

HAVENWOOD RESIDENT COUNCIL
October 8, 2024

Present: Barbara Keshen, Kay Garrigan, Cyndy McLeod, Gini Barss, Jeannine Piet-Roy, Ro Metcalf, Dot Young, Marianne Jennings, Michelle Jones, Karen Juall, Mary Edick, Myrna Hanna, Kathy Berglund, and Nanci Mitchell

Barbara Keshen opened the meeting at 9:30 and initiated a game, 1 Truth and 2 Lies.

Area Reports

Lodge: Jeannine Piet-Roy reported she and Ro had set up a bus trip for Lodge residents to Heritage Heights for a tour, a history, and lunch. They plan for another trip on November 14 for lunch and the program at Tad's Place. The Happy Hours are well attended with 29 or 30 at the most recent.

100s: Dot Young reported for Kathy Lassey who will be the new representative, that the gazebo is decorated. There are two couples due to move in next month.

200s: Marianne Jennings reported she and Michelle Jones will be sharing the representative position. She had met with Joyce Morrison to get ideas and more information. Residents meet Fridays at 4. It is a close group although it sometimes takes a while for all to feel comfortable. Frank Gulinello had reported back information from the House and Grounds Committee meeting. There are presently two vacant apartments.

300s: Karen Juall reported residents continue to meet outside Fridays at 4 with a backup plan to meet in the Lounge. Residents are enjoying being together to chat. They had a great potluck party and a fun pumpkin carving event. There had been a question about ordering meals from the dining rooms so one resident who is on the Dining Committee did research and reported back with information for ordering from the Four Seasons Dining Room and for take out from the Cafe. Barbara commented this would be good information for everyone and will ask Dining Services to give a presentation on take-out meals. It was asked about take-out from the greater community as it is difficult to describe where to make deliveries but residents would need to make their own arrangements with outside food delivery such as meeting the delivery at the lodge.

400s: Kay Garrigan reported there is a barbecue planned for area residents and there are several empty units. Gini noted that new resident Dana Sansom is interested in becoming Representative and in organizing area get-togethers.

500s: Mary Edick stated residents meet every day at 5 when the weather is good. They serenade any of their residents celebrating a birthday. They plan for a party in October with cider and donuts and ask all to wear their school colors and sports memorabilia. They have a Christmas party planned for December 14.

600s: Nancy Mitchell and Kathy Berglund will be sharing Representative duties. They wondered about training.

Barbara distributed a sheet of "Helpful Hints for Area Representatives" and a job description suggested by the By-Laws Revision Committee. All agreed their most critical job was to get information out to residents. Karen Juall stated she emails reports to those in her area and asked those without email to find a buddy to give them the information. Marianne stated she had been asked if residents needed to buy candy for Halloween.

It was felt residents tend to expect Representatives to provide entertainment opportunities but they feel their job should be to get information out on what is happening and get residents interested and excited about doing things.

Barbara asked that Karen, Michelle, Nanci and Jeanine review the job description to update it.

Barbara announced that as chair of the Resident Association she is invited to the HHH Board of Directors meetings and asked to give a report, so requested input as to what the Board should know about the Havenwood community.

Some suggestions were that Maintenance should be pro-active instead of waiting for a problem to be serious, how budget cuts would affect residents and if residents might suggest other options. It was felt important information may not be getting out to residents. It was suggested Mike Palmieri might write up a summary of his broadcasts and post on the portal.

It was also mentioned there is a lot of confusion about the request for donations for hourly workers. Barbara will talk with the resident in charge of the program and ask him to write up an explanation for News and Previews.

Mike is preparing to give a presentation of his vision for the Havenwood campus at a future Association meeting.

It was asked about storage of items for the spring yard sale to benefit Ukranian children; Barbara has offered storage space in her basement but will not be moving any items in and out.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia McLeod