

# **Resident Council Meeting Minutes**

## **May 18, 2017 at 11:15 a.m.**

Present: 37 residents, 5 staff, 4 family members.

1. Amos opened with prayer
2. Debbie led the meeting.
3. Debbie reviewed a number of activities and special events that took place over the past couple of months. Birthday Parties, Memorial Service, St. Patrick's Day Green Party, Back 40, Spring Fling cancelled due to outbreak, Welcome Tea, Pizza Party, Crackling Breakfasts, and Easter Brunch.
4. Debbie spoke about a number of special activities that will happen in the next two months:
  - a. Birthday Parties on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with Signs of His Grace providing musical entertainment and July 7<sup>th</sup> with Jake and Loretta Wiebe providing musical entertainment
  - b. Memorial Service will be scheduled sometime in June
  - c. June BBQs in the middle of June
  - d. Welcome Tea sometime in June
  - e. Canada Day Party July 4<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium. It is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary; it will be lots of fun.
  - f. Log cabin dinners towards the end of July
  - g. July bbqs in the middle of the month
  - h. Ice Cream Float Party
5. Recently moved into to our home are M.W., H.B., and D.R.
6. Debbie reviewed Residents' right to express thoughts, feelings, and suggestions and to have them acknowledged and responded to without fear of negative consequences. Debbie mentioned that if there are any concerns to please let staff know so that we can help resolve them. The residents have the option to choose whether they would like to participate in resident councils, and that the car team will assist those with communicating thoughts, feelings and suggestions.
7. Safety:
  - We want to make sure to avoid getting burned or heatstroke. To help accomplish this it is a good idea to wear a hat before going outside on hot days.

8. Joan:

- Joan emphasized that the residents have the right to refuse at any time if they wish not to participate in activities. She encouraged the residents to voice their concerns.
- Joan announced that the Connection in the park event will take place from 11:00am-4:00pm May 27<sup>th</sup> if weather permits. The Youth Farm Bible Camp will be providing food for a small fee. Linda will also be providing Roll Kuchen and watermelon for free. Everyone is welcome including families and extended families. There will be a Riders train, a hayride, bouncy castle and wall climbing. Joan expressed her gratitude for having an event open for free. The event is on posters around the nursing home and in the newsletter.
- Joan spoke about a sod turning event that is to take place at 2:30pm on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the event is to commemorate the new care home being built beginning in the second week of June. Everyone is welcome to participate. There will be cake and coffee to follow in the auditorium. If anyone wishes to donate money towards the care home they can donate at the office or speak to a board member.
- Joan emphasized the importance of being aware of the construction and that there will be extra traffic as a result. The area will be fenced off but please be cautious.
- Joan stated that the new coffee bar is ready for use. The chairs are getting recovered. She encouraged the residents to use the coffee bar and that it is a nice place to visit family. It is free so please make good use of it.

9. Karen:

- Asked Debbie to communicate that it is important to wear mosquito spray, sunscreen and hats when going outside.
- Karen has hired lots of new staff and would like the residents to be patient while the new staff is training and learning their work.
- Debbie encouraged all residents to share concerns and/or suggestions with staff at any time. Debbie communicated that if anyone has questions for any department at any time to please ask. One of the residents spoke and asked where they can get mosquito repellent. Joan replied that it is in the recreation department. Debbie said she would check to make sure the recreation department has some.

- A family member asked if a dental hygienist was going to be available for the residents. Joan replied that the Director of Care, Karen is looking into the specifications for acquiring a dental hygienist. We have been in touch with the Dentist in town. They need to know that there is enough interest to make it worth them coming here and bringing all of the necessary equipment. We will follow up at a later date.

10. Next meeting will be July 2017.

11. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.