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## Crosslands Culinary Services Committee Meeting ~ Thursday, August 3, 2023

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Resident Committee Members: Joan Applegate, Emilie Barber, Donna Edwards, Dan Mahoney, Sue Manning, Roger Parish, Penny Paul, Connie Schappell, Diana Stevens

Try Us: Dena Beeghly

Staff Committee Members: Jamie Hocking, Elizabeth Kautz, Darlene Parrett-Harris, John Platt, Tracy Sedlak, Casey Spizarny

Special Meals/Events in June/July: Passport Dinners and special dinners: cold salads, surf and turf, were great successes and showed the creativity and skills of Crosslands culinary staff.

Meeting Schedule and Venues: The next meeting will be Thursday, October 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the George Fox Room.

Comment Card Reports for June and July: 91 different residents, including 4 from Audland, made 152 comments in June. In July, 68 residents, including 5 from Audland, made 105 comments. As usual, comments were generally positive about both the food and wait staff. Committee members are encouraged to suggest to residents they fill out comment cards, electronically or on paper, and to show appreciation to the Culinary Services staff with “thank yous” and smiles.

John Platt's Report: The increase in number of part time wait staff hired has been very helpful, especially with college students returning to classes and high school students involved with sports. 24 individuals signed up to attend an August 1 Job Fair for cooks. Eight showed! Sign-on bonuses for cooks and recruitment bonuses for current staff who recruit staff continue and are proving to be effective. John continues to spend much of his time with the Kendal café redo project which is currently ahead of schedule and due to be completed late January 2024. John appreciates everything the Crosslands community does to acclimate to new staff and new residents. He is working on Culinary's budget. Though food inflation has subsided a bit, John anticipates 7-10% food inflation for the coming year. Audland dining room carpet will be replaced in September. Culinary was once again found to be deficiency free during the Department of Human Services inspection.

Diana Stevens 8/04/23

