



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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MINUTES – PARCR Quarterly Meeting

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Cornwall Manor, Cornwall, PA 17016

President George Tjiattas called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. George welcomed everyone, and commented on the great crowd we had again today. He announced that David McIntosh of Sprengle Village has volunteered to be our new First Vice President; however, is unable to be with us today.

President Tjiattas led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Steve Hassinger, President & CEO of Cornwall Manor, welcomed our PARCR group and told us interesting facts about Cornwall Manor. They are opening their second campus, The Woods, which adjoins the original campus, which is 64 years old. There are approximately 370 residential residents living on the two campuses, along with 300 employees. Cornwall Manor was built upon the Ironmaster's Estate of the Ironworks.

Susan Martin, PARCR Membership Secretary, took Roll Call. There were 80 people present, representing 19 of the 23 member communities. George Tjiattas told us about changes made at Leading Age and that our Representative would be Joan Bradbury, who should be at our next meeting in January. President Tjiattas then introduced our speaker, Senior Attorney Jacqueline A. Kelly of Jan L. Brown & Associates. She will be speaking about PA Act 43 of 2005, "Adult Children might be held liable for the Support of Their Indigent Parents," as well as matters relating to updating Wills, Power of Attorney, and other Legal Documents.

Ms. Kelly passed out copies of her Power Point presentation, so we were able to follow along and we will also be able to retain her talk for the future. She also handed out a copy of the Settlement Agreement Fact Sheet concerning a certain case, Jimmo v. Sebelius. She pointed out that we don't have all the facts in this case, and that most cases like this are settled on a case-by-case basis. Then she gave an example of PA's Filial Support Law and examples from other states. She answered many questions. She gave the name of Katherine Pearson, a Professor of Law at Dickenson School of Law, as an expert on PA Act 43 of 2005, as a resource.

She then spoke about Estate Planning Needs: Powers of Attorney, Guardianships, Advanced Health Care Directives (Living Wills), and POLST, which stands for Physicians' Order for Life Sustaining Treatment. She pointed out the advantages & disadvantages of this, which is used by Physicians when end of life is near. Her talk gave the Top 5 Reasons for Powers of Attorney. She stressed that we should check our older Powers of Attorney to be sure it includes a Notice Page. Once again, Ms Kelly was willing to answer many questions from the audience.

Following a delicious luncheon, we found out "What is Happening at Cornwall Manor." Speakers were Jennifer Margut, Sales Director, who told us of Cornwall Manors' Residential Growth & Building Plans. Jennifer told us that five buildings at Cornwall Manor date back to the 1700's, including the Manor House, the Carriage House, and the Barn, where we held our meeting today. We also heard from Minnie Strickler, Health Services Administrator, who told us of plans for their new 96 bed Health Center, which replaces their present nursing home. Between the two talks we found out that Cornwall Manor, is indeed, growing.

Next on the Agenda was the PARCR Business Meeting. The Minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting at Cross Keys Village in New Oxford were approved as distributed. Jeanie Bentzel, Secretary, reminded people to see President Tjiattas if they were interested in holding a PARCR Quarterly Meeting on their campus. Jeanie also gave a big thank you to Joe Keaney, Cornwall Manor, for his help in planning this meeting. Susan Martin described exactly what a contact person at each Village does, and how that makes her job easier. Susan gave a hint: bring a bus from your village to a future meeting. Today we had a bus from Garden Spot, and one from Normandy Ridge. Remember if you make any changes in your address, telephone #, or email address, please let Susan know.

Treasurer Jerry Kemmerer gave the Treasurer's Report. PARCR has a balance of \$6,702.70. This report was approved as presented. Jerry explained the many parts of his report and how they relate to the budget. Gail Stelger, Legislation, told us Leading Age is working on the problem of hospitals not admitting a patient, but keeping them for observation. Explanation was given that this sometimes makes people ineligible for reimbursement by Medicare for rehabilitation and nursing home charges. She suggested that if we, or a loved one, is hospitalized, that we check on this status: observation or admittance to the hospital as a patient. Don't wait until you are discharged to inquire! It would also be smart to check with your insurance plan.

Evert Fuller, editor of the PARCA newsletter, gave a summary of this issue and put copies for each village on the table. He mentioned that he is always looking for news from all the villages. Evert stated that he might consider featuring certain villages in each issue – on a schedule.

George reminded us that PARCR's website is www.parcr.org. Our new webmaster, Laura Paist is working hard to bring our web site up to date. How about taking a look at these changes? If you have questions, bring them to the next meeting in January, or contact George Tjiattas.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held January 8, 2014 at The Brethren Village, Lancaster, PA.

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