

## RAC DINING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AND MINUTES

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

MEETING OPENED WITH A QUORUM: 2:35 pm - in Club Room

PRESENT: Louise Cochran - Chairperson, Stan Zarinsky - Secretary, Karl Buffington, Gerri Cureton, Chef Chris Wynn, Theresa Lehman - Dining Services Director. Joining us as non-participating visitors were Carol Hargrave and Carolyn O'Neill.

MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2020 TELE-CONFERENCE: Approved Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Theresa indicated that Grill will reopen for Take-Out (only) starting June 15, 2020 with limit of just burgers, BLT, chips and onion rings at that time. Orders are to be sent through Portal or Phone between 8:30 and 10:30 AM with pick up between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. No seating will occur until at least Phase 2. Meal deliveries and Freedom Carts will continue until Phase 2 begins or until seating is reestablished. Dining Room seating will then be through reservations for specific times.

For those on 21 day meal plan who have registered for extension to full month during the Pandemic, continuation will be allowed for June.

Chef Chris discussed various food availability and the menu. Some of the cold soups had minimal orders. Complimentary Continental Breakfast may contain other than printed on the menus for the week, if available, such as bagels.

Elections of new chairperson and secretary were postponed until the next meeting.

COMMENT CARDS: Karl Buffington collated and presented comments received since the last meeting, including those obtained in an individual survey of residents in the BC wing on the first floor by RAC Rep Carolyn O'Neill.

NEXT DINING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING: Will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 2:30 PM, in the Club Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Stan Zarinsky

***Casual Dining***  
**a Sub-Committee of the**  
**Dining Services Committee**

**Meeting Minutes - June 29, 2020**

**Present:** Joan Macholl, Rocco Nenarella, Susan Scott, Kathy Vore, and Stan Zarinsky on behalf of the Dining Services Committee. (Paula Montgomery was unable to attend.)

**Introductions:** Personal introductions were our first order of business, sharing why we want to serve on this Committee on behalf of our fellow residents; i.e., we enjoy good food.

**Objectives:** Stan Zarinsky shared his expectation that our Sub-Committee will focus on **Casual Dining** ideas for The American Grille. Kathy Vore will share our suggestions at the Dining Services Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

Stan also directed a brief discussion on the possibility of proposing the conversion of The Pub into a **Casual Dining** venue, based on an email request from Ron Sweet, RAC President. Further discussion was tabled pending the next meeting of the Dining Services Committee meeting on July 1. (**July 1 update: this idea will not be considered until the Dining Rooms are open.**)

**Discussion Topics:**

How "Casual Dining" is defined, i.e., relaxed dress code.

The American Grille: can the General Store offerings be enhanced and can the monthly meal balance be used for purchases?

Once the Dining Rooms are re-opened, will the number of daily entrees be increased? Will we return to the use of china and regular flatware as opposed to plastic ware? (Per Stan the answer is "yes".)

Survey: We discussed developing a resident survey, i.e., "what foods do you not find on the American Grille Menu that you would like to have?".

Rocco Nenarella suggested that at our next meeting we discuss ways to highlight new American Grille menu items.

**Next Casual Dining Sub-Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, July 29, 10:30 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Club Room. (Stephanie O'Fallon has reserved the space for us.)