



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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MINUTES - PARCR Quarterly Meeting - Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community
2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA 17350

WELCOME: Due to an icy start of the day, President, Ida Jeanne Smith called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER: Rev. Leon Bird, Cross Keys Village Resident

HOST: Mr. Jeffrey M. Evans, President/CEO of Cross Keys Village, welcomed membership, and stated that Cross Keys Village has been in existence since 1908. There are exciting times and exciting things going on. The afternoon program by Jennifer Holcomb about Brookside – Memory Support building is something you will want to hear, and attend the tour of Brookside after the meeting

ROLL CALL: There were **96** people in attendance representing **21** of our 25 member communities.

LEADINGAGE PA: Anne Henry – New General Assembly members were sworn in on January 3rd, 2017; their work begins January 23rd, 2017. There are 28 new freshmen: 6 in Senate with 50 seats filled, and 22 (primarily all R with a few D) in House with 202 out of 203 seats filled. Majority of leaders are from Allegheny County which helps us receive expert news as to what is happening. We are looking at gubernatorial election in 2 years, and Gov. Wolf will be running again and Scott Wagner will run as well. Pat Brown running for Appropriations Committee which is important for us. With Pat Vance’s retirement, Senator Lisa Baker, Chair of Health and Human Services Committee will take over this committee.

LeadingAge PA will be holding Legislative Breakfast across Commonwealth sometime during April and May – schedule to follow when established.

Governor Wolf will give his announcement of the budget coming up on February 7th. He proposes no new tax increase on the table. Proposing to close 2 State prisons. Hiring Human Resources and IT officers. Departments of Health, Human Services and Aging will merge into one big office. After Governor gives Budget address, each of the agencies will talk about their initiatives and their part of State budget and those on Appropriations Committee get to ask the hard questions.

Financially our budget deficit is 2 billion dollars. LeadingAge will be asking for increased nursing home rates for medical assistance (no increase in last 2 years). Performance-based budgeting available for assisted living services in assisted living communities (savings of 40-50 million dollars).

Community Health Choices (Managed Care Program) schedule has been bumped – Phase 1 will start in January 2018; Phase 2 will start in July 2018, and Phase 3 stays the same (January 2019). Our stance is that managed care of the individual has needs than just managing costs. HHS is presently not worried about costs, they are quite concerned with managing care of the individual. If costs aren’t sufficient, we will see access problems.

Dept. of HHS have been very aggressive with surveys for licensure; however, they seem to be easing up. If you hear something about your nursing care at your community, go to your Administration and ask them about any citations. They will discuss them with you.

With a new President coming in January 20th, 2017, there are concerns as to what changes may be made: State operated programs, and the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). Medicare and Medicaid might be moved to Federal Block Grant which would affect. Time will tell.

NaCCRA: Dan Seeger – No report due to illness.

PROGRAM: Henry Mathers introduced our speaker, Mr. Steve Dardick of AIA Benefits Resource Group, Medicare Insurance Solutions, with a long standing background of Medicare information, along with Mr. Scott Dardick to help us “Understand Medicare”. Topics were: *What is covered, Enrollment Eligibility, What options you have, and Is your current plan suitable, etc.?*

Their slide presentation of all this information can be found at: <http://www.parc.org/Post/View/50>. They can also be reached at: 4550 Lena Drive, Mechanicsburg: 717-591-8280 x 193 = smdardick@aiabrg.com (Steve) OR 717-591-8280 x 192 = sdardick@aiabrg.com (Scott).

Trivia: Pres. Harry Truman and his wife, Margaret, received “first” Medicare cards when issued in 1965.

A “thank you” to Cross Keys Village for a wonderful and plentiful lunch provided after our morning program.

“SHARING AN IDEA”: Ms. Jennifer Holcomb, Memory Support Director, spoke on “Memory Support Today and Tomorrow”. There is an epidemic across the country – memory care is the sixth leading cause of death in U.S. The National and State Plan: coordinate services among agencies, make sure, across the spectrum, that they are working together to develop treatment (increase funding for research), early diagnosis (people not being diagnosed soon enough to receive services in early stages), and proper care for diverse patients around the world.

Cross Keys Village embarked on become the premier provider of memory care services for providing services within this region. The Action Plan for success will be: *Orientation, Ongoing Education, Programming, Consultation, Community Liaison and Community Outreach*. The Brookside project is the unique outcome at Cross Keys Village of a partnership among layers of collaboration with doctors, administrators, staff and services available to meet the needs of the people. All departments provided input for level of care and needed hours of training focusing on team member education in order for memory care to take place. The Brookside Building will officially receive residents the end of January 2017. Transitioning from personal care to memory care requires knowing which is the best move to provide the care specially needed.

To reach Jennifer for any further conversation or questions, she can be reached at: 717-624-5474 or email: j.holcomb@crosskeysvillage.org.

PARCR BUSINESS MEETING: The Minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting at Woodcrest Villa were approved. Announcement of Jerry Kemmerer’s resignation as Treasurer; Executive Committee accepted his resignation on December 12, 2016, with regrets. There was a standing ovation for his years of service to PARCR. Also at our Executive Committee meeting on December 12, 2016, Henry Mathers was appointed as the new treasurer.

Treasurer: Henry Mathers – We have recently moved our PARCR account from Fulton Bank to BB&T Bank. The “Income/Expense by Category” sheet is broken down in quarters as follows: July 1 to Sept. 30, balance brought forward is \$5,922.08 and Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016, balance is \$7,526.17 (these funds were moved to BB&T). We presently have a balance of \$7,454.99 (as of 1/7/17).

Membership: Susan Martin, Chair, reported that with the weather delay for today’s meeting, an email was sent out to alert communities that the meeting would start an hour later. Accuracy of key/contact people at your communities, and correct spelling of their names, is very important. Renewal of memberships will begin between April and June (deadline is June 30th to renew). The annual dues are \$20 per person or \$60 from your community for 3 delegates, and individual membership annual dues are \$20. When officers change at each of your communities, please notify me whenever this occurs. Applications will be available in April on our PARCR.org website. If you have any questions, please either email me or call me (my information is on the website).

Legislation: Gail Stelger, Chair, reported that she will send out the latest “Legislative Tidbits” shortly. The “Tidbits” will include the new dates of the Department of Human Services when they will implement their program. Also some information about the General Assembly and people that we at CCRC’s are in contact with, and our LeadingAge PA contacts. I will also let you know when the Legislative Breakfast will be taking place, as soon as dates and locations are scheduled.

Programs: Henry Mathers, Chair, reported following presentations for 2017: **April 2017** – Panel Discussion “Improving Communication between Residents and Administration”; **July 2017** – “Tax Issues for Seniors” (received highest score on Program Survey), and **October 2017** – a “Futurist” (in planning stage). If you have any specific areas or questions for the Tax Issues program, please contact Henry (his contact info is on PARCR.org website).

“PARCR POST” - Each community “key/contact person” receives the newsletter. Contact your community key/contact person for copies of the newsletter. Send your community news (via email) to Bill Buehler, Editor, at rbuehler@gardenspotvillage.net.

Old Business: Four new “Members at Large” were appointed at Executive Committee on December 12, 2016. They are: Rev. Leon Bird (Cross Keys Village); Susan DiGruttolo (Masonic Village); Nancy Hann (Pleasant View), and David McIntosh (The Village at Sprenkle). Welcome to all of you. Changes have been made to the By-Laws to include the Members at Large, and copies were sent through email to each community key/contact person. If you would like a copy of the By-Laws, contact Ida Jeanne Smith (info at top of minutes).

Also at the December 12th Executive Committee meeting, Mr. Bill Stelger (Cross Keys Village) was appointed the new Program Chair. Thank you, Bill.

New Business: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m., and included a tour of the new Brookside – Memory Support building.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be held April 12, 2017 – Quincy Village, Waynesboro

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Polak, Secretary