



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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MINUTES – PARCR Quarterly Meeting – Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Messiah Lifeways @ Messiah Village, 100 Mt. Allen Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

MISSION STATEMENT: *“To aid and assist residents of retirement communities in Pennsylvania. To organize and maintain residents’ organizations; to promote the exchange of ideas, education and civic responsibilities of residents; and to encourage members to seek to be a part of informed decision-making in their community.”*

WELCOME: President, Ida Jeanne Smith, opened our meeting at 10:00am, along with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER: Chaplain Kerry Hoke, Director of Pastoral Ministries led us in our opening prayer.

HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME: Messiah Lifeways @ Messiah Village President/CEO, Curt Stutzman, gave us a very warm welcome to their community in the new John N. Hostetter Enrichment Center.

ROLL CALL: There were 116 in attendance representing 24 of our 28 member communities.

LEADINGAGE PA: “Word of the Day” – success. Anne Henry announced the name of the new President/CEO of LeadingAge PA - Adam Marles. Adam has replaced Ron Barth who retired after 27½ years. Eva Bering (retired from Landis Homes) will be interim President until Adam joins us the end of August – success.

LeadingAge National previously handled the conference in Hershey, PA. This was LeadingAge PA’s 1st year handling “all” arrangements for the conference in June 2018 – success.

State budget was passed 8 days early – this is the 1st time that this happened since the Ridge administration – success.

Thank you for responding to our “alert” regarding financial assistance for nursing facilities – we got a 1% rate increase which is better than 0% - success.

House Bill 2291 – The Independent Senior Living Privacy Act concerns Dept. of Human Services wanting jurisdiction over IL residents in CCRC’s. DHS wants to make the decision as to whether you need to move from Independent Living to Personal Care. An amendment has been added to the bill in the General Assembly. More support and assistance will be needed by residents later this year to safeguard your rights to remain in IL, as long as you can do that safely.

State Supreme Court decided that congressional districts set by General Assembly were unconstitutional. There are some bills in General Assembly to set the districts in a bipartisan way. Next census will determine population of districts, and maps may not change again.

LeadingAge is not only lobbying, we are also solving issues for our members. Some info that is gathered for data analysis is useful for: education, webinars, government affairs, annual conferences, financial conferences, etc.

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Bill Stelger, Chair, introduced Mr. Jeff Evans, President/CEO of Cross Keys Village. Mr. Evans' presentation was on "The Future of CCRC's" which included the following topics:

Existing Trends (the last 5 years): Ongoing construction boom, Increasing meticulous generations, Hospitality, Dining, Wellness, Entertainment and Education, Evolution of Health Care.

Coming Trends (the future of aging services): Aging in Place, Evolution of Healthcare will pick up speed, Integration of Technology, Building Design, Tight Labor Market, Memory Support Svcs., Aging in America.

A "thank you" to Messiah Lifeways @ Messiah Village for hosting PARCR, and for the breakfast selections and buffet lunch.

"SHARING AN IDEA": "Expanding Beyond CCRC's" presentation by Karl Brummer, Vice President of Community Services covered the following:

Mission is to serve broader communities. Statistics state that 90% of those aging will not move into a CCRC, however, they will still need services.

Messiah Lifeways serves about 60% in broader communities with community support services: Adult Day Care, Senior Centers, and Messiah Lifeways at Home.

Enrichment Services: Pathways Institute for Life Long Learning (Spring & Fall terms)

Wellness Programs: Open to older adults even in 55+ communities.

Coach: Free service to communities to adjust to aging lifestyle.

Child Care Support: U-Gro Program.

Partnership with low-income housing projects in Capital region, and how other communities assist their older adults.

REPORTS: Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held at Brethren Village on April 11, 2018 were approved as written.

2018-2019 Officers – Ida Jeanne Smith announced roster of officers on Executive Committee approved at June 10, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer – Henry Mathers: Reports distributed covering finances for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Current Budget: Shows incoming expenses that occurred over fiscal year (Actual vs Budgeted). Income & Expense Report: Luncheon receipts is based on number of paid attendees; budgeted \$4,000, however, only collected \$3,010. Attendance is factor and hope that today's attendance (116) will continue to be the trend.

Checkbook balance is \$7,258 for year just ended. Prior year the balance was \$7,306; so we are very close. As of today, checkbook balance is \$7,058. Proposed budget for current year (2018-2019) gives you a picture of what budget was last year, and what is being proposed. Budget was approved by membership.

Membership – Susan Martin: Communities represented today were 24 out of 28 memberships. Two communities will be contacted as to their renewal for this year; if they do not renew, we will stay within the 26 communities. Try to talk about us so that we can grow.

Besides community renewals (\$60 annual), we also have individual memberships (\$20 annual). By becoming a member, you will receive: meeting notices, minutes of meetings, legislative alerts, and our PARCR Post newsletter.

Please pay attention to deadline responses for our meetings. Our hosting communities need to know the amount of food and table setup in advance of our meetings,

so respond as soon as possible, especially by the deadline date listed in the Welcome Letter.

Legislation – Gail Stelger: Anne Henry covered the most recent news out of LeadingAge PA for us. I will be in contact with her for any PARCR assistance she will need from our members, especially House Bill 2291.

Programs – Bill Stelger: Each table received ballots for voting for next year's programs (2019), and they will be tallied for the top 4 choices at our Quarterly meetings. We will be at Pleasant View Retirement Community in Manheim on October 10th, and our presenter will be Dr. Joseph Torchia, Chief Medical Officer at Geisinger/Holy Spirit. He will be talking about "Observation vs Admission", and hospital legislation.

Newsletter – Linda Heck: This quarter's PARCR Post newsletter has reached a record of 10 pages; please send any information concerning your communities (not marketing) to me. Thank you to those who contributed to this quarter's newsletter.

Deadlines for submission are important to be adhered to. Do not send files in "pdf format"; makes it difficult to extract content – send documents in "Word.doc format" and send pictures/photos in "jpg or png format". I also need to know who is sending me an article, so I can talk with you directly, in case of some questions. As soon as you have an article/item, get it to me – the next deadline is September 26th – do not wait until the last day. The sooner you submit, the better location you get in the newsletter.

Suggest you visit our website which will be updated very shortly – parcr.org. There is a lot of information on our site you might find very interesting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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