Resident Association Council Meeting Minutes



9:00 a.m. July 23, 2021 FP Club Room

Vice President Sarah Chambers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present via roll call: Jean Aronson, Phyllis Black, Charlotte Fernandes sub for Penny Boyne, Tim Broad, Veanna Cape, Sarah Chambers, Bill Ciota, Carolyn Clark, Carol Croll, Pat Gillis, Helen Halm, Janis Harris, Helen McAninch, Letha Jones sub for David Mohl, Brigid Guarino sub for Jeanne Nenarella, Carolyn O'Neill, Al Roberts, Janette Ulics sub for Janet Warren.

Excused absences: Ron Sweet, Janet Warren, Dave Mohl, Jeanne Nenerella, Penny Boyne.

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

The June 28, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes were previously approved via email distribution and response confirmed by Vice President Chambers.

A motion to adopt the agenda made by Tim Broad and seconded by Carolyn O'Neill was passed unanimously.

President's Report: No Report

Vice President's Report: In Lieu of a report Chamber introduced two items under New Business.

Hall Decorations: Executive Director Angie Roher feels that the credenza décor is getting too creative. The Council may be getting some future direction about how the RAC Representatives can or cannot decorate their credenza.

Dress Code Modification: Some residents have requested that the dress code in the dining rooms be relaxed. After discussion with Dining Director Lehman, Dining Services Committee Chairman Stan Zarinsky has been invited to speak at the RAC General Meeting about relaxing the dress code in the dining rooms. He will ask for a show of hands to see how many people think the dress code should be changed and how many think it should be left the way it is. If there is no clear cut indication of majority thinking, there will be a paper survey conducted. Discussion: Tim Broad asked if people will be able to give comments at the general meeting. Ans. Gen. Meeting allows comments. Janis Harris commented that the dress code should not be changed. A motion to leave the dress code as it is was made by Charlotte Fernandes and seconded by Tim Broad. Vote of the Council was unanimous to keep the current dress code.

Sweet Pea Report: Vice President Chambers asked RAC Representatives if anyone had issues/concerns or good experiences in welcoming new residents to their wings. Carolyn O'Neill voiced concerns about people moving into Freedom Plaza when they appear to be better suited to a higher level of care. Vice President Chambers reminded everyone that movein eligibility is subject to state and federal regulations. If we have concerns about someone needs assistance, we should talk to Lisa Frank. Helen Halm reported that a resident was upset about a new resident moving to 3BC with a dog. The situation was resolved by management. Vice President Chambers suggested that when there is a new resident moving in with a dog and not going to the first floor that someone from management and the RAC Representative could have a floor meeting to inform all the residents on those wings. Jean Aronson emphasized that no resident should confront another resident about a problem but should talk to management and let them resolve it. Jan Ulics reported that her neighbor was concerned about what to do with a pet during an evacuation. Vice President Chambers assured everyone that management will make sure a pet is taken care of if an evacuation is necessary.

Floor Meetings: Vice President Chambers asked RAC Representatives to report on any recent floor meetings. Jean Aronson reported that her group had a luncheon in the Jade with a good experience. Carol O'Neill also reported that her group had a luncheon with a good experience. Carol Croll reported she had a TGIF party in the Club Room which was very popular. Residents were asked to bring snacks and their own beverage. Phyllis Black reported that she did a tour of the building and had donut holes and coffee in the Club Room after the tour. All meetings were very positive. The conclusion was that residents enjoy getting together with neighbors and RAC Reps should organize these meetings regularly.

The Vice President asked for a motion to adjourn. Janis Harris moved and Helen McAninch seconded that the meeting adjourn.

The RAC Council meets again on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Club Room.

Respectfully submitted, Veanna Cape, Acting RAC Secretary in the absence of Janet Warren, RAC Secretary