



Dining Services Committee Meeting Minutes  
**May 1, 2024, 2:30pm**  
**Club Room**

**Chair Anita Ciota called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM.**

**Present: Gary Ashcraft, Phil Bethea, Carol O'Brien, Eileen Robbins, Judy Schmidt (Dining Services Sub-Committee Chair), MaryAnn Wellander, Jaime Simoes, (Executive Chef), and Pamela Evans (Assistant Dining Services Director), and Melly Aguilera, Dining Room Manager. Carl Bohnenkamp attended on behalf of Mike Anderson.**

**Absent: Mike Anderson, Janice Kimbro, and Theresa Lehman (Dining Services Director).**

**A quorum was present, and the Agenda and Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.**

**Jaime Simoes, Executive Chef:**

- **Staffing – the new Executive Sous Chef has been on campus about 10 days and is successfully settling in;**
- **Two cooks will be leaving this month and Chef is working to identify replacements;**
- **Ashley is the new Hostess and Dining Check in and is also working effectively.**

**Pamela Evans, Assistant Dining Services Director:**

- **Daily dining averages over the past month include:**
  - **50 for Premier Lunch;**
  - **195 for Premier Dinner;**
  - **26 in the Buffet;**
  - **About 65 orders in the Sports Bar weekdays with about 90 orders on Friday and Saturdays;**
  - **86 for Sunday Brunch**
  - **33 In-Room Dining**
  - **28 Medical Deliveries**
- **Meal Preferences in Premier Dining include:**
  - **324 – Fillet**
  - **310 - Chicken Parmesan**

- 313 – Lasagna
- 213 – Chicken Cordon Bleu
- 274 – Beer Batter Fish
- 12 – Duck
- 57 – Soba Noodle Bowl
- 29 – Miso Braised Shrimp Bowl
- Popular choices in the Sports Bar include:
  - 331 – Grouper Sandwich
  - 225 – Patty Melt Burger
  - 185 – Chicken Wings
  - 29 – Hummus and Pita Chips
  - 22 – Charcuterie Board
- As before, menus will be adjusted, possibly dropping or tweaking items that prove to be less popular and adding other, different dishes.

**Chair Anita Ciota with Theresa Lehman:**

- Overall approval rating of 84.1% for April Cycle 2 menu (4/1 – 4/14);
- Overall approval rating of 80.9% for April Cycle 2 menu (4/15 – 4/28).

**Judy Schmidt, Casual Dining Sub-Committee Chair, American Grille and Sports Bar:**

- Sports Bar:
  - Requested changing the menu every two months rather than every four months;
  - Requested Pretzel Bites be added back at the next menu change;
  - Chef Jaime noted that menu changes cannot be implemented quickly;
- Pamela noted that the General Store currently stocks almond milk; Judy requested skimmed milk and lactate milk also be available.

**Old Business:**

- Janice Kimbro and Kathy Vore will reach end-of-term in July; Judy Schmidt's term will end in November.

**Committee Member Comments:** Carl Bohnenkamp stated that free CPR certification is available through the Resident Services office; Pamela and Melly both stated they will complete the training.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 2:30 PM, Club Room.**

**The Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Vore, Secretary**