, and it was a shame to toss them. We now connect with a charity who will take things like clothing, shoes, mattresses, bedding, cleaning products and unopened food. Very little gets thrown out.

The furniture room last year brought in \$23,000 and so far, this year, \$7600. There are some items that just will not sell, but rather than throw them out, we once again connected with a couple of charities and donated those items. One of the charities helps recovering alcoholics and drug users, another helps immigrant Hispanic children. This charity actually buys the furniture, but we give them a break on the prices. We are now also in the process of connecting with another charity that has been helping Ukrainian refugees.

Due to the Phase 3 project, the furniture room will be closing on April 30. This is to ensure we have the time to donate any remaining furniture to our charities and to pick up our furniture, moving equipment and other miscellaneous items to be stored during construction.

There will be NO furniture sales during the 12-16 months expected for Phase 3. At the conclusion of his talk, Kerry received applause from those present for a job well done.

**Minutes from March 4, 2025:**

Motion to accept: Claire Powers

Second: Joan Bretz

The Minutes were accepted.

**Correspondence:**

Anne Hipp

There was no correspondence.

**Financial Report:** Jim Smeltzer, Treasurer:

The treasurer's reports for January - March 2025, Profit and Loss, and Trial Balance as of March 31, 2025, are attached with details. Our net profit for the year is \$7232, the majority of which was raised by sales from the furniture room. The RC was deemed "in good shape."

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

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

The East Art Committee has been really, really busy. First, we just completed changing all the paintings in the halls of the Court Apartments. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Art Committee will participate in both the Living Expo and, on April 4/5, the Bethany Village Fair. Finally, beginning on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the East Art Committee will hang new paintings in Skilled Nursing.

Equally, the West Art Committee has hung large reproductions of the U. S. Bill of Rights, the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and Vietnam War Memorial in the hall leading to the Springfield's Dining Room. All were generously donated by Richard Lewis (West Cottages). The first three were framed by the Committee with funds donated by Sandra Wright.

**2. Audio-Visual** (C) – Bob Brommer, Chair:

Usage of the new equipment in the Rife Center and in the Chapel is moving forward, with usage on outside programming increasing.

I have one issue which I am not sure how to go about having addressed. When I broadcast the Sunday Vespers, I have no way of monitoring the broadcast audio. I have to make an educated guess at the output levels to use. This is also a problem with any programming broadcast on 956 from the Rife Center. Another issue is that I would like to have the capability of recording programming produced in the Rife Center.

I am bringing these issues forward to make them a part of the official record in hopes that it may help them to be addressed at some later time.

**3. Audit** (C) – Tony Wright, Chair: No report

**4. Benevolence Fund** (C) - Kay Hess, Lead Co-Chair: No report

**5. Bethany Village Fair** (C) - Kathy Salmon, Chair:

The BV Residents' Council Fair will be held on Friday, April 4 from noon to 4pm and Saturday, April 5 from 9am till noon. Kathy has copied Brian Grundusky with her request for cleaning to be done in public areas before the fair.

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

**7. Campus Outreach** (A) - Claire Powers, Chair:

**March 2025 report**

Area	Status of Vacancies		Completed Moves
	Contracted	Available	
Center Rental	0	0	0
Court Apartments	2	7	4
West Apartments	6	2	4
East Cottages	0	0	0
West Cottages	1	0	0
Estate Homes	0	1	1

**February 2025 Resident Count:**

Assisted Living	100
Skilled Nursing	65
Independent Living	<u>483</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>648</b>

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

13 Get Well cards and no Sympathy cards were sent in March 2025.

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

We did not meet in March. We continue to receive outstanding reports for Aramark, including outstanding Sunday brunches every other week. Attendance at Springfield's is increasing as the quality of food and service continues to improve. Comment boxes will be placed in the Bistro and Springfield's in the near future. Please keep your eyes open and use them as an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement to our dining staff.

The above is the committee's written report. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Dining Chair, Dale Meadowcroft, announced that he has resigned from the chair, and that Judith Sommer and Ann Swenson will take over in this capacity.

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

**11. Facilities** (C) – Carol Pennington, Chair:

Highlights of the Facilities Committee meeting March 25, 2025, with Mark Ruiz.

- Staffing levels: Maintenance: -2; Housekeeping: -4; Laundry: -2; Transportation: -3.
- Center Apartment carpeting is complete.
- The Court Canopy construction is underway. The door is operating when not being worked on.
- HVAC filter changes: West Apartments will be done in May.
- Trash: The old company was gone March 31.
- West Apt. elevator frames and touch-up painting – in process. Start March 31 in #62 lobby.
- West Apt. Lobby: Window film – no date or quote yet. Window treatments – no date.
- Dryer Vent Cleaning: 10 done. YTD – 32. Appointments for the vent cleaning will be made with residents.

Questions and Comments –

- What is the status of the infrastructure review? Are there savings that can be made with lighting being investigated?
- East Apts. – The poles for the canopy are being wrapped. The fire prevention system will be dry in canopy.
- East building – The Bistro is very dusty. While the lobby areas are cleaned by an outside company, other areas are not addressed.
- West Apts. – There are still unsecured doors. When will the garage door be fixed? (After all parts arrive). Two out of the three lights on the one side of the pool area are out. Tiles in the ladies' locker room need repair.
- Regarding new residents – There are communication issues with some providers. A walk-through is needed when new residents move in, as well as an orientation. Mark stated that a project management company has been hired to help with these projects. Ambassadors currently have checklists to be filled out.
- Bathroom and laundry room vents have not been cleaned.

- Parking spots – any changes must be approved. Dale stated that the Residents’ Council has put together a task force for a parking policy. Final decisions on policy are made by the administration.

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

The garden has been tilled. Thank you to Todd Bretz and BV Maintenance Department. Deer have been jumping the fence to check out the fresh earth, and robins are busy looking for worms. Some gardeners are already planting onions and other spring crops. There are still plots available. If anyone is interested, please contact Cindy Lindsay.

**13. History** (C), Joan Bretz, Chair: No report.

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

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

In March, no new books were added to the library, as plans were being developed for the start of Phase 3 construction. In preparation for putting some of the collection into storage and moving some to the billiard room on the West side, unused or seldom-used items are being identified and withdrawn.

**16. Model Railroad** (CL) – Jim Wilt, Chair

Most of the repairs and maintenance of our rolling stock and platforms are complete. Nine members attended the Harrisburg Train Show in March. The club was able to sell a lot of our excess inventory. Members also had time to enjoy the show.

This month, I would like to introduce Glenn Gutshall, a member of the club for many years. Recently, he went on the inactive list. Glenn and his wife, Marian, have been married for 65 years. They lived in Colonial Park for 50 years in a house designed and built by Glenn. They moved to Bethany Village in June 2015. Marian has been in The Oaks Memory Care for the last 3 years and is receiving excellent care. Glenn worked for AMP for almost 40 years in Engineering Management.

Glenn has 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. His military service included 8 years in the Naval Air Reserve at Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

He has been involved in the Woodshop, Men’s Chorus, and the Instrumental Group at Bethany. We are glad Glenn has been involved with BVMRRC and other groups during his time at Bethany.

The BVMRRC is open to all residents, regardless of their skills. We have a place for you. If you are interested in joining our club or would like any club information, please contact Membership Chairman, Ed Ravizza (phone # 208-249-4986).

**17. Nominations/Elections Committee** (SC) - Joan Bretz, Chair: No report.

**18. PARCR** (C) - Lowell Starling, Chair: No report.

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

- Thursday, April 17, Fiddler on the Roof, Dutch Apple Dinner, Lancaster
- Saturday, April 19, Paint & Sip, Rife Center
- Saturday, May 3, Prepare to be Dazzled, Harrisburg Pops
- Friday, May 16, Second Chance Senior Prom, Rife Center
- Friday, May 23, Lady Susan, Oyster Mill Playhouse
- Tuesday, June 3, Farm to Table Meal @ Mount Hope Estate & Winery
- Wednesday, June 4, Harrisburg Senators Game

Some other dates –

- April 15, Hershey Bears Hockey, Giant Center
- April 21 – 25, Earth Week
- April 22 & 23, Volunteer lunches, Rife Center
- April 29, Combined Chorus Spring Concert in the Rife Center

Please remember to **make reservations for Babes Breakfast, April 9 & Studs Breakfast, April 30, each starting at 9 am.** The reservation number is 717-591-1023.

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

We placed the order for spring bricks in March, with the anticipation of setting new bricks before the end of April. Donors will be notified when their bricks have been installed.

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

**22. Volunteer Support (C)** – Carol Owen, Chair: No report.

**23. Wellness** (C) - Ed Stevenson, Chair:

Well-Being is looking forward to some exciting events.

Pump it for Parkinson's is on April 10<sup>th</sup>. There are still time slots available for residents or associates to come to the fitness room and pump it on a NuStep in order to contribute to our community goal of 60,000 steps to raise awareness for Parkinson's disease. Everyone who participates will receive a goodie bag and water and fresh fruit will be provided throughout the day. Interim Health will have a table available with information on Parkinson's disease and services they provide. Well-Being will provide a raffle basket with gift certificates for personal training, massage, and dining. Tickets will be \$2 each, and all proceeds from raffle ticket sales will go to the Parkinson's foundation. You can sign up by calling the Well-Being information line.

Dance, Drink, Eat and Reminisce at the Bethany Village Senior Prom on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Live music will be provided by “Second Time Thru.” Tickets are \$25 apiece and can be purchased by calling or stopping by the Resident Life office.

Dust off your waders and tackle boxes! Well-Being will be hosting a brand-new fly-fishing competition at Bethany Games this year!

Just kidding, April Fools. But we will be debuting some brand-new games, as well as your familiar favorites during the Bethany Games, May 19 – May 30. Look for registration packets to be distributed in the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **25. Wood Shop** (A) - Joe Kearney, Chair:

March proved to be a very busy and profitable month for the shop. Aside from assisting other clubs and services as they prepare for June 1<sup>st</sup> when the first stage of Phase 3 takes place, members were busy with their own projects, either preparing items for the Spring Fair or repairing various items for residents

Among the more mentionable items would be 4 charcuterie boards which Beth Shank made for a resident, the repair of a display stand for the Gift Shop by Ken Hatcher, and the making of 2 stands to hold both playing cards and dominoes by Marty Schlosser and Ed Ravizza. Ed has also made a pretty serving tray with a mosaic tile top. Leroy also chipped in by making new tic-tac-toe games for the Fair and several new playing card holders. There were also a few lamp repairs, along with some minor glue jobs.

As mentioned earlier, the month was a profitable one for the shop. It should be noted here the shop does not charge for repairs or projects we do for residents. We ask only for donations. The only thing we charge for is parts needed, for example, lamp sockets. That said, the month of March brought in \$263. Thanks to everyone who donated.

That is it for March. Once again, the shop is open every Tuesday from 10 AM to noon to welcome visitors and accept items for repair.

### **Old Business:**

Dale Meadowcroft

- Nominating Committee – Joan Bretz was officially welcomed as Nominating Chair.
- Parking Policy update – Dale met with the RC parking committee and will be meeting with Brian Grundusky to address concerns and ideas.
- Banking update – The Council had moved its business to Members 1st but has not found them to be convenient in making and viewing deposits. They no longer provided needed information online. The search will continue to find a compatible, convenient bank to meet our needs.

**New Business:** Dale Meadowcroft: None



**Other:** Dale Meadowcroft

Long-time chair of the popular Venture Lecture Series, Monty Avery, will be resigning from that position at the end of 2025. Please consider yourself or other interested parties to pick up the baton and contact Dale.

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

Residents are asked to send future concerns about Facilities to Facilities Chair, Carol Pennington, or RC President, Dale Meadowcroft.

**Announcements:**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 29, 1 pm.**

**Next Residents' Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 9:30 a.m.  
Corporate Conference Room**

**Adjournment** at 10:15

Motion to Adjourn: Ray Saunders  
Seconded by: Claire Powers

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hipp, Secretary



# RESIDENTS COUNCIL OF BETHANY VILLAGE

Profit and Loss  
January - March, 2025

	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>	
13200 Investments - Interest	0.78
13202 Money Market	70.41
<b>Total 13200 Investments - Interest</b>	<b>71.19</b>
43400 Direct Public Support	
43450 Individ, Business Contributions	
43452 Foundation Gifts	100.00
<b>Total 43450 Individ, Business Contributions</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Total 43400 Direct Public Support</b>	<b>100.00</b>
46500 Fund Raising	-750.00
46520 Furniture	7,608.00
46530 Housewares	2,217.50
46580 Woodworking Sales	510.00
<b>Total 46500 Fund Raising</b>	<b>9,585.50</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,756.69</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$9,756.69</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
62100 Contract Services	
621400 Instructors	
62142 Wellness	685.00
<b>Total 621400 Instructors</b>	<b>685.00</b>
<b>Total 62100 Contract Services</b>	<b>685.00</b>
65000 Operations	
65060 Website Support	34.95
<b>Total 65000 Operations</b>	<b>34.95</b>
67000 Fund Raising Expense	
67040 BV Fair Expenses	55.79
<b>Total 67000 Fund Raising Expense</b>	<b>55.79</b>
68000 Budgeted Expense	
68005 Advertizing	456.41
68010 Art Restoration	19.36
68055 Computer Supplies	244.87
68060 Courtesy Activities	53.53
68070 Craft Supplies	254.23
68100 Historian	22.86
68110 Knitting	37.28
68120 Library Books/Supplies	424.93
68135 Railroad Club	26.50
68150 Music	
68151 Combined Chorus	83.00



# RESIDENTS COUNCIL OF BETHANY VILLAGE

Profit and Loss  
January - March, 2025

	TOTAL
<b>Total 68150 Music</b>	<b>83.00</b>
68165 Venture Series	125.00
<b>Total 68000 Budgeted Expense</b>	<b>1,747.97</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,523.71</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$7,232.98</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$7,232.98</b>



# RESIDENTS COUNCIL OF BETHANY VILLAGE

## Trial Balance As of March 31, 2025

	DEBIT	CREDIT
11000 Members 1st - Checking	30,631.51	0.00
11010 Members 1st-Money Market	5,179.90	0.00
11020 Members 1st-Savings	5.00	0.00
12000 Orrstown Checking	59,638.39	0.00
12010 Orrstown Money Market	55,056.56	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
20000 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
12050 Peoples1662 Main	0.00	34.95
12051 Peoples1662 Main:3040	0.00	0.00
12052 Peoples1662 Main:4350	0.00	0.00
80010 Art Fund	0.00	4,060.23
80020 BVRC RR Fund	0.00	7,002.40
80030 Garden Fund	0.00	3,429.84
80040 Vespers Fund	0.00	2,541.57
80050 Instrumental Music	0.00	530.37
80060 Library Fund	0.00	1,408.30
30000 Opening Balance Equity	0.00	0.00
33000 Unrestricted Net Assets	0.00	124,270.72
13200 Investments - Interest	0.00	0.78
13202 Investments - Interest:Money Market	0.00	70.41
43452 Direct Public Support:Individ, Business Contributions:Foundation Gifts	0.00	100.00
46500 Fund Raising	750.00	0.00
46520 Fund Raising:Furniture	0.00	7,608.00
46530 Fund Raising:Housewares	0.00	2,217.50
46580 Fund Raising:Woodworking Sales	0.00	510.00
62142 Contract Services:Instructors:Wellness	685.00	0.00
65060 Operations:Website Support	34.95	0.00
67040 Fund Raising Expense:BV Fair Expenses	55.79	0.00
68005 Budgeted Expense:Advertisizing	456.41	0.00
68010 Budgeted Expense:Art Restoration	19.36	0.00
68055 Budgeted Expense:Computer Supplies	244.87	0.00
68060 Budgeted Expense:Courtesy Activities	53.53	0.00
68070 Budgeted Expense:Craft Supplies	254.23	0.00
68100 Budgeted Expense:Historian	22.86	0.00
68110 Budgeted Expense:Knitting	37.28	0.00
68120 Budgeted Expense:Library Books/Supplies	424.93	0.00
68135 Budgeted Expense:Railroad Club	26.50	0.00
68151 Budgeted Expense:Music:Combined Chorus	83.00	0.00
68165 Budgeted Expense:Venture Series	125.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$153,785.07</b>	<b>\$153,785.07</b>

# Maplewood Resident Council Minutes

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Residents Present:** Anna Ford, Jean Erwin, Carol Jamieson, Alice McNutt, Robert Steele, Carl Oberman, Lucy Oberman, Dolly Meals, Ann Cieslar, Marion Stibitz

**Staff Present:** Dawn O'Neill (Maplewood Social Worker), Bridget Walling (Administrator), Julie Winters (Director of Clinical Services), Laura Prietz (Director of Therapeutic Recreation)

Dawn welcomed residents to the meeting, opened with a moment of silence, and shared the following:

## Resident Right/House Rule

- Resident Right #19: A resident has the right to furnish his living unit and purchase, receive, use and retain personal clothing and possessions.
- House Rule #5: OVERNIGHT: Notify nursing staff of the resident's intent to remain out overnight. The resident is responsible to attain prescribed medications needed for the time period away. Nursing will assist as possible. The resident should notify dining services to cancel his/her meals while away.

## Recreation

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

- April Special Events:
  - 4/01: Art Workshop w/ June Minaya
  - 4/08: Colby Dove Music
  - 4/10: Matthew Dodd Presents The Old West – singing historian
  - 4/12: Easter Egg Hunt in Martha's Garden (Oaks terrace if it rains)
  - 4/24: Mechanicsburg Singers Band
  - 4/29: Ben Simcox Music
  - 4/30: Opening Day of BV Mini Golf
  - 4/30: Batz Farm Baby Goats visit Maplewood
- April Outings are the following:
  - 4/03: Giant Shopping Trip
  - 4/10: Trindle Family Restaurant
  - 4/17: JoJo's Pizza and Pasta

- 4/24: Dollar Tree Shopping Trip
- Check out Maplewood Resident Artwork that is displayed in the lobby.

### **Administration**

Bridget shared the following on behalf of Administration:

- Occupancy:
  - Currently 1 open apartment, however, will be spoken for by the end of the week.
- Staffing:
  - Openings:
    - 1 full-time night shift RA position, 1 full-time evening shift RA position

### **Clinical**

Julie shared the following on behalf of nursing:

- COVID Updates:
  - Currently no COVID in Maplewood.
  - If you missed the COVID/and or Flu vaccine and would still like to receive it, please talk to your nurse so they can help set that up.
- Central PA Hearing Clinic:
  - Will be scheduling a day for them to come and do ear wax buildup checks on residents, free of charge. They will give recommendations to nursing to start treatments if needed.
  - Central PA Hearing is also available to give hearing tests free of charge. Please see Social Worker if interested.
  - Central PA Hearing holds a hearing aid clinic the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 10am. They are set up on the second floor next to the elevator. Anyone is welcome to stop by and have their hearing aids checked/cleaned.

**Next Resident's Council Meeting:**

**Tuesday, April 29th at 10:45 am**

**Sugar Maple (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) Activity Room**