

## **Crosslands Residents Association Meeting February 6, 2017**

**Board Members present:** Dick Baxter, Chuck Gosselink, Peggy Jones, Juliet Lane, Lois Mulligan, Peg Parker, Elizabeth Rhoads, Randy Schofield, Thomas Swain, Elinor Thomforde, Dick Voldstad, Phyllis Wenner, Sam Wagner, Sara Jane Withers, Lou Wonderly, Jack Yeatman.

The audience consisted of approximately 47 residents.

President, Elizabeth Rhoads called for a moment of silence “to gather our thoughts.” During this quiet time she read the names of those who have died since the January meeting: Bushka Bass, Dan George, Virginia Sherrell.

Elizabeth welcomed new resident, Sue Finklestein as well as Rex Dupont, KRA representative.

The staff visitor was Stephanie Cory, Director of Philanthropy for all four KC campuses. Stephanie works with a fund raising committee that oversees the Annual Appeal. She said last year was a banner year with 98 households contributing a total of \$110,000, a record amount for the Annual Appeal. Stephanie distributed a list of the special initiatives not funded through resident fees. These funds include among others: Crosslands Reserve Fund, Entry Fee Assistance Fund, Arboretum Fund, and Environmental Stewardship Fund. Stephanie also identified three other appeals: two for employee appreciation and one to fund the work of the CRA committees; unlike the Annual Appeal, contributions to these are not tax deductible. Stephanie works part-time....Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**The Minutes** of the January meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

**First Vice President**, Lou Wonderly, reported that no residents had attended the January Concerns’ Session. The next Concerns’ Session will be on February 21 with Randy Schofield and Dick Baxter.

Dick Baxter, our representative to KRA reported said the KRA was a peaceful meeting, with the topic of recent meetings, “Food,” not even mentioned. Instead residents discussed a failed copier, painting the copy room and whether or not their list of evening speakers was sufficiently varied.

**Second Vice President**, Peg Parker, reported that Dick Voldstad would replace Ray Firmin as Chair of the Audio-Visual Committee. Ray will remain on the Committee with, in his words, “reduced responsibilities.” Dick expressed appreciation for Ray’s commitment to the Committee on which so many people depend. In 2005, Ray organized the Audio-visual Committee and trained a group of volunteers which now numbers eleven. Dick asked for recruits; training is available to anyone who is interested.

The Board received a request from Cynthia LaPara for the Silversmithing Committee to change its name to the Jewelry Making Committee. This newly named committee is just a way to broaden the committee’s category; it would assume the CRA budget of \$50 allocated to the Silversmithing Committee. The request was Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Juliet Lane reported nothing unusual; thus far, the amount of the budget expended is within acceptable limits. She did ask, however, that committee members check their records. Juliet reminded the Music Committee that an IRA law, which we follow, requires that W-9 forms be obtained from all performers whose annual fees are in excess of \$600. The Assistant Treasurer, Sara Jane Withers, is currently working on the CRA budget. All committees should have their funding requests to her by February 10.

**President's Report:** Elizabeth read aloud Section 6.06 of the CRA Constitution, which provides guidelines for naming a member to the Crosslands Reserve Fund Committee. Since membership on this committee is usually reserved for past presidents of CRA, Elizabeth asked for approval to name immediate past president, Char Gosselink, as a new member to the Crosslands Reserve Fund Committee for a three-year term. The Board Approved.

Elizabeth also read aloud Section 6.03 of the Constitution which detailed the responsibilities of the Finance Committee. She asked for approval of residents, Bonnie Marcus and Les Small, both former CRA treasurers, to serve on the Finance Committee for a one-year term. The Board Approved.

Because there have been conflicts due to confusion about when to reserve meeting rooms, Elizabeth detailed the process. Beginning on November 1, residents may make room reservations with the receptionist, Patti Chapin. These reservations are for the calendar year (January through December). Copies of the reservation forms should be placed in the boxes of housekeeping, Chronicle, TV9, and the audio-visual committee. She reminded everyone that the William Penn Room and William Penn Lounge are two rooms and if both are needed, both should be reserved.

Chuck Gosselink observed that if we had a chart showing room reservations, it might eliminate any confusion. Allison Butler offered to draw up a spreadsheet of scheduled events and post it on the website if someone else would volunteer to maintain it. Elizabeth suggested that they discuss this after the meeting. David Rhoads added that events (such as music) that have paid performers could schedule before November 1.

Elizabeth announced a board luncheon meeting in the Alcove on February 20. The meeting will begin at 11:30 P.M.

### **Administrative Reports**

Meg Lemley announced that the occupancy both at Crosslands and at Kendal is 87%. Eleven households are expected to move in within the next two months. She spoke of several events planned: there will be two admission events at Kendal describing resident life at each community, two presentations on transportation to address issues identified in the recent survey, and two public safety presentations focusing on fraud. She also announced that signs regarding dogs on leash have been installed.

Phil DeBaun thanked residents for their performance in the Annual Appeal, opining that the increased participation might be due to improved communication. He observed that the culture of generational generosity is different here than in most other CCRCs.

Concerning the Repositioning Project, Phil said the committee, which includes residents, is meeting, looking at ways to not increase our 260 units, but to eventually “upscale many homes.” Although at Kendal, it may be more challenging, here at Crosslands it appears the present building footprints can be closely followed. Two items under discussion include how to make more walkways under cover and how to diminish the impact of parking lots by either repositioning or shielding with plantings.

Phil announced upcoming small group meetings (with sign-up) designed as “listening sessions,” beginning on February 7. These meetings held, in the George Fox Room, will be to discuss more flexible meal plans; residents need to understand the dynamics as well as the social impact of each of many possibilities.

Donna Taylor is chairing an Ad Hoc committee to develop a home services program. At present there are a number of services available to residents. Some like wound care are eligible for Medicare reimbursement; others such as having a companion to help with the tasks of daily living are resident responsibility. Although there is currently quite a bit of consumption of these services on campus, there is no coordination....Resident Care may hand out some telephone numbers. Donna, who has had experience in this area, is seeking to coordinate and to give residents more support when such services are needed, in other words, to formalize a system.

A meeting with residents of Cadbury regarding the concern about the lack of cover over Cadbury’s walkway is scheduled for this week.

### **Comments from Residents:**

Allison Butler asked if a Draft Copy of the CRA Minutes could be placed in the Library so residents do not have to wait a month to read the Approved Minutes. The Board thought this reasonable and hereafter as soon as Draft Minutes are completed, they will be placed in both the Library and on the Bulletin Board. Allison also urged the creation of a spreadsheet for meeting room reservations.

Julie Noolan questioned who should be notified if dog control signs are not obeyed. The response....Call Maintenance during weekdays or Firbank on weekends. Mary Barlow also spoke to this issue, saying that placing signs on the trail was too late; signs should be placed at the entrance. Dick Voldstad noted that the signs recently placed at the entrance asked visitors to conform to a set of rules.

Garry Stone asked if the architect’s graphics could be placed on the resident website.

Dick Scheldt had a question about the 926 detour. Phil, who has access to the report can post it on the website. Thomas Swain responded that newspaper articles had given the closing of the bridge from February to September. He suggested Route 52 and the Baltimore Pike as alternate choices. Chuck Gosselink added that lights have been placed at the Lenape Bridge.

Char Gosselink asked about the progress on the Café renovation. Phil said there was nothing new to report; the staff is currently considering the merits of new equipment.

David Rhoads asked how many people avail themselves of the Try Us Program. Meg said offering this to prospective residents depended on their degree of interest. Ellen has the schedule. David also wondered about clearing the walkways at the east end of the dam, saying that “goose gifts” are a problem. Phil said this goose problem has increased and Mark is considering bringing back the water collies to move the geese along.

Jennifer Allcock asked if evening events could begin at 7:15 P.M. Elizabeth replied, saying the Board had considered this and decided, for a number of reasons, that an earlier start was not advisable. Sharon Sundial said, speaking for the movie committee, she had heard no complaints about people coming in late to the movies that now start at 7:15pm.

Steve Green’s concern is that drivers are not slowing down in front of Dyer. Elizabeth cautioned residents to be alert, to pay attention when crossing the street.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Jones, Secretary

**Meetings:**

February 13, 2017....KRA Board Meeting (Phyllis Wenner representing CRA)  
February 21, 2017....CRA Concerns Session (Randy Schofield & Dick Baxter)  
February 27, 2017.....CRA Executive Committee Meeting  
March 6, 2017....CRA Board Meeting.

Residents are invited to attend CRA meetings. If a resident wishes to discuss an item not on the agenda, he/she should submit a request to the President at least 8 days in advance of the next Board Meeting.

