



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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Minutes – Quarterly Meeting – Wednesday, July 11, 2007 – Homewood at Plum Creek

The PARCR meeting was called to order by **President Elma Kreps at Homewood at Plum Creek, Hanover, Pennsylvania** at 10: AM. We were greeted by **Anton “Bud” Endler**, Homewood at Plum Creek, who led us in the pledge to the flag. The opening prayer was offered by **Chaplin Joel Hummel**. We were warmly welcomed by **Sandra Fair**, Executive Director of Homewood at Plum Creek. We enjoyed the coffee, tea and muffins prior to the meeting.

Karen Coleman, Director of Nursing at Homewood at Plum Creek, spoke of the necessity of “closing down” their Assisted Living Area due to an outbreak of Norovirus; a group of viruses which cause the “stomach flu” or gastroenteritis. A copy of her Power Point presentation will be available to each community at the next meeting.

The Secretary’s minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed to the members.

Richard Morris, Garden Spot Village, Treasurer delivered the PARCR Treasury Report covering the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The ending balance was \$2,153.71, which included \$146.01 in the unbudgeted computer fund. The Treasurer’s report was approved as read.

Carol Wendel, Membership Chairman reported that we have twenty-five (25) active communities and forty-six (46) associate members and two (2) potential new CCRC members.

President Kreps announced that the next meeting will be held at Garden Spot Village, New Holland, PA on October 10, 2007 and Governor Rendell has been invited as our speaker.

The Executive Committee recommended an annual dues increase at their last meeting. A motion was made to increase the annual dues for CCRC’s from \$45 to \$50 and Associate Membership from \$15 to \$20. The motion was seconded and passed.

Richard Morris, Garden Spot Village, Treasurer presented the Budget for the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 which included the above dues increase and indicated revenues of \$6,348.83 and expenditures of \$5,718.84. The budget was approved.

Dr. George Tjiattas, Program Chairman, introduced our speaker **W. Russell McDaid, Vice President, Public Policy, PANPHA**. PANPHA originally started as an educational organization in 1962. It now has 360 members statewide and serves 65,000 residents and 160,000 employees and volunteers. There is power in numbers; the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Advocacy is changing the way the government thinks. “Hedgehog” is a focus on one thing and brings the best results. Legislators must be more responsible to their constituents than to “hired guns” lobbyists).

What is PANPHA worried about? Medicaid (medical assistance, ratios, NF assessment), Granny or Bed Tax, Senior Care and Planning Commission, Personal Care Regulations, Assisted Living Licensure and implementing the “North Star” program. Technology will allow people to stay in their homes longer.

How can we make a difference? Get involved in advocacy! PANPHA will provide PARCR with advocacy via their web site “Easy Button”. **Most important – MEET WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS!!!**

A delicious “sit down” luncheon was provided by Homewood at Plum Creek. It included a sandwich, fruit cup, ice tea and a brownie that melted in your mouth.

Stuart Dickson, Green Ridge Village, Newsletter Editor, asked that information be sent to him from all communities belonging to PARCR for inclusion in the newsletter. He also mentioned that NaCCRA had used most of his newsletter.

Chet Brown, Masonic Village, spoke about a first class security system – your car keys. When in need of assistance, just push the panic button, your horn will sound and help is on the way.

Elma Kreps, President, called the roll of member communities of PARCR and Associate Members who had registered for this meeting.

Mrs. Kreps presented the slate of officers as prepared by Nominating Chairman William George as follows:

President – George Tjiattas, Bethany Village
First Vice President – Ray Vaughn, Masonic Village
Second Vice President – Anton “Bud” Endler, Homewood at Plum Creek
Secretary – Evert Fuller, Bethany Village
Assistant Secretary – Julia Hix, Foxdale Village
Treasurer – F. Richard Morris, Garden Spot Village
Assistant Treasurer – Robert Allen, Brethren Village

The above slate was nominated and seconded and all were elected.

George Tjiattas, President Elect, then nominated our retiring president, Elma Kreps, for President Emeritus. The nomination was approved by a standing ovation.

Stuart Dickson, Green Ridge Village, gave a very moving tribute to Elma for her twelve (12) years of service in organizing and guiding PARCR through its infancy. He recalled the initial meeting of PARCR in 1995 when Elma summoned the President of Residents Councils in Central Pennsylvania to a luncheon meeting at Bethany Village. Mrs. Kreps was elected the first President of PARCR and has served with distinction since that time. She has traveled many miles and made many speeches on behalf of PARCR always with grace and civility. We will miss her steady hand on the tiller of PARCR.

W. Russell McDaid, VP, Public Policy, PANPHA, presented Mrs. Kreps with their Presidents Citation signed by **Ron Barth**, President of PANPHA.

President Tjiattas gave his vision for the future of PARCR which will include an educational component in each meeting.

President Tjiattas adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM. Our next meeting will be held at Garden Spot Village, New Holland, PA on October 10, 2007.

Regular Quarterly Meetings

October 10, 2007 – Garden Spot Village

January 9, 2008 – Bethany Village

April 9, 2008 – Woodcrest Villa

July 9, 2008 – open

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Committee Meetings

Monday, September 10, 2007 at Bethany Village

Monday, December 10, 2007 at Bethany Village

Monday, March 10, 2008 at Bethany Village

Monday, June 9, 2008 at Bethany Village

Evert Fuller, Secretary