



R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Council of Residents Monthly Meeting

Date: March 27, 2024

Resident's Present: Jane Gorman (Committee co-chair), Ann MacDonald, Deedee Kelly, Wanda Grace, Liz Chisholm, Jeannie McGee, Lori Ross, Glennie Smith, George Irish, Gerard MacLellan

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation/Committee Co-Chair), Kalli MacDonald (Dietary)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
1.0 Safety	1.1 Call Bells	Residents stated that call bells are still not always put where they are accessible. Resident had concern about the call bell – not always getting confirmation that the call request was heard and only hearing conversation on the other end of the line.	Clinical Services	240424
	1.2 Grab bars	Resident requested hand grab bars by shower – safety risk	Maintenance	240424
	1.3 Door Access	Resident said the door to the back vegetable garden is hard to use. Also the doors for the main dining room needs adjusting.	Maintenance	240424
	1.4 Elevator	Resident continues to have a concern surrounding her inability to effectively use the elevator buttons. More follow-up requested. – This issue has been resolved.	Maintenance	240424
2.0 Resident Concerns	2.1 Staffing	Resident asked how Resident Council can act as an advocacy group for staffing levels. What would CEO advise?	CEO	240424
	2.2 Care Lists	Resident brought forward a concern over caregivers changing caseloads during the day and then they didn't know who their caregiver was	Clinical Services	240424
	2.3 Movie Days	Resident requesting Movie days in their neighborhoods.	Recreation	240424
	2.4 Bingo / Music	Resident stated to keep Bingo and music going – especially the fiddle.	Recreation	240424
	2.5 Shopping Trips	Resident requested more shopping trips.	Recreation	240424
3.0 Business Arising	3.1 Admission	RK Welcome Pkg. upon admission will be given to both the Resident and the primary contact person. The Residents bringing this concern forward asked that they be given a copy of the RK Welcome Pkg.	Not Complete	240424
4.0 Reports	4.1 CEO	No Report		
	4.2 Environmental	No report		
	4.3 Food Services	The spring and summer menu will be coming by end of April with more warmer weather foods: BBQ's, hamburgers, hot dogs and fun food and more salads coming. Suggestions always welcomed and come find her at any time with concerns. Also use the suggestion box in the neighbourhoods.		

	<p>Easter Sunday will be a turkey dinner and festive desserts. Good Friday: fish for lunch vegetable spaghetti for supper with salad and garlic bread. A new vegetable blend was recently purchased and resident feedback has been positive. This was found at a food show. Residents had been requesting a bit less broccoli. More fresh fruit will be arriving as we get into spring and summer. No other big changes.</p> <p>Kalli asked for feedback on how people were finding their overall dining experience – there was some discussion on the noise level during meals and Kalli will address this with Dietary staff and reminder also needed for Nursing staff.</p> <p>Positive feedback from Residents on food choices. Food wastage is a concern and Kalli will follow-up.</p>	<p>Food Services & Clinical Services</p> <p>Food Services</p>	<p>240424</p> <p>240424</p>
4.4 Clinical Services	No report available.		
4.5 Recreation	<p>STFX Service-Learning Students –February, 2024 - we have had some students begin 10 – 2 hour per week placements with us for Service Learning. They are assisting with programming, supporting some residents with projects and resources, etc. We also have some new Volunteers who have been starting with us - playing cards, assisting with programming – really happy to have them visiting us weekly.</p> <p>STFX Service-Learning Group Events – February 2 events with groups of 10 students & 2 more planned for March, 2024. Absolutely lovely group of students – visited in February for Valentine Cookie Decorating Tea Party and then Bingo was held yesterday afternoon. Lots of Fun. March includes a Beauty Afternoon – Nails & then a St. Patty’s Day Party will also be held in the Month of March, 2024.</p> <p>Club Bingo – we currently have Lions Club – visiting 1x monthly – the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 in the Main Dining Room. Their February Bingo was rescheduled this month because of our winter storm – so it will be held this afternoon. Knights of Columbus have also returned and provide Bingo every 2nd month. We will look forward to seeing them in March. Kinsmen Club of Antigonish will be with us this Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Main Dining Room to provide Bingo.</p> <p>Music – We continue to have our regular musical visitors to the Home –i.e., Tyke Wallace and Laura Teasdale – Bill Grover and Friends visit 2x monthly. And, in February – we had special quests – Luke Rennie & the Local Joes – 4-piece band – which was so much fun and enjoyed by all.</p>		

		<p>We look forward to Heather Manuel, Cindy & Kim Malcolm (fiddle& step dancing) visit in March as well. We will continue to offer as much music as we possibly can – everyone really has been enjoying.</p> <p>Art Studio – Continues on Tuesday & Thursday mornings with Artist Deborah Jenkins from 10-12.</p> <p>Creative Song Writing Circles – started up last week with facilitator Laura Teasdale. This was a very popular series of workshops a few years ago and has been really well received thus far. Please check it out. This is held at 2:30 in the Rhubarb Patch.</p> <p>Chapel – Masses continue to be held every Friday with rotation of priests from the Antigonish Diocese. We also have a fabulous group of very dedicated volunteers who not only support Mass but also provide room to room communion delivery to those who are unable to attend. Big thanks to all of these folks for their continued support and commitment. Easter will be celebrated at the RK with a Good Friday Service at 10:30 on Friday, March 29th and Easter Sunday Mass, March 31st – both with Fr. Andrew Boyd.</p> <p>Horticulture Month – March- Mary to update regarding the presentation that you are doing – and residents and staff participating.</p> <p>Volunteer Recruitment – working on and will have a presentation at the People’s Place Library Wednesday, April 03, 2024 for the community. And, anyone wishing to join us =- please let us know.</p> <p>We invite you to offer suggestions at any time for programming that you would like to see happening and we will certainly do our very best to make that happen.</p>		
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5.0 Date of Next Meeting: **April 24th, 2024** Location: **Rhubarb Patch at 11 AM.**

6.0 Adjournment Time: Motion to Adjourn. Moved By: Motion carried.

File: Directors (T Drive): Resident Council Minutes/ Minutes March, 2024

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