



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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Minutes – Quarterly Meeting – Wednesday, October 12, 2005 – Garden Spot Village

The PARCR meeting was called to order by **President Elma Kreps at Garden Spot Village, New Holland, Pennsylvania** at 10:05 AM. The opening prayer was offered by **F. Richard Morris**.

The Secretary’s minutes of the previous meeting was approved as mailed to the members. **Ev Fuller, Secretary** advised that he had a computer malfunction which destroyed the PARCR mailing list. It was reconstructed and used for the notice of this meeting. Anyone who didn’t receive a meeting notice should advise Ev at lunch time or after the meeting.

Mrs. Kreps passed out the following list of Officers, Chairpersons & Advisors for 2005-2006 as follows:

Officers

President, Interim	Elma Kreps
First Vice President	Frank Lookingbill
Second Vice President	Robert Coates
Secretary	Evert Fuller
Assistant Secretary	George Tjiattas
Treasurer	F. Richard Morris
Assistant Treasurer	Robert Baughan

Chairpersons & Advisors

Newsletter Editor	J. Stuart Dickson
Nominating Committee	William George
Program	George Tjiattas
Legislative	Hugh Fitzgerald
Bylaws	Evert Fuller
Advisory Member	Edward Longenecker,
	Landis Homes
Advisory Member	Ray Tierney,
	Masonic Homes

F. R. Morris, Garden Spot Village, Treasurer, submitted the PARCR Treasury Report covering the period from July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005. We had an ending balance of \$2,697.01. The Treasurer’s report was approved as read.

Frank Lookingbill, Brethren Home Community, Membership Chairman advised that we currently have a membership of twenty (20) communities and twenty-four Associate Members. Frank also passed out information regarding the Proposed Pension Protection Legislation and explained that it could harm retirees.

Steve Lindsey, CEO, Garden Spot Village, spoke on “Cultural Change”, a new concept for treating long term or skilled care patients. Garden Spot Village currently has forty-two (42) skilled care beds and is running out of space to accommodate their 857 residents.

To correct this shortage of skilled care beds, Garden Spot Village is embarking on “**The Journey to Home**”. Why start the Journey? The mission is “to enrich the lived of older adults as an expression of Christ’s love.” The “Journey includes the answers to “**What makes a home and How do you enrich the lives of persons in a skilled care setting?** Then Journey leads to “**The 3 R’s of Cultural Change**” which are **Renewal, Reframing the Organization and Renovation**.

The initial construction at Garden Spot Village will include two (2) houses, each with sixteen (16) residents. This will not result in an increase in staff and is cost effective. Mr. Lindsey’s enthusiastic presentation was very well received and prompted many questions. We hope Mr. Lindsey and his staff have a successful journey,

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.

Harold Reed led us in prayer before lunch.

A delicious “sit down” lunch was provided by Garden Spot Village. It included chicken corn soup, choice of “wraps”, beverage and dessert. They really spoiled us. Our compliments to the Chef and Servers for an outstanding eating experience.

George Steedle, Garden Spot Village, warmly greeted us after lunch and advised us that Garden Spot Village is ten (10) years old. They are currently constructing the previously mentioned skilled care facilities and a Legacy Garden.

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

Evert Fuller, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, advised that a review of the Bylaws by the Executive Board indicated that Associate Members may be admitted to membership even if their residential community does not join PARCR.

George Tjiattas, Assistant Secretary, presented timely information on the “Medicare Modernization Act”. This is Medicare, Part B, The Prescription Drug Program. His advice “Don’t sign anything until you are certain this is the correct program for you”.

George Steedle reported that he and **Doris Dill** conducted an audit of PARCR’s accounting records. He reported that our accounts are in balance and complimented our Treasurer Dick Morris on his excellent accounting practices.

Ev Fuller reported that the PARCR web site is current and the web address has changed from parcr.org to parcr.com.

President Elma Kreps gave her annual report which included a recap of events during the year.

At our next meeting at Bethany Village, subjects for discussion will include Security at Your Community and the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program. You are invited to visit the Bethany Village model train rooms after the meeting.

Regular Quarterly Meetings

January 11, 2006 – Bethany Village
April 12, 2006 -- Quincy UM Homes
July 12, 2006 -- Open
October 12, 2006 – Open

Executive Committee Meetings.

Monday, December 12, 2005 at Bethany Village.
Monday, March 13, 2006 at Bethany Village
Monday, June 12, 2006 at Bethany Village
Monday, September 11, 2006 at Bethany Village

Mrs. Kreps adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM. We visited the Model Train Room and Work Shop at Garden Spot Village. This is a “world class” model railroad lay-out and contains a completed “O” gauge lay-out and a partially completed “HO” gauge lay-out..

Respectfully submitted,

Evert Fuller, Secretary