

NMA MEETING MINUTES 3/11/21

Council members present were ; Chairperson Michael Ross, Paul Blass, Sharon Gouveia, Marilyn Stone, Fred Wolf, Barbara Naditch, Anna Marcus

- Mike Ross welcomed everybody and introduced the new NMA format
- Steve Colwell thanked and recognized all former NILMA representatives. He thanked them for their contributions to what he called a thankless job and a labor love.
- Mike Ross explained that NMA will be integrated with other parts of the community. He explained 3 ways for residents to share feedback and concerns:
 - The weekly Thursday Zoom chat will continue for the foreseeable future
 - NMA now has 7 members who will regularly schedule floor meetings to solicit feedback
 - Residents can approach management directly and will receive prompt attention
- Mike Ross also explained:
 - Monthly NMA meetings will have an agenda which will include the problems, changes, and future plans of the department or committee that is being discussed
 - In April, the Community Life Department will be the presenters.
 - NMA meetings are now be open for all residents to participate
- Sharon Gouveia and Marilyn Stone, co-chairs of the Hospitality Committee were introduced and gave a presentation that highlighted the following;
 - Immediately after assuming the leadership of hospitality they had to quickly shift everything due to covid protocols
 - Sharon thanked the members of the hospitality committee: Anne Barras, Paul Blass, Linda Savenor, Frances Budd, Roz Holt, Joan Rome, Terri Union, Fran Winneg, Charlotte Chase, Faye Bussgang, Raya Dreben, and Barbara Naditch

- Purpose/goal/mission: provide opportunities for all residents to participate in life at NewBridge to the fullest extent that they wish.
- Marilyn Stone shared current committee actions:
 - A “buddy” is assigned to each new member upon moving in (30 residents have moved in since we locked down)
 - Change of programs to a virtual format, with a partnership of the culinary and community life departments. This includes:
 1. Host Zoom coffee connection every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 am
 2. Host monthly zoom birthday dinners
 3. Host monthly virtual wine down parties
 4. Plan holiday themed programs
 - Movie Nights
 - Looking ahead the plan is to maintain a hybrid format for both in person and virtual events focused on inclusion and a feeling of community. The committee is open to hearing ideas from all residents.

The meeting was then opened for questions/comments.

- Bob Weinstein shared his belief that when dining opens up ,there should be ways for people to be able to eat with others without making prior reservations
- Evelyn Botkin shared her support for the continuation of a hybrid model for NewBridge. Mike Ross mentioned the benefits of zoom and that the goal is to maximize connectivity.
- Lively conversation on ways we can learn more about new residents.
- The group shared various ways for residents to get involved and join committees. Sylvia Schatz emphasized that residents who would like to be more involved need to take on that initiative.