



## *Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents*

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### **MINUTES – PARCR Quarterly Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2015**

**Landis Homes Retirement Community, Lititz, PA 17543**

President George Tjiattas called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Because there were many first-time people in attendance, George gave a brief summary and history of PARCR. Ms. Eva Bering, Vice President, Operations at Landis Homes, welcomed us to their campus. She stated that Landis Homes is "land-locked," due to zoning restrictions and explained many of the construction projects of which we could see evidence. Eva Bering then led the group in prayer.

Susan Martin, PARCR Membership Secretary, took Roll Call. There were 140 people in attendance. These represented 21 of our 24 member communities. We continued with "A Word from LeadingAgePA." LeadingAgePA Representative Anne Henry had prepared a handout entitled "Budget Adjustment Factor (BAF), Your Voices Heard!!!" which she explained. She asked that we take the time to write and express our gratitude to Secretary Dallas and the Wolf administration for listening to our concerns. The reverse side of this handout gave "talking points," which we can use in constructing our original letters—they should not be form letters. Many form letters count as only one letter.

Anne mentioned that the proposed increase in sales tax, is NO, at the moment. She mentioned that at the October meeting, she would be sharing a film on Advocacy, in which Mr. Tjiattas took part. She said this film could be found on the LeadingAgePA Website.

We then heard from Dan Seeger, President of NaCCRA. Dan told us that NaCCRA has approved the final copy of the Bill of Rights and he passed these around. This is available on the NaCCRA Website. He said that NaCCRA is developing a simple way to access the financial soundness of your CCRC. He also tried to get people to join NaCCRA. Check the NaCCRA website for an application.

Vice President Henry Mathers introduced today's speaker, Angela Dohrman, VP of Senior Living, at SpiriTrust Lutheran. Mrs. Dohrman, who is very well qualified, spoke about "The Future of CCRCs." "Can we predict the future? What does the future hold?" One of the many facts she presented, is that 82% of the CCRCs are Not-for-Profit villages, and the reasons behind this. She stated that technology is quite important for the future of a CCRC. She also said, "What is the communication of the future? Who knows?" She mentioned that the baby boomer generation has started moving into the CCRCs and are bringing changes that they desire. Angela talked about the fact that obesity and diabetes are the two biggest health problems of this generation. She mentioned that it is quite important for the

CCRCs to be part of their community, and not to just stay within the walls of their village, but to be reaching out.

Mrs. Dohrman was quite willing to answer questions and was an excellent speaker. She referred to the Baby Boomer Generation as "60 being the new 30." She was reminded that our generation is "90 being the new 60!"

Mr. Tjiattas thanked Mrs. Dohrman for her talk. He then offered grace for the lunch, which we were going to enjoy. Many thanks to the Chef, and to his staff at Landis Homes for a great buffet luncheon.

Linford Good, Vice President of Planning and Marketing, presented the afternoon program, "Life at Landis Homes." When PARCR visited Landis Homes in 2011, the Hybrid Home concept was just in the planning stage. They are building them in groups of two and almost have the fourth one completed. Each unit contains parking on the first floor, and six apartments on both the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. He made the statement that the Hybrid Homes, containing 25 apartments and a community room, replaces the place of 7 cottages. He also showed us slides of how they changed the layout of the creek and eliminated the pond at Landis Homes. He mentioned that they are in the midst of building a new swimming pool and wellness center, as well as a building that will connect the two sides of their campus. Linford was quite willing to answer our many questions.

#### PARCR Business Meeting.

The Minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting at Green Ridge Village, Mechanicsburg, PA, were approved as distributed. Jeanie Bentzel, **Secretary**, mentioned that the Executive Committee was fortunate to have a visit from our Web Master's husband. He reviewed the changes he and Laura were planning for the Web Site. Jeanie urged people to get in the habit of visiting [www.PARCR.org](http://www.PARCR.org) on a regular basis. She also asked people to send Bill Buehler items for the PARCR Post. She stressed that it is difficult to write a newsletter without our cooperation. Contact Bill at [rwuebler@gardenspotvillage.net](mailto:rwuebler@gardenspotvillage.net).

Jeanie reminded people that we are still looking for Communities to host our meetings. It may not be until 2017 –but that is o.k. You will have plenty of time to work on your afternoon program! Remember that the executive committee is also looking for some members—see George Tjiattas.

Jerry Kemmerer, **Treasurer**, gave a treasurer's report, which was approved. We have a balance of \$7,165.55.

Susan Martin, **Membership**. George Tjiattas reported for Susan that all but five villages have renewed their membership for this year. George read the names of the villages, and suggested that members contact their administration to correct this oversight. Susan had to leave early, so if you were planning to pay your own membership, please send them to her.

Gail Stelger, **Legislation**, told us to check the PARCR website for updates of the "Legislative Tidbits," and if you have a government question, to contact her at [gailstelger@hotmail.com](mailto:gailstelger@hotmail.com). Gail also said that she and Anne Henry, LeadingAgePA, are in regular contact. Gail thanked PARCR for all the letters written in the past, and reminded them the present letters are due by July 29.



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Henry Mathers, **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**, told us that the October program would be the "Future of Social Security and Medicare" (Messiah Village). Henry passed out sheets entitled "Priority of Remaining Programs – Vote for 2." He asked that they be completed and returned. If you have a suggestion for a future program, contact Henry at [hrmathers@comcast.net](mailto:hrmathers@comcast.net).

Bill Buehler, **Newsletter**, passed out copies of the latest "**PARCR Post**." Members of PARCR received this via Email. Please send him information for the next edition as soon as possible. The pictures will be printed in black and white and should be of good quality when you send them to Bill. "**PARCR POST**" is a great way to share your Village life with other Villages. Send the news to Bill Buehler at [rbuehler@gardenspotvillage.net](mailto:rbuehler@gardenspotvillage.net).

### **Old Business**

1. George announced the resignation of PARCR Secretary Jeanie Bentzel. The resignation was accepted with regret.
2. George passed out copies of the Slate of Officers. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the election of these officers. If you are interested in the Secretary position, see George.
3. The By-Law committee reports that they will be presenting the corrected copy to the Executive Committee at their meeting in September. The By-Laws will be sent out before the October 14 meeting for the delegates to review. Action will be taken at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

***Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held October 14, 2015 – Messiah Village, Mechanicsburg, PA.***

Jeanette M. Bentzel, Secretary