

**The Simkin/Weinberg Resident Council
Minutes**

**Thursday, June 22, 2017
1:30 p.m.
Boardroom**

Call to Order:

Cindy Greenlay called the meeting to order.

1. Welcome & Introductions:

- Cindy introduced herself. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Budget:

- The April 2017 budget was presented.
- The beginning balance was \$2,867.47. The monthly interest earned was \$39.61. Table rental brought in \$48.50. We purchase bird seed for \$27.57. The balance for the end of the month was \$2,928.01.
- 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.
- At the last meeting, Resident Council agreed to pay for entertainment for unit BBQ's. We have book three and still need to book two more.
- The Resident Council Annual Garage Sale is scheduled from July 21st. Proceeds from the sale will go into the Resident Council budget. There will also be a BBQ at the same time. Money made from the BBQ will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

3. Correspondence:

- Steven Hyman response to length of High Holiday Services – Cindy read his response out loud. It was agreed that services will be 75 minutes. Cindy will reply back to Steven on behalf of Resident Council.
- Letter to Lab regarding taking blood – The letter was read out loud. Residents signed the letter and it will be sent to the lab.

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.



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5. Evening Staffing - Volunteers:

- We were thinking about having a volunteer to sit at the nursing station because in the evenings, there doesn't seem to be enough staff around to answer questions.
- Our Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie, will be looking for someone who might be interested in this.

6. Canada Day Celebration:

- This is scheduled for next Thursday, June 29th. Cindy shared all the activities that are planned for this event.

7. Unit BBQ's:

- Cindy explained what these are. She encouraged residents to participate because it is a lot of fun. The first one starts on July 12th. The theme is Canada 150 Day.

8. Gwen Sectar Outing – June 28th:

- Cindy announced the date of this outing. A Therapeutic Recreation staff will be accompanying the group. Residents are to let the TR staff know if they are interested in going.

9. Alzheimer's Presentation on Sensory Blankets:

- Cindy and Sara shared Simkin's involvement in the Alzheimer's walk.
- Norma from the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba brought special sensory blankets as a donation to the Simkin Centre. A woman's group volunteers their time to make these blankets. 200 blankets were donated to u. Residents were very impressed and grateful.

10. Reports:

10.1 Nursing Department

- Sara reported that the Department is busy finishing off summer staff hiring. Some of the staff we hired are students from U of M and Red River.
- Staff will be receiving refresher education through the summer months.
- There were no questions for the Nursing Department.

10.2 Spiritual Health Department

- Cindy reminded residents that we have three staff who work in the Department. Carla, Bara, and Jo-Anne. Barb is away during July and August. In her absence, Jo-Anne will be working her hours.



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- If anyone would like a visit from our Spiritual Health staff, let staff know and arrangements will be made for someone to come to your room to talk.

10.3 Therapeutic Recreation Department

- This department looks after all of the recreation programs.
- A question was asked about who can receive OT. Anyone who needs special Occupational Therapy assistance is assessed by the OT and Physio Therapist. People who receive therapy are those who are cannot get up and walk, or can't stand.
- In the summer when regular TR staff are on vacation, residents shouldn't see too much change in the programming. We are fortunate to have summer students working with us.
- TR Staff are developing an 8 minute video that will be debuted during our Canada 150 Day event.

10.4 Dietary Services Department

- Introduce New Maschgiach – The new Maschgiach introduced himself and shared a little about his background and where he is from. He is from Hungary.
- Residents shared what food items they really enjoyed.

11. Beefs, Bouquets, and Suggestions:

- A resident asked about transporting residents from one place to another. If a resident is in a wheelchair and they are not able to push themselves, they will receive assistance. However, that assistance may not be available at the very time that it is requested. When there is a concert or activities in the Multi-Purpose Room, staff do their best to make sure that residents who wish to go will be transported there as soon as possible, in time for the event. When the event is over, everyone wants to leave at the same time. This gets challenging for residents when there are 4 or 5 staff and only two elevators. It takes time to bring everyone back to their units. Sometimes residents have to wait for a time. If a resident would like to sit outside and needs help, they need to ask someone to assist them. We do our best to recruit volunteers to assist.
- A resident commented how wonderful it is to live here. How beautiful the building is and caring the staff are.



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- A resident expressed a little frustration at the lack of communication from staff, last week, when there was an apparent power outage. Resident knew that the power went out, but staff neglected to talk to residents on their unit about what was going on. Cindy told residents that we have a Disaster Team that reviews emergency policies. She will bring this concern to the Team and they will talk about making sure that staff are educated to communicate to residents in these situations.
- Cindy announced that the Simkin Stroll brought in approximately \$17,000 dollars. Residents were very happy to hear this.
- Tana reminded residents that if they witness or experience staff or companions not speaking English in their presence, they can bring this concern to her and she will address it in the moment.

Pending Items

- Netflix/Shomi and TCM Channel
- Tub Room Upgrade (Sub-Committee) – This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.