



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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Minutes – Quarterly Meeting – Wednesday, July 13, 2005 – Masonic Village

The PARCR meeting was called to order by **Vice President Frank Lookingbill at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania** at 10: AM. Our **President, Elma Kreps** was unable to attend due to illness. The opening prayer was offered by **Rev. Donald Geschwindt. Ray Tierney**, Chief Operating Officer of Masonic Villages warmly greeted us and reminded us of Masonic Village's long term commitment to PARCR. **Mr. Tierney** has been a member of PARCR's Executive Committee for ten (10) years. Masonic Village has 1500 residents at the Elizabethtown campus which consists of 2300 acres. There are four (4) Masonic Villages throughout Pennsylvania.

Charles Astfalk, Masonic Homes, Program Chairman, introduced our speakers **Ray Tierney**, Chief Operating Officer, Retirement Living Services, Masonic Villages and **William C. Davis**, Chief Operating Officer, Health Care Services of Masonic Village.

Mr. Tierney spoke on "Trends in Retirement Living". The trends are Surging enrollment, due to peace of mind, security and medical care; Larger living accommodation (up to 2600 sq. ft. – going bigger & better); Aging in place – living longer in retirement communities; Reluctance to move to Assisted Living; Unbundling of services; Refund options: Larger commercial retirement communities (1,000 to 2,000 residents); Partnering with local hospital & other non-profits; Multiple locations due to financial considerations, i.e., spread of risk & diversify – communities must continue to grow to survive.

Mr. Davis spoke on "Trends in Health Care". At the State level, a 2.8% cap placed on Medicaid costing facilities \$37 per day; Expect further reductions in Medicaid services; Suggest a trust fund to fund Medicaid system – 5 to 8% increase in costs this year; and New personal care regulations due October 2005.

At the Federal level, Medicare, Part B is providing new preventive benefits and prescription drug coverage starting January 1, 2006. The drug discount card will be phased out and replaced with the new prescription drug program. The new program is available for all people with Medicare and will be provided through Private prescription plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Employers & Union Plans for Retirees or Medicare Program.

You may enroll in the new program between November 15, 2005 & December 31, 2005. Coverage will begin on January 1, 2006 or if enrolled after January 1, 2006, the first day of the month after the month joined. If you do not enroll by January 1, 2006, a penalty of 1% per month will be applicable to your benefits. Initially, premiums will be \$37 a month. The deductible and co-pay are as follows:

A \$250 Deductible will apply. Then Seniors will pay 25% of drug cost on the next \$2,000; 100% of the next \$1,350 (called the "gap") and 5% above \$3,600.

There are special programs for people with limited resources within Medicare and also the Pennsylvania programs of PACE & PACENET. Contact your APPRISE counselor for details.

Mr. William George, Nominating Committee Chairman, conducted the roll of attendees consisting of twenty (20) communities and sixty-nine (69) delegates, officers and guests. Numerous communities reported additional building and success in marketing the new apartments, carriage houses, villas, cottages, country homes and additional skilled nursing beds.

A delicious "sit down" lunch was provided by Masonic Village. It included menus & choices of food, table cloths, etc. They really spoiled us. Our compliments to the Chef and Servers for an outstanding eating experience.

The Secretary's report was approved as mailed.

Ev Fuller reported on the recovery of an additional \$80.13 from Ronald J. Hunziker, owner of the Mechanicsburg Postmasters Store. This make a total of \$138.13 recovered from our original cost of \$167.77

F. R. Morris, Garden Spot Village, Treasurer, submitted the PARCR Treasury Report covering the period from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. We had an ending balance of \$1584.90. The Treasurer's report was approved as read. A budget of \$3,340 was proposed for 2005-2006 and was approved as presented.

Frank Lookingbill, Brethren Home Community, Membership Chairman, advised that membership needs to be renewed as of July 1, 2005 for both Communities and Associate Members.

Stuart Dickson, Green Ridge Village, Newsletter Editor asked that information be sent to him for the next edition of the newsletter.

William R. George, Nominating Committee Chairman, Garden Spot Village, announced the slate of Officers, Chairpersons & Advisors for 2005-2006 as follows:

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Chairpersons & Advisors</u>	
President, Interim	Elma Kreps	Newsletter Editor	J. Stuart Dickson
First Vice President	Frank Lookingbill	Nominating Committee	William George
Second Vice President	Robert Coates	Program	
Secretary	Evert Fuller	Legislative	Hugh Fitzgerald
Assistant Secretary	George Tjiattas	Bylaws	Evert Fuller
Treasurer	F. Richard Morris	Advisory Member	Edward Longenecker,
Assistant Treasurer	Robert Baughan	Advisory Member	Landis Homes
			Ray Tierney,
			Masonic Homes

The above list of Officers, Chairpersons & Advisors was approved as presented. Members interested in serving PARCR in an official capacity should contact Bill George at 717-355-6697.

Evert Fuller, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, handed out copies of the Bylaws to committee members, Anton "Bud" Endler, Homewood at Plum Creek, Elma Kreps, Bethany Village and Myron Ritter, Sprenkle Village. Additional volunteers are needed. Call (717-766-2296) or email (parcrsecretary1@aol.com) Ev Fuller.

At our next meeting at Garden Spot Village, the subject for discussion will be Security at Your Community and a special presentation by the CEO of Garden Spot Village. You are invited to visit the model trains after the meeting.

Regular Quarterly Meetings

October 12, 2005 – Garden Spot Village

January 11, 2006 – Bethany Village

April 12, 2006 -- Quincy UM Homes

July 12, 2006 -- Open

Executive Committee Meetings

Monday, September 12, 2005 at Bethany Village.

Monday, December 12, 2005 at Bethany Village.

Monday, March 13, 2006 at Bethany Village

Monday, June 12, 2006 at Bethany Village

Mr. Lookingbill adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM. We visited the Model Train Building at Masonic Village. This is one of the largest model railroads on the East Coast and is open to the public on alternate Saturdays. Call the Masonic Village at 717-367-1121 for dates & time.

Respectfully submitted,

Evert Fuller, Secretary