



**The Simkin/Weinberg  
Resident Council Minutes**

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**Thursday, March 16, 2017  
1:30 p.m.  
Boardroom**

**ATTENDANCE**  
**Residents:**

**Simkin Centre Staff:**

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

**Board of Directors:**

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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order. Because there are a few floors that have been quarantined because of the flu, several Resident Council members could not attend today.

**1. Welcome & Introductions:**

- Cindy Greenlay introduced herself and stated that her role is to facilitate Resident Council.
- Cindy reminded everyone that we may not agree with everything that is being said, but everyone has a right to their opinion. Everyone was asked to talk about the issues in a respectful manner.
- Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Budget:**

- The January 2017 budgets were presented.
- The beginning balance was \$2,930.77. The monthly interest earned was \$42.23. We made \$20.00 from table rentals. No money was spent this month. The balance for the end of the month was \$2,993.00.
- Cindy explained that when we rent tables, we ask for 10% of their income up to a maximum of \$50. All we do is provide the vendor with the table.



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- Cindy reminded residents that we are a non-profit organization and we shouldn't have much money in our account. She explained that the money spent should benefit the majority of residents. We should only have approximately \$1,000 in our account.
- We have ordered large floor games. Resident Council requested and approved this purchase. We are not sure when they will arrive. Hopefully soon. We spent approximately \$800.
- At the last meeting, residents agreed to sponsor outdoor summer concerts. We are planning the entertainment. This may cost approximately \$600.
- A suggestion was made to sponsor a Dragon Boat. Then residents could sit on the bridge and watch the races. Staff could do the rowing.
- A resident reported that Therapeutic Recreation needs a new laptop. It is too slow. There is money available from a previous donation. We might be able to purchase a new laptop with this money.



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- This year it is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A suggestion was made that Resident Council would partially sponsor the celebrations planned at the Simkin Centre, approximately \$100. Residents felt this was a good idea. More information about the event will be discussed at future Resident Council meetings.

**3. Correspondence:**

- Residents wrote a thank you letter to staff for coming in to take care of them in December when there were really bad snow storms. Some staff could not make it in, but others made it. The letter was read out loud and will be posted in staff areas.
- A letter was sent to Steven Hyman about the length of High Holiday services. Steven replied. Residents feel that the services were too long. Cindy read his reply out loud. He did not have an answer right now, but an answer is expected next month.
- Residents decided to send a thank you letter to the students from Red River College for volunteering at the Purim carnival.



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**4. RTLS (call bell system) update:**

- As a result of the flood in December, our call bell system is down. We are currently using a temporary call bell system. We are still waiting to hear back from the insurance company about how much we will be reimbursed on our claim. Once we know this, we will be able to make a decision about replacement of the old system.
- Cindy reminded residents that the temporary system does not work if you are not on your unit.

**5. Dog Cookies:**

- Because of the influenza outbreak we had to cancel this program (making dog cookies and donating them to the Humane Society).
- Resident Council had agreed to purchase the ingredients. Cindy asked residents if this was something they still wanted to do.
- Cindy will find out if the money has been donated and if the program has been rescheduled.



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**6. Daffodil Sale (March 15<sup>th</sup>):**

- Residents volunteered to sell Daffodils. Sales went well.
- Residents enjoyed selling them. There were 12 bunches left over.
- Some of the feedback was that people wanted the lapel to put on their clothing. We didn't have those.
- The Council decided to make a small donation of \$50.00 to the Cancer Society.
- The last 12 bunches of flowers will be donated to the Christian Service taking place next week.

**7. Reports:**

**7.1 Nursing Department**

- Alanna provided an update on the GI outbreak and the Influenza outbreak. She shared what floors had what and explained the difference between them. The outbreaks are considered over at this time.
- Alanna reminded residents to wash their hands as much as possible.



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**7.2 Spiritual Health Department**

- Residents were asked what they thought about the Purim Carnival and the Megillah Reading. Residents liked the Megillah Reading, but because it was in Hebrew they didn't understand what was being said.
- A resident said that some of the games were not accessible enough for wheelchairs.
- Cindy asked residents about the prizes given out – did residents like the prizes or did they have different suggestions;
  - Best Costume Prize
  - Give out T-Shirts
- Preparations are underway for Passover and Easter in April. They fall on the same days. Cindy reviewed the dates for Passover and the Easter Christian Service.
- Cindy reminded residents that Barb, Jo-Anne, and Carla are always available if you need them.



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7.3 Therapeutic Recreation Department

- Spiritual Health items were included in the Therapeutic Recreation update.

7.4 Dietary Services Department

- Valerie explained how the meals are chosen from a Jewish perspective. She explained the challenges when placing the Passover food order. Items will be selected, but when the shipment comes in, the company will send replacement items if what we purchased wasn't available. Their supply is limited because there are not very many suppliers of Kosher Passover food.
- She shared with residents some of the changes in food choices that will take place this Passover to make this time more pleasant to get through than in past years. Residents were reminded that they can always purchase their own food and eat whatever they want to in their rooms.





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- Valerie has been asking her suppliers about what kind of nicer napkins they offer. She is trying to get a better quality napkin for residents to use with their meals.
- Right now, we are using on sample on Weinberg 3 during lunch. The paper placemats were removed as well on that floor. This is a trial. Residents that live on the floor said that the napkins were much more absorbent. Those napkins will continue to be used on that floor until the case is gone. In the meantime, Valerie will be doing more research to find an even better napkin through her suppliers.

**8. Beefs, Bouquets, and Suggestions:**

- A resident suggested starting a hobby group. He suggested a photographers group. People who are interested in taking pictures. Cindy will bring this suggestion to the Therapeutic Recreation staff.



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- A resident stated that he thought it was great that we invite students here. However, once the instruction is gone, they do not speak English or they do not speak English clearly. Alanna will relay this information to the college instructor. She informed the resident that this information is helpful to us because this could help us determine whether to hire them or not.

**Pending Items**

- Netflix/Shomi and TCM Channel
- Thank you for Grandfather clock donation
- Changing the Tub Room (more heating, paint) – will be brought to the Leadership Team for discussion
- Resident Council will pay for Summer Concerts