

Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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MINUTES – PARCR Quarterly Meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2012 – Ann's Choice, Warminster, PA

President George Tjiattas called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. George welcomed everyone, and reviewed the objectives of PARCR. Remember to take any handouts or ideas back to your villages and share them with your resident council, and to share with one another.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Vice President Ray Vaughan, we received Greetings from the Executive Director of Ann's Choice, Mr. Christopher Donati. Mr. Donati shared very interesting information about Ann's Choice. Since they have a population of 2024, plus 1000 employees, it is like a small town. Richard Haddon, Manager, Ann's Choice Pastoral Ministries led us in prayer.

Susan Martin, PARCR Membership Secretary, took Roll Call. There were 19 of the 23 member communities present. We then had the opportunity to hear from Beth Greenberg and Nick Luciano of Leading Age, a lobbying group for CCRC's in PA. Beth mentioned that the PA Behavioral Health and Aging Coalition is looking for Board Members, and asked that you contact her if you are interested. Nick stressed that we do **not** need picture identification in order to vote, and that you should **not** settle for a provisional ballot.

Nick Luciano then introduced Mr. Steve Maag, Esq., Director of Residential Communities, Leading Age, Washington, DC. Mr. Maag had a very interesting and fact filled presentation about "The Supreme Court Rulings on the Health Care Law." He discussed the voting of the Supreme Court, components of the Continuing Care Act, and what has/has not been happening in Washington, DC. He pointed out that Medicare has to change and gave many reasons. Mr. Maag ended his presentation by repeating several times that Congress has done little the last two years, but "Kick the Can down the road!" [A Copy of Mr. Maag's Power Point presentation will be e-mailed to each community's Resident Council.]

Following a delicious luncheon, we found out "What's Happening at Ann's Choice," with a presentation by Dr. John Marcelis, VP & Regional Medical Director, Erickson Living who owns Ann's Choice. Dr. Marcelis gave an interesting & thought provoking description of Medical Services at Ann's Choice. They were somewhat different from our member communities. This was followed by many questions. [This Power Point presentation will also be e-mailed.]

We continued with our Business Meeting. The Minutes of July 11, 2012, were approved as mailed.

Jeanie Bentzel gave the Secretary's Report asking the membership to share their talents, experience, and serve as a member of the Executive Committee. Also, if they are interested in hosting a PARCR meeting in the future to be sure to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Jerry Kemmerer, Treasurer, explained the proposed budget and it was approved. He then reported that PARCR has a balance of \$6,493.72. It was moved and seconded to approve this report. Susan Martin, Membership Secretary, thanked everyone for their prompt notification of any changes in officers, and the date this is effective. This allows Susan to keep our Membership List up to date. Remember when you send in luncheon reservations, please indicate **who** is coming, not just how many. She explained about the Associate Membership and that the application is on the PARCR Website, or you can email Susan at smart@chuckandsusan.com and she will send you one. She also reminded us that any member of your community is welcome to come to our meetings.

George Tjiattas reported for Program Chairman Bud Endler. The program on January 9, 2013 at **The Long Community at Highland, Lancaster, PA** will deal with "Social Security."

The PARCR Newsletter was distributed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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