



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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Minutes of PARCR Executive Committee Bethany Village, Mechanicsburg December 11, 2017

Welcome: Ida Jeanne Smith, President, opened meeting at 10:00am with devotions. Guests from Bethany Village were: Tom Fabian, President of Council, Jan Sibberson, Delegate, and Bobbie Garland, Dining Services.

Attendance: Ida Jeanne Smith (President), Dan Seeger (Vice President), Henry Mathers (Treasurer), Susan Martin (Membership), Gail Stelger (Legislation), Bill Stelger (Programs), Anne Henry (LeadingAge PA), Leon Bird (Cross Keys), Susan DiGruttolo (Masonic Village), Nancy Hann (Pleasant View), David McIntosh (SpiriTrust - Sprengle Drive), Linda Heck (Newsletter Editor), and Evert Fuller (Emeritus). Quorum declared.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of September 12, 2017, were approved with one correction ("revenue package" under Legislative section).

Local Arrangements (Host Community): Tom Fabian, Pres. of Council at Bethany Village is assisting us with arrangements. Quarterly meeting, January 10, 2018, will begin at 10:00am and end approximately at 2:30pm. Continental setup (coffee/tea, light refreshments) for 9:30am early arrivals, and lunch buffet menu established for 12 noon (reimbursement of \$12 per person includes any taxes). Two long tables with chairs at each (either outside or inside room) for attendee check-in will be provided. "Event" signs will be posted for attendees throughout campus. Round tables will be staged for meeting and lunch in Rife Center. We will have 1-2 microphones for questions from the audience, laptop, projector screen, and microphone on podium for meeting. Susan Martin will notify Bobbie Garland (Dining Svcs.) the headcount for meals by **Friday, January 5th, 2018**. *In case of weather cancellation, Ida Jeanne will make the decision by Monday or Tuesday (January 8th or 9th) to members of PARCR (through Susan's assistance with an email alert), and to Bobbie Garland (Dining Services, Bethany).*

Correspondence: No correspondence for discussion has been received.

PARCR Meeting Dates & Hosting Communities: Reviewed list of upcoming meeting dates and host communities. Masonic Village is unavailable for June 11th and July 11th, 2018 meetings. Ida Jeanne will contact Messiah Village in Mechanicsburg for their availability in June and July 2018.

An attempt to reschedule Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, for March 11, 2019 (Executive Committee), and April 10, 2019 (Quarterly meeting) - availability is pending.

Reports:

Treasurer - Henry Mathers: "Current Budget 2017-2018" is picture of annual budget and what the actual and differences are (year to date).

"Income and Expense by Category" is self-explanatory. We have a balance in checking account of \$7,562.09.

There were two separate issues regarding the checking account. One was the fact that someone actually did several debit transactions on our BB&T account totaling \$1.62 (turned over to Fraud Dept. of bank); we have been credited for the \$1.62, and our account is in balance. The second was the email issue in which Janet and I were both targeted since our cards had been activated. Further investigation is, possibly, through my son's lab.

BB&T will reissue new cards, and close other account. Henry is investigating the source of these emails, and found that the server is located in California through gmail address. If you receive an email from Ida Jeanne with the address: ballrew@gmail.com beware. All of Ida Jeanne's emails are signed at the end of messages with: Ida Jeanne NOT Ida.

Programs - **Bill Stelger:** New planned programs scheduled for Quarterly meetings in 2018 are:

"Hospice and Community Care" - January 2018

"Managed Care: Who qualifies, What it means, How it works" - April 2018

"The Future of CCRC's" (especially Medicare and Medicaid changes) - July 2018

"Hospital Status - Observation versus Admission" (Dr's role) - October 2018

Membership - **Susan Martin:** There was positive remarks/feedback from members regarding "Futurist" list of topics Nancy Feichtl spoke about at last Quarterly meeting - something to share with their communities.

A question came up regarding the treasurer position on community councils. Question sent out to 26 communities with 17 responses (7 communities do not have treasurers). Question received back was: What does treasurer do? Councils with budgets have treasurers, and there doesn't seem to be any uniformity within communities.

NaCCRA - **Dan Seeger:** Recent NaCCRA in New Orleans, LA in connection with LeadingAge PA conference (October 28th) went well. A new "Congress" through Skype to people around the country made you feel like you were actually there at the meeting. Only 3-4 people participated.

Discussions covered were: *Finances and bankruptcies* - covered how some CCRC's borrow money in order to expand and entrance fees are used as collateral. *Shrinking portion market share of options senior citizens are picking CCRC's* - some speculate reasons for this happening.

There are 2 groups of 5-6 CCRC's in Eastern part of PA who meet separately with each other. Possibility of combining the two groups to form 10 CCRC's together.

Legislative - **Gail Stelger:** Legislative Tidbits and Alerts have been sent out over the past 3 months: *Elimination of Medical Expense Deduction and Tax Exempt Financing* (Member Alert); *November Tidbits*; *Tax Reform Bill H.R. 1* (Member Alert), and *Dangerous Tax Bill Moves Forward* (Urgent Plea).

Are people in communities responding/contacting Senator Toomey's office? Senior responses should be "bulk" individual letter writing, phone or fax his office to pressure him NOT to pass H.R. 1 bill. (202-228-0284 fax OR 202-224-4254 phone)

LeadingAge PA - **Anne Henry:** Staff changes: *Acting Secretary of Health* - Dr. Rachel Levine (Physician General of PA), and *Acting Secretary, Dept.*

of Human Services - Teresa Miller (was Insurance Commissioner) for Ted Dallas.

Senator Toomey is our target at the moment for the H.R. 1 bill NOT to be passed through discussion on the Reconciliation Committee (which he is a member). Other issues under pressure:

Private Activity Bonds - if eliminated for CCRC's, cost of capital to build will

increase significantly

Advance Refund Bonds - penalties for CCRC's

Federal Tax Reform - greatly hurt seniors (Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security)

5 Star Rating Program (Federal) - DOH chose to change survey process program

(based on survey, staffing levels and patterns, and quality measures) will

remain frozen for 2+ years until 2 surveys under the new system are

completed.

Community Health Choices (NOT 24 hour care) - reduce number of individuals in

nursing homes (census). Implementation not until 2019 for Central PA.

Ron Barth, President and CEO of LeadingAge PA, will be retiring. After National search, new CEO will be announced at June 2018 conference.

Newsletter - **Linda Heck**: "Draft" of newsletter shared with Board. Issue is ready for Quarterly meeting distribution. If anything is submitted before deadline of 12/27, it will only affect the font content of the issue.

Website - **Laura Paist**: Due to Laura being close to her due date, we continue to submit items for the website to her through email. Brethren Village address has been changed on our website per Linda Heck update.

Items for Discussion:

Powerpoint presentations: Bill (AM speakers) and Janet (PM speakers) will coordinate submission to Laura when speakers give us permission to share on our website.

LeadingAge PA "Alerts": With the H.R. 1 tax reform bill, please call your legislators to stop this bill from passing.

LeadingAge PA Conference: June 2018 conference attendees from PARCR will depend on scheduled time working at our booth. Executive Committee will have first preference.

Resident Relatives: Relative of residents may attend Quarterly meetings. Relatives will pay \$10 for lunch as residents do.

POLST: This form is not honored by ambulances in Cumberland County. Anne will check status of bill in House and Senate.

Bill of Rights: NaCCRA not actively pursuing; Bill of Rights is located on NaCCRA website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Polak, Secretary

