

NILMA MEETING MINUTES

February 14th, 2019

Michael Ross called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Attendees: Michael Ross(president), Sharon Gouveia (vice President), David Goldman, Norman Berkowitz, Ernest Greenberg, Frances Shaer, Jay Berkson, Judy Stavis, Fay Bussgang, Murray Staub, Dorrit Senior.

Guests: Stephen Colwell, Paul Hardiman, Peter Halfon

Michael Ross called for the approval of the January 10th minutes. The motion was moved, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

Quarterly financial report: Paul Hardiman presented the report for the first quarter of fiscal 2019. The slides from that report are attached.

Paul emphasized that there have been fewer IL residents move into assisted living, and this accounted for the cash shortfall, compared with predicted in the budgeting process.

We have full occupancy, other than for the three to four month wait when a resident vacates an IL unit. The wait list for units is long, but not necessarily all people on that list are ready to move in. Steve explained that in order to be placed on the list, all that is required is a deposit of \$750.00. Currently, there are 168 names on the list, although many of these are not necessarily ready to move in at this time. He also explained that when a unit became available, usually 2-3 people have expressed an interest.

Murray Staub inquired about whether Newbridge was paying in equity as well as interest on the present mortgage, and Paul confirmed that current payments include both, although the bulk of the payments now represent interest.

NBOC Pet policy: Steve announced that the pet policy was in place, and dog owners will be receiving a call within the next week or two to begin

obtaining reference saliva samples for DNA testing. The resident's handbook is also in the process of being updated.

NBOC Policy on Driving: Steve and NILMA members discussed how to handle issues around driving and aging.

Steve related the tragic event that took place at Orchard Cove where a child was killed by a resident driving. At Newbridge, currently, all new residents are given a driving evaluation. When indicated, the Physical Therapy Department arranges for a third party to conduct the testing. For existing residents, decisions for evaluating drivers are based on the following criteria:

major changes in health status or cognitive ability, or reports from other residents.

Steve also mentioned that recommendations may be given, for example making adjustments inside the car, or concerning night driving. Murray Staub mentioned that some States required testing over a certain age. Norman Berkowitz inquired whether a resident could volunteer for an evaluation, and Stephen replied, absolutely. Ernest Greenberg stated that many residents had already limited their driving.

Newbridge can only monitor and control on-campus driving; the Registry of Motor Vehicles deals with all other situations.

Several specific issues were raised concerning driving and safety on campus. These included that some residents never stopped at STOP signs and that at least 50 percent of drivers on campus are guilty of speeding. Jay Berkson suggested the possibility of monitoring drivers, especially in the morning. This could be similar to what occurred at school crossings where signs were held up by staff to alert drivers. This idea was supported by Fay Busgang. Others observed that many of the speeding drivers were Raschi parents.

Driving in the Garage: The flashing yellow lights in the garage are to remind drivers to drive carefully, but clearly had not been effective. David Goldman

pointed out that there are STOP signs painted on the floor of the garage, but they have faded and need to be repainted.

One-Stop-Shop: Steve stated that the e-mail address for the one-stop-shop is still a work in progress. Presently, residents should make their requests known via the 9-4500 number or through the resident's website. This will be readdressed at the next NILMA meeting.

Answering the phone at the front desk for outside incoming calls should be improved as Newbridge has a new concierge, Al, and the importance of answering the phones has been stressed.

Resident Biographies: Sharon concluded that after hearing from various floor reps., there was not adequate interest to pursue this idea and for the time being it be put to rest. There was no disagreement from among the NILMA representatives.

Aides: Judy Stavis brought up the subject of where the aides were parking their cars. Steve reminded residents that every aide hired should be registered with Security. The aides are then provided with all necessary information, including important safety information and where to park. Residents who hire aides should be aware of this requirement. Fay Bussgang also brought up the matter of where "aides hang out". Steve will address this situation in his weekly newsletter.

Furniture and Decorating Committee: Peter Halfon gave an update from the Furniture and Decorating Committee. Our consultant, Kathy LaDuca, has been working on every aspect of the improvements up to the present time. This included both Centro and Nosh. The main thrust of his information was that residents needed to be patient as the improvements and changes took place. Moneys were released in increments from the budget and not in one lump sum.

New chairs will replace many of the older ones; others will be reupholstered. The new chairs in Centro will have casters on the front legs. The chairs that had been ordered are expected to arrive between 12 and 16 weeks. Nosh would also receive new tables.

Adjourn

Michael Ross asked for adjournment and the meeting ended at 3.00PM.

Signed: Dorrit Senior (Secretary).