



RAC Dining Services Committee Minutes
September 2, 2020 Club Room

Stan called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

Present: Gerri Cureton, Janice Kimbro, Jean Aronson (RAC Rep.), Paula Montgomery (Subcommittee Representative), Theresa Lehman (Dining Services Director), Jenifer Gonzales (Dining Room Manager) Louise Cochran, Carol Hargrave (Secretary), Stan Zarinsky (Dining Services Committee Chairman) Carolyn O'Neill

Absent: Chris Wynn (Chef) Karl Buffington

A quorum was present.

The Minutes from previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Comment Cards: There were no written comments.

Stan read 3 complimentary comments that had been emailed to Theresa. There were no negative comments. Residents can email comments to Theresa or Stan since comments cards are not available at this time.

Unfinished Business: Deferred until later in the meeting.

Grille Report and New Business: By: AshleyRyckman

Only rotisserie chickens can be ordered in advance. Rotisserie chickens are available on Friday but must be ordered at least the day before. Turkey dinners and whole pizzas are not available at this time. Soups available are the ones on the regular menu. Existing Grille menus have pricing and will help Residents plan their meals.

Theme décor was discussed for theme menus and a budget for needed decor items will go thru Susie Burt.

Meal Credits: Meal credits were next discussed. Ice Cream can be used for meal credits. Stan suggested that Residents who are having difficulty using their balances could reduce balances at the end of the month by switching to 21-day plans to make it easier reduce or

eliminate their problem.

Unfinished and New Business: By: Theresa Lehman

Theresa reported we are still waiting for a liquor license for Plaza Club. The Dining Rooms will serve liquor when they reopen. In order to reopen, we have to maintain no more than 25% of Residents in attendance in each dining room.

Freedom Plaza is different from other communities. We are larger than most CCRC's. She explained what our sister communities are doing currently. Our DR closed March 18 and it will be one of the last activities/programs to reopen in FP. She will first send a 2nd questionnaire out on Friday to all residents. She must get over 50% Residents who want to reopen or afraid to come to the dining room. If she does not get 50%, the Dining Rooms will not reopen. Reopening is set for Oct. 1st. The questionnaire will ask you to select a time and the names of the people you would like to sit with. This period of seating will be in effect until we reach a full reopening. Others will still get meals delivered to apartments.

There will be international menus weekly on Thursdays, starting with Asian tomorrow and England next week.

Cart deliveries are expected to stop on September 17th if the dining Room is going to reopen.

The Grille is expected to reopen fully on September 21st, from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM for in-store purchases and food orders.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 2:30 PM, in the Club Room.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hargrave, Secretary

Dining Services Committee

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Casual Dining Sub-Committee Minutes

10:30 a.m. September 30, 2020

Club Room

Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Joan Macholl, Paula Montgomery, Rocco Nenarella, Susan Scott, Chef Chris(special guest), Kathy Vore (Sub-Committee Chair).

A quorum was present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Kathy explained she had been asked to be a voting member of the Dining Services Committee and serve as their secretary. She had accepted. Therefore she needed to resign as our chair, but would like to remain a member of our committee.

Rocco Nenarella was appointed new chairman of our committee and Susan Scott volunteered to serve as secretary.

New Business: The following items were offered by Committee Members, discussed and recommended for presentation to the Dining Services Committee Meeting on November 4.

1. **Pricing:** The price of specials need to be listed on the menu handout as well as the grille's phone number.
2. **Menu Board:** The Menu Board in the grille is difficult to read. The font is too small and there are too many words used in the explanation of items.
3. **Expiration date of items:** The expiration dates of packets given out in the grille need to be checked...some have expired dates.
4. **Menus posted in emails:** There is no need to post the 11x14 menu in a weekly email. The menu can be found at Rac.com.
5. **Rotisserie chickens:** These chickens can be pre-ordered anytime but will not be available for pick up and purchase until the 25th of each month.

Kathy declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Dining Services Sub-Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 10:30 a.m. in the Club Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Scott, Secretary