

Heather Gardens Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee Meeting

June 13, 2022

Chair, Maria Mines opened meeting at 10:00 AM with a quorum present. Report of May 9, 2022 meeting was approved, as written.

Report from Restaurant Manager. Cormac Ronan reported the following:

- He has hired kitchen help, 3 part-time and one full-time cook, also new front staff (servers).
- He is working on new events, adding items to the menu, and featuring a drink-of-the-day.
- Newly hired staff will allow to schedule other events and special functions.
- Planters on the patio (to provide fresh herbs for cooking) are being cared for by volunteers.
- Liquor and food sales were below projections for the month, also brunch sales
- Loyalty program can now be implemented due to increase in staff hires.

Committee members recommended that the Restaurant use more flyers to advertise special events; Cormac will find out if funds are available for this purpose. There were statements commenting on the successful year-to-date overall profits achieved by the Restaurant under stressful circumstances.

Report from Clubhouse Manager. Montrell Anthony and Julie Racich reported the following:

- The outdoor pool opened on May 28.
- The Memorial Day event was attended by over 100 people; they thanked staff and volunteer helpers for its organization. Event was praised as being very meaningful to residents.
- Food trucks will be in the Clubhouse parking lot every Monday. There is no fee charged to the Clubhouse for this, no negotiations were made. It is on a trial basis only.
- The Sock Hop is scheduled for this month; the Clubhouse is handling tickets for the event.
- The 6:00 PM Friday movie has been reinstated, and attendance seems to be improving.
- Room rentals and pavilion rentals are picking up for the summer.
- The Clubhouse Showcase event was well attended. Montrell, Julie and participants are evaluating to see how to improve it for the next year.
- Special trips are going well, most are sold out. Information to handle non-resident fees has been given to the reception front desk workers.

Question was asked by committee member regarding Montrell's new assignment as the HG Custodial Manager. He stated that he was able to take on the new position due to the strong staff help at the Clubhouse and the ability and expertise of his assistant, Julie Racich.

Unfinished Business. The committee discussed the feasibility of a sign on Yale Avenue to promote business for the Restaurant. Jon Rea commented on the need for information and regulations of city ordinances, visual impact of the sign and community impact as a whole. From a practical aspect, it was pointed out that lack of parking would make it very difficult for non-residents, since it is barely adequate for residents. Cormac agreed to set up a workshop with committee members to discuss this issue further.

New Business. Motions were made and passed to request lottery funds to finance pickle ball equipment needed, and a new billiards table to replace the one that is broken. Montrell distributed estimates for both requests, and these will be presented at the next meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee next week.

Being no further business or questions, meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. Next scheduled meeting will be on 11 July 2022.

Lenora Tracy, Secretary