



Dining Services Committee Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024, 2:30pm
Club Room

Chair Anita Ciota called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

Present: Mike Anderson, Gary Ashcraft, Janice Kimbro, Carol O'Brien, Eileen Robbins, Judy Schmidt (Dining Services Sub-Committee Chair), Kathy Vore (Secretary), MaryAnn Wellander, Jaime Simoes (Executive Chef), Theresa Lehman (Dining Services Director), and Pamela Evans (Assistant Dining Services Director).

Absent: Phil Bethea.

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

Jaime Simoes, Executive Chef:

- **Staffing is almost complete with new Sous Chef Rochelle on board and settling in very well;**
- **He is super happy with the momentum in the Kitchen.**

Theresa Lehman, Dining Services Director:

- **Chef Jaime is one of five (5) finalists in competition for “Chef of the Year” within the LCS portfolio!**
 - **Final competition set for Houston on August 1;**
 - **Angie and Theresa are planning to live stream the competition in the Auditorium (they will be in Houston);**
 - **Planning a Resident cocktail party during competition;**
- **Daily dining averages over the past month include:**
 - **40 to 60 depending on day of the week for Premier Lunch;**
 - **220 to 240 for Premier Dinner;**
 - **40 in the Buffet;**
 - **50 in the Sports Bar;**
 - **37 In-Room Dining**
 - **39 Medical Deliveries**
- **New Grille Menu in effect as of June 1 is going well and ordering for General Store is in work;**
- **Working with Chef to develop additional programs:**

- Wine tasting at Total Wines with dinner at Donovan's afterward;
- Baking with Bre (baking demos and tastings)
- Chef's Specials on Menus;

Chair Anita Ciota with Theresa Lehman:

- Overall approval rating of 86.0% for May (4/29 – 5/12);
- Overall approval rating of 86.3% for May menu (5/13 – 5/26).

Janice Kimbro, Menu Chat Report: Janice leaves the Committee at end of June; Anita requested remaining Committee members consider who will take on this task beginning in July.

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

- Stated the new Grille Menu was published without input from the Sub-Committee; however, Theresa noted that Avocado Toast, Oatmeal and Sloppy Joe menu items were all suggestions from the Sub-Committee and are now on the menu;
- Happy with new color-coded pricing format in General Store;
- Questioned why Grille receipts are attributed to "Fantasia" regardless of which staffer is working the register.
- Menu Boards on the TVs in Grille and outside dining rooms are now being updated by Nicole on Mondays in order to keep the residents more informed and removing outdated information.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 3, 2024, 2:30 PM, Club Room.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Vore, Secretary