



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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MINUTES – PARCR Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – Homewood at Plum Creek, Hanover, PA

President George Tjiattas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. George welcomed everyone and reminded us to listen carefully, and take all information gained back to your community to make your Resident Council more effective. George announced the death of PARCR founder Elma Kreps, 91 years of age, and told of his last visits with her at Bethany Village.

Before Vice President Ray Vaughan led the Pledge of Allegiance, he shared that his two sons were on their way home from Afghanistan. We then received Greetings from CEO Sandra Fair, of Homewood at Plum Creek. Ms. Fair shared information about Homewood at Plum Creek and Chaplin Joel Hummel led us in prayer.

Susan Martin, PARCA Membership Secretary, took Roll Call. There were 18 of 23 communities present. We then had the opportunity to hear from Nick Luciano of Leading Age, a lobbying group for CCRC's in PA. Nick shared the latest information about the State Budget, the National Health Care Reform Act, and the PA Voter I.D. bill. Nick answered the group's many questions.

Our program was entitled "Safety Tips for Older Americans," presented by Chief Jan Cromer, Hanover/Penn Township Fire Department. This was an excellent presentation and video by a very knowledgeable dedicated firefighter. He urged us to contact our local Fire Departments and arrange for similar presentations. The safety tips given pertained to all of us no matter where we live.

We continued with our Business Meeting. The Minutes of January 11, 2012, were approved as mailed. Jeanie Bentzel gave the Secretary's Report urging people to think about becoming a member of the Executive Committee. Jerry Kemmerer gave the Treasurer's Report. PARCR has a balance of \$5,803.62. It was moved and seconded to approve this report.

Membership Secretary Susan Martin told us that she would be sending renewals shortly. When you return them, please print clearly: name, position, email addresses. Also, indicate if we should add or remove names from our records. When sending in Quarterly Meeting Reservations, be sure that you indicate **who is coming to the meeting, not just how many.**

Wes Leidig, Legislative Chairman, was unable to attend today's meeting and asked George Tjiattas to be sure to mention that Leading Age will be having a conference in Hershey, June 27-28. If you are interested in helping at PARCR's table, please email Susan Martin or George, and let them know when

you will be available. George also distributed an article by Dale Davenport, Harrisburg Patriot News, concerning qualities to look for in a candidate, and encouraging us to vote in the **Primary Election on Tuesday, April 24**

Following a delicious luncheon in the Homewood at Plum Creek Dining Room, Bud Endler, PARCR Program Director, and a resident at Homewood at Plum Creek, introduced the Resident Council President Dale Schaeberle. Bud shared information and a video about Homewood and answered many questions. They had prepared an envelope for each community containing samples of publications, and a sample listing of the programs presented at the Men's Group Meetings. Bud suggested that this might be used to give you ideas for your resident council programs. Bud introduced Russ Weber who gave a very interesting presentation about the Men's Group.

We then continued with our Business Meeting. George distributed an article that appeared in a NaCCRA publication telling about the transition from church-related homes for the aging to the CCRCs that we have today. He also told us that Evert Fuller, Newsletter Editor, was representing PARCR at Elma Krep's funeral, so could not be present. This quarter's *PARCA Newsletter* featuring trains was passed out. Share this with members of your community that may be interested in trains. George reminded members to support Evert by contributing materials for the newsletter.

Bud Endler, Program Director of PARCA, told us of programs at future meetings. George stressed our need for a Web Master. If you, or anyone in your village, are interested, please let George know.

New Business -- Action of the Executive Committee: Cost of luncheon at the Quarterly Meeting was raised to \$10.00 effective at the July 2012 meeting. Meeting adjournment was changed to 2:30 p.m., to allow adequate time for the business meeting. **Future Meetings:** Bethany Village, Mechanicsburg, on July 11; Ann's Place, Warminster, PA on October 10; January 9, 2013 to be determined, and Quincy Village, Waynesboro, on April 10, 2013.

Comments from the Floor and Community Sharing followed. Jerry Kemmerer, Treasurer, brought us up to date on the tax status of PARCA. We now have to file a tax return. This was done, and was accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette M. Bentzel, Secretary