

February, 2018 Resident Association Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, February 5, 2018

Call to order: Chair Helen Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:45 and welcomed guests.

Those attending: Chair Helen Lyons, Vice-Chair Eric Shawn, Past Chair Norma Martin, Treasurer Nancy Rorden, Secretary Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Archivist Jean Coberly, Councilors Evelyn Cole, Ed Egging, John Gillock, Fran Hunter, Dori Jones, Julia Layden, Bill Rector, Rose Smith, Suzanne Townsen, Foundation representative Judie Hansen, Madrona Grove Liaison Lois Weathers, CEO Vassar Byrd, Director of Health Services Erin Cornell.

Absent: Norrene Thompson

Guests: Sue Griffin, Shari Ramseur, Joe Eusterman, Walt Shaffer, Bob Zimmer, Dave and Jan Dobak, Elliot McIntire, Katie Morales, Ron and Kay Slusarenko.

Minutes from previous meeting: approved as written.

What we value and are grateful for: for Walt and ivy-pulling group; New England lost; I don't have a TV; 51 residents at the sneak peek.

Reports:

Rose Villa Management: Vassar shared information she gathered from a recent research trip to Ed Roberts campus in Berkeley, CA. that is designed to meet the needs of people with a variety of physical disabilities. Seeing how competing physical needs could be successfully accommodated will be helpful as we move forward with our plans for accessibility.

Health Services: Erin reported we have had no new cases of flu in over a week! Everyone has done a good job of keeping it contained in both independent living and Madrona Grove. Remember that flu season is not over so we need to remain on the defensive.

Singing valentines for residents of MG are available. Donations go to MG activity budget.

There are currently a few open beds in MG and residents are encouraged to refer friends or family.

There is a need to update the Emergency Contact form. Erin asked for feedback from the Council and guests on this issue. She identified two different groups needing this information - RV staff and also for outside EMT's. Discussion followed. Another group identified is ReadyForce. After discussion there was general agreement this information should be available for those groups. It was noted that people should review the finished forms for accuracy.

Madrona Grove Liaison: Volunteerism of all kinds, and in all sizes, is alive and well in Madrona Grove! For example, members of the Friendship Corps are visiting one-on-one with MG residents and assisting Melodie Reid in various group activities. Plus, there are 18 volunteers presently working with Rose Villa artists in two different "Opening Minds Through Art" classes. Those 18 are a mix of independent living residents, future residents, members of the community, and college students. Their endeavors will culminate in an Art Show in the PAC on March 23rd. Finally, a cadre of Comfort Companion volunteers has sat quiet sacred 24-hour vigils with three MG residents who have recently passed away.

Volunteers for the Friendship Corps, for OMA, and for Comfort Companions are always needed. Nobody starts out cold because Melodie Reid kindly offers training to all volunteers on an ongoing basis. Men volunteers are especially needed at this time because there are a higher than usual number of men living in MG.

For any questions and/or to sign-up for this fulfilling work of offering friendship to our MG residents, and assisting in MG activities, please contact Lois at x3240, or Melodie Reid at x3276

Foundation: Special thanks to all the Volunteers at SEEDS! In 2017 the proceeds from SEEDS to the Foundation totaled \$4,413.85! This makes a huge impact in the Foundation's ability to help residents.

Once a month for the next four months, Foundation Board Members and Linda will hold TEN one-hour, *Listen and Learn* gatherings for feedback and ideas on what residents would like to see from their Foundation and answer any questions residents may have. We did this two years ago and found it very helpful. The gatherings will be for 15-20 residents at a time from different ReadyForce neighborhoods. Snacks and Drink will be provided and the *Listen and Learn* gatherings will be offered at different times of the day to accommodate many schedules. Invitations for the first

Listen and Learn will be sent the end of this week to the first ReadyForce Neighborhoods. Sign ups will be through the Resident Services Counter and on a first come-first serve basis. We really hope Resident Council members will attend and encourage residents in your neighborhood to attend as well.

The biggest Foundation fundraiser of this year is on Friday, May 4th at the Vibrant Table from 6pm to 9pm. The theme is a Jungle Adventure and as usual, the committee has come up with some super fun ideas. This is a high energy fundraiser where you can dress in jungle attire, eat fabulous food and have a real good time.

The committee is looking for donations of weekend get-a-ways. Each get-a-way that is donated helps raise from \$500 - \$2000 dollars for the Foundation! If you or your kids happen to have a condo or time share you would like to donate for a weekend or if you would like to work with Linda to donate an adventure for the auction, please let her know right away. The sky is the limit!

The charge to residents is the same as last year \$85 per person or \$700 per table and transportation will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. We would love to see all of you there and appreciate your help in promoting the event. This is a fundraiser and all the money raised benefits our residents.

This year we will have a pre-check service so residents do not have to stand in line.

Archivist: Elliot did an excellent presentation about our work on Rose Villa history. We have more people interested in the project and will probably meet with them later this month. We're currently working on getting birth dates for residents. Elliot is contacting current residents, Lois and Noreen are checking with Madrona Grove residents, and Jean is checking obituaries for others.

The Dobaks are researching the photographs we have of landscape scenes of Rose Villa prior to 2005. These include pictures of the resident gardens, the site of the original Tuesday market, individual cottages and their yards, plus common areas and buildings that no longer exist. They are doing before and after photos of some areas when possible.

Treasurer: January and February reports didn't balance. After much effort and working with the finance office they were able to find and fix the prob-

lem. The accurate balance in the Employees' Christmas Fund as of January 31st is \$5,969.42.

Continuing Business:

Procedures Manual: Eric presented a brief review of the purpose of the Council. The committee that is working on Councilor duties needs help with job descriptions before they start defining duties. Discussion followed. In order to take a more active role in reaching out to individual residents we could activate conversations including outreach to housebound or less participative folks to seek out input. It was suggested we move #3 (Communicate monthly with groups in the portfolio) to #1 in terms of priority. Following discussion Eric agreed that adjustments will be made and then it will be brought back to the Council.

Ad Hoc Committee on in-house TV channel update: Committee members Suzanne Townsen and Lois Weathers summarized their findings. There is a conference call scheduled tomorrow with Comcast to learn more. Many residents are unaware there is a 6000 line which has a recording of activities for each day provided by Courtesy services. It was suggested that this be advertised in the Trumpet every week and also in the RV News.

Employee Christmas Fund: Helen presented the idea that we could be encouraging year round contributions rather than waiting until the Fall to begin our big push for donations. Discussion followed. Consensus was reached in favor of this.

The question of changing the name of the Employee Christmas Fund followed. Alternatives included employee appreciation, employee recognition or staff appreciation. After discussion consensus was reached in favor of keeping the current name. We will look for volunteers to organize and promote the year-round donations.

Due to time constraints, the final two agenda items (Annual Agenda and How to Handle Unstructured Social Events) were moved to next month.

Announcements and Updates:

- The Out to Lunch Bunch needs a team leader to work with Jenna Miller to select restaurants for monthly outings.
- There will be a Coffee with RV Board members on Feb. 15th at 9:30 in the Vista Lounge.
- The 2018 Annual Agenda for the Council will be added to TouchTown.
- The March Council meeting will include a brief report, "Best Practices for Handling Money" by Angela Hansen, Rose Villa Finance Dept.
- The special presentation "Workforce Issues Today and Into the Future" has been rescheduled for April 2, 2018 in the PAC at 1:30 p.m.

Suggestion Box: None submitted.

Open Forum: Judie asked about forms for bird houses. They are available in the flyer rack near the mailboxes.

A concern was brought up about anxiety among residents about rising costs. What can we do to keep costs down? Council should look at ways to look at that question. Remember you can access Debbie Suchan to look at specific individual financial situations. It was affirmed that this is the place to bring such concerns.

The Wood Shop will no longer be referred to as the hobby shop. Council references to the Wood Shop have been updated.

Status of the Fall Festival: This issue has been referred to the Executive Committee.

Consider holding Council Meetings in the PAC: Two Council Meetings are scheduled for the PAC which will help us gauge feasibility.

Next Resident Forum: February 13, 2018, 2:30 p.m. in the PAC.

Next Council Meeting: March 5, 2018, 9:45 a.m. in the Training Room.

Next Executive Committee meeting: February 10, 2018

Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary