



**Dining Services Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2021, 2:30 PM  
Club Room**

**Stan called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.**

**Present: Stan Zarinsky (Dining Services Committee Chairman), Mike Anderson, Jean Aronson (RAC Rep), Anita Ciota, Louise Cochran, Carolyn Deming, Janice Kimbro, Jim Price, Judy Schmidt, (Sub-Committee Chair), Kathy Vore (Secretary), Chris Wynn (Chef), Ashley Ryckman (Grille Manager), and Melissa (Melly) Aguilera (Dining Services Manager).**

**Absent: Theresa Lehman (Dining Services Director) and Pamela Evans, (Asso. Dir. Dining Services).**

**A quorum was present.**

**The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.**

**Stan Zarinsky:**

- **Received a total of 40 evaluations since last meeting, including 12 comment cards regarding Dining Services: 11 positive comments about service; and, regarding food: 21 positive comments, 2 in-between and 6 negative comments;**
- **Specific entrees receiving positive comments include the Shrimp Stuffed Portabella, Calves Liver and Bacon, Stuffed Shells and Tenderloin;**
- **Suggested that Melly send to Stephanie for the Weekly an explanation of the point system for dining staff and management who are eligible to receive gifts as the result of positive comments;**
- **Also suggested the change in the time of weekly Menu Chats be noted: 1 PM to 1:30 PM in the Auditorium.**

**Janice Kimbro, Menu Chat:**

- **Menu Chat attracted about 25 – 30 Residents who reviewed the menu for two weeks in the future;**
- **Chef tweaked that menu in response to Resident preferences;**

- **Also at the Menu Chat Residents voted their (non-binding) preference to alternate Prime Rib and Ribs each week; following a lively discussion the Dining Services Committee agreed to Table this issue until In-Room Dining numbers decrease (currently increased due to a spike in COVID-19 cases in Florida).**

**Comments by Committee Members:**

- **There is an apparent disconnect in the way Buffet Diners versus Menu Diners are ticketed, and following discussion this was deferred to Dining Management and Accounting for resolution;**
- **Wine Down Mondays remain unchanged, open from 5 to 6 pm; however, Residents who eat at earlier seatings, i.e., 4:30 pm, asked that it open earlier to facilitate their participation;**
- **Ashley Ryckman received a compliment for her management of the Plaza Club during SCC Rescue Squad events.**

**Judy Schmidt, Casual Dining:**

- **The Art Club hung their work in the Grille today; pieces will be changed every couple of months;**
- **Going forward, coffee outside the Grille on Sunday mornings will be available by 8:30 or 9 AM, per Melly.**

**Ashley Ryckman, Grille Manager:**

- **Provided a list of the five Smoothie flavors and their ingredients that are offered on a rotating basis on Wednesday afternoons.**

**The next meeting is set for the Club Room, Wednesday, October 6, 2:30 PM.**

**The Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Vore, Secretary**



**Casual Dining Sub-Committee Minutes**  
**September 29, 2021 10:30 am**  
**Club Room**

Judy called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Present: Judy Schmidt, Susan Scott, Jan Ulics, Sandy Goldstein, Carolyn O'Neil.  
Absent: Ashley Ryckman.

A quorum was present.

The minutes were approved via email.

Judy announced the Grille was closing at 2:00 pm daily due to staffing problems throughout the dining areas. It would still be open late on Thursdays to accommodate the turkey dinner specials and on Sunday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm to prepare the dinner special. Pros and cons of changing the times were discussed. It was suggested by the committee that getting back to the regular times as soon as possible would be best.

Menu changes were discussed. Jan pointed out that the Grills's paper menu does not include as many available items as the portal found on line. She handed out a rough attempt she had made of a revised paper menu. Comments were made about that menu. It was agreed a new paper menu should be made.

The new artwork displayed in the Grille, furnished by the Art League, was discussed. We concluded that the art was attractive and blended in with the Grille décor. The Art League will change the displayed pictures every 3 months.

The next meeting will be October 27, 2021 at 10:30 am in the Club Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Scott.  
Secretary

