



**The Simkin/Weinberg Resident Council
 Minutes**

**Thursday, July 13, 2017
 1:30 p.m.
 Boardroom**

ATTENDANCE

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Simkin Centre Staff:

Cindy Greenlay – TR & Support Services Mgr (Facilitator)	X	Tana Ducharme – Social Worker	
Irwin Corobow - CEO	X	Janet Conrad – Executive Assistant	X
Food Services – Valerie Burachynsky		Alanna Kull – Director of Care	
Sara Reid – Assistant Director of Care			

Board of Directors:

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Guests:

Call to Order:

Cindy Greenlay called the meeting to order.

1. Welcome & Introductions:

- Cindy introduced herself. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Budget:

- The May 2017 budget was presented.
- The beginning balance was \$2,928.01. The monthly interest earned was \$25.33. There were no expenses. The balance for the end of the month was \$2,953.34.
- Any income we receive comes from table rentals, interest earned on resident trust accounts, the annual garage sale and fundraisers. Cindy reminded residents that we should only have about \$1,000 in our account.
- The money that we spend should be spent on something that the majority of residents can enjoy. Some of the items that resident council pays for are the new resident welcome bags, food for the bird, monthly magazines, etc.
- Residents agreed that more outdoor chairs need to be purchased, but the quality should be better – even though they may cost more. Cindy will purchase a couple chairs and evaluate them.

- Residents asked if it was possible to sell small items that residents could purchase here at the Centre. Items like tooth paste, combs, lotion, cards,



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magazines. Like a tutorial, Cindy will provide

this. We used to have one which was run by volunteers

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3. Correspondence:

- At the last meeting, residents wanted to send a thank you to the Gall Family who volunteers for the Canada Day event and other events. Cindy read the letter out loud. One resident wanted to add their volunteer hours towards Bingo. Cindy will revise the letter and bring it back to be signed.
- Residents want to send a thank you to Matthew Lieble for coming to sing for them.

4. Call Bell System Update:

- This item is staying on the agenda so that we don't forget about it. We still have not heard back from the insurance company about our settlement from the flood.
- In the meantime, we continue to use the temporary call bell system.

5. Canada 150 Event - Feedback:

- Residents said that they really enjoyed it. They also really liked the video that was made.

6. Evening Staff - Volunteers:

- One of the ideas that a resident brought up at the last meeting was to get volunteers to set at the nursing station during the early evening hours so that someone is sitting that desk during this time. There are time when someone isn't sitting there.
- The Volunteer Coordinator was asked if this would be possible. She was concerned that a volunteer that would do this job would likely be students and they would not know the answers to questions brought to them. This might frustrate residents.
- The volunteer would not be able to assist you with your medication, or the washroom.
- The Volunteer Coordinator will speak to Sara, the Assistant Director of Care, to explore other options.

7. Tub Room Sub-Committee:

- This was deferred.



8. Unit BBQ Entertainment Schedule Tuesday, July 13, 2017

- Cindy told residents when each BBQ was scheduled. She informed residents that the date for the BBQ on their unit will be on the Boardroom calendar.

9. Disaster Team – Staff communicating to residents during power outages:

- Cindy explained to residents what the role is for the Disaster Team. The Team is a committee made up of various staff from different disciplines to review emergency policies.
- Residents voiced at the last meeting that when there was a power outage, staff did not let them know what was happening or how long the power would be out.
- This concern/comment was brought to the Disaster Team. Department Managers were reminded to instruct staff to communicate to residents about what is happening.

10. Health Care Aide Responsibilities:

- This came up because some residents were hearing that a Health Care Aide would tell you, “You’re not on my side”. This is something that needs to be addressed by nursing, but we didn’t have anyone from nursing at the meeting today.
- This was deferred to the next meeting

11. Reports:

11.1 Nursing Department

- No issues were raised.

11.2 Spiritual Health Department

- Steven Hyman, who normally conducts Shabbat Services, will be off during the summer. Volunteer leaders will be leading the services. Our Volunteer Coordinator has been able to recruit additional volunteers for these services. These volunteers are very valuable to us because they assist residents who want to attend Shabbat Services. They will help you get to the services.
- Barb is away for the summer as well. Jo-Anne and Carla are available.

11.3 Therapeutic Recreation Department



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- The department is planning to set up a lemonade stand which will be run by the students. Lemonade will be available in one of the courtyards, once a week so that people can come and enjoy lemonade in the warm weather. Cindy confirmed that there will be a diabetic option.
- The students are also available to fill in for the regular staff when they are on vacation. This ensures that regular programs are not disrupted.
- Next Friday is the annual Resident Council garage sale. All proceeds go into the Resident Council account. There will also be a BBQ and those proceeds will be given to the Alzheimer's Society.
- Next Thursday is our watermelon party. We will be serving fresh watermelon.
- TR staff are planning the annual Corn Festival for August 28th. Residents always enjoy this event because we boil fresh corn on the cob and eat it.
- A resident made the comment that it seems like it is always the same groups providing entertainment. Cindy explained that we do try to bring in new entertainment. Sometimes they are not very good, so we don't invite them back. The groups we keep inviting back are groups that residents enjoy and are good. She told residents about the new groups/entertainment scheduled. If residents have suggested entertainers that they would like to see at the Centre, please let Cindy know. She is always open to suggestions.

11.4 Dietary Services Department

- Food presentation of resident meals was deferred because the manager of this department was not available to attend.
- A resident provided feedback that the garden salad is very good.

12. Beefs, Bouquets, and Suggestions:

- A resident spoke on behalf of Weinberg 2 that she was sent to Resident Council by her fellow residents to report praise on the two Lydia's for a job well done.



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- A resident commented that the air conditioning is in certain areas of the Centre. Cindy explained that with a facility this size, it is difficult to provide the perfect temperature for everyone. The temperature in the building meets the Manitoba Standard. She explained that there is not air conditioning in each resident room. The air is coming from the hallways and then moves into each room. If residents feel like their room is “stuffy”, she suggested making sure that the door is open all the way to allow cool air into their room and that the window is closed. She discouraged residents from opening their window because during the summer months, opening the window will not cool down the room. The other suggestion is if you are opening your window, you should close your door.

Pending Items

- Netflix/Shomi and TMC Channel