

FLOOR FORUM FOR EAST WING RESIDENTS

December 8, 2014

Carol Holzman, Executive Director, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

She started by thanking residents for their participation in Employee Appreciation. She assured everyone that the staff really appreciates their contributions.

The automatic door open is still on the agenda for the East and West Wings, especially for the doors closest to the elevators.

She took a walk through the hallways and the decorations are beautiful. Sharon Hoover said that Don from Maintenance did a great job on the tree.

Carol said there is some contention in the back of the East Parking Lot when people that don't live in the East Wing park there. Carol asked residents to be patient as we're making some changes in the back where the employees park. We've run out of employee parking so we will be taking a few resident spots to create employee spaces.

On Thursday, the Lights of Love celebration will take place. It's a wonderful event open to all – residents, staff and guests. We start at 5:00 pm with the lighting of the tree outside. We have great music, food, and wine. It's a special evening to get to know one another.

The children's bassinet collection is part of the Harry K Foundation. He is a jeweler in downtown Lewes that has a passion for children. 100% of the proceeds go to purchasing food for children. Carol provided some statistics: 21% of families in Sussex County have to choose between buying food or paying their mortgage; 32% have to choose between food or medical care; 22% have to choose between food and transportation; and 19% have to choose between food and gas. We will count the number of items donated and present to Harry at the Lights of Love. Carol said that there is an Annual Christmas Ball that she will attend next year. She has a passion for children and education and to make sure they are safe/secure and have nourishment. Sharon Hoover said that many families cannot afford to buy a thermometer and one was provided.

Lois Wills asked if there is any solution to eliminate the flooding on the sidewalks in the East Wing. Someone else added that the whole circle is bad. Carol said she spoke with Chuck and they will put in French drains. Carol asked the residents to call Alan at X6388 and ask him to write up a work order.

Bill Gehron said it would be nice to keep collecting food for children all year round. Carol will mention it to Lynette. Sharon Hoover said that would help to advertise the problem.

Ruth Folta said it would be nice to have employees' children attend some functions. Carol responded that we do encourage them to attend specific events that are appropriate for children. She added that Ella, Meg Havens' 9 month old daughter, will be attending the Lights of Love and take part in the presentation of the food collected.

Lois Wills said that the street lights have been out for a few days. Carol said she believes they are waiting for a part.

Bill Gehron said that Jim McMullen reported on Employee Appreciation at the CALRA meeting and asked if he would provide some information. Jim said that \$48,901 was collected from 184 residents for an 84% participation from the entire campus. Employees are paid according to the number of hours they work at \$.26 per hour. Last year, \$44,600 was collected, so it went up about 10%. They wrote out 192 checks. Carol explained that we have a lot of PRN or per diem employees that don't work a full or part time schedule, and don't receive benefits or vacation. Carol added that it is okay to give cookies, cakes and candies to employees.

Sharon Hoover asked if we're opening up Mondays and Wednesday for exercise classes. Carol said that we are working with Marketing on it.

Carol thanked everyone again for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder:
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Executive Assistant
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