



Huntcliff Summit Residents Association  
General Meeting December 1, 2022  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president Walter Weinberg.

Walter reported that Jean Collette resigned as vice president, for health reasons.

Walter reported that many members have not yet made their voluntary contribution to the employee appreciation fund. Our goal is \$70,000, and so far contributions are only \$60,343.13. He reminded us that this is the only request the association makes for contributions in the whole year. He also reminded us that the recommended contribution is \$1.00 per person per day, and the deadline for contributions to be used this year is December 9. Any contributions after that date will be used for 2023.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed.

Walter recognized Franki Groh and Fatiha Lehkim as outstanding team members of the month. Franki expressed appreciation for the recognition. She said the activities team works hard to meet the needs of the residents. She is pleased that activities are almost back to normal after the COVID pandemic. She asked everyone to read the activities calendar carefully, and please show up for events.

Rosemarie Hosbein reported the following new residents:

- Melvina Johnson moved here from Milton, Georgia. She has four children and five grandchildren. She was a homemaker. Her hobbies and interests are reading, crosswords, and walking.
- Charles and Kathy Cayce moved here from Sandy Springs. They have three children and six grandchildren. He was a mechanical contractor, and she worked in mortgage banking. Their hobbies and interests are golf, bridge, flying, military history, and stained glass.
- Norman and Diane Silverstein moved here from Florida, and previously lived in Bronx and Brooklyn, New York. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was a corporate executive and she was a medical assistant and social worker. Their hobbies and interests are reading, swimming, water aerobics, classical music, and sports.

- Len and Edie Levine moved here from Tamarac, Florida, and previously lived in Brooklyn and Wantagh, New York (Len) and Jamaica and Wantagh, New York (Edie). They have two children, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Len was an insurance adjuster and Edie was a secretary.
- Marilyn Mitchell moved here from Sandy Springs. She has two children and four grandchildren. She worked as a bookkeeper. Her hobbies and interests are reading, card games, and mahjong.
- Gabriel and Rima Elissa moved here from Akron, Ohio. They have two children and two grandchildren. He was a civil engineer, and she was a sales manager and medical assistant. Their interests are physical exercise, chess, dominos, knitting, gardening, and floral arranging.

Winsome Barrow reported for the food committee. She reminded us that Brent Andrews is our food service director. She requested that we look at our menus promptly when we are seated in the dining room, and be prepared to place our order as soon as the wait staff asks for it. The wait staff now has a “starting position” at each table, and they want to take orders clockwise, starting with the person at that position. That allows food to be delivered promptly and accurately. Please remind the server to repeat your order back to you to avoid misunderstanding. If you have an issue with a server, please tell Brent the name of the server, and the date and time the issue occurred. Promptly vacate your table when you have finished eating so it can be prepared for the next diners. There are many places throughout the building where you can continue your conversation. Her detailed report is attached.

Judith Boult reported for the library committee. Evie Childers created a beautiful winter wonderland art work in the library, which Judith invited everyone to come see. Telephone numbers of committee members are posted on the bulletin board in the library, in case you would like to discuss anything with a committee member. Some obsolete books are being discarded in order to make room for current books. The committee welcomes donations of current books.

Julian Yudelson reported for the gardens/greenhouse committee. Some of the flower beds are being cleaned up. Pine straw has been placed around the roses. Some daffodils have been planted, which should look nice in the spring. He reminded everyone to water their own plants as needed, and please don’t water anyone else’s plants. He recommended cactus plants as a good indoor winter plant, to add some interest to your apartment. His detailed report is attached.

Doreen Jacobs reported for the activities committee.

Art Schultz reported for the men’s club. A trip to a pizzeria is planned for November, and a chorus concert is planned for December. They hope to start a fixer’s club in January, along with a full schedule of activities in 2023.

It was reported that greeting cards are available in the space of the old Sundries Shop Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There is no charge for the cards, but contributions are welcome.

Under old business, the motion to increase the recommended contribution to the staff appreciation fund to \$1.50 per person per day was removed from the table and seconded. Some of the discussion was the following:

- We should look for a way to get the word to families of residents, in those cases where the families pay bills for the resident.
- More effort should be made to encourage everyone to contribute.
- The recommended contribution has not changed in at least 12 years.
- Recommended that we thank everyone for their contribution.
- Lisa Schilling made clear that, as an employee of Sunrise, she cannot coordinate or support this effort. It must be completely resident-driven.

The motion was passed.

There was no new business.

Lisa gave the following report:

Welcoming new team members: since our last meeting we have welcomed Shaunta England in our Housekeeping Department, Travon Jones as a cook in the Dining Department, and Kayla Paige and Harriet Woods to our Front Desk team! If you see these folks around the community, please help welcome them to Huntcliff. We also have a few other potential team members in the hiring process.

Staffing challenges are no secret – it's happening everywhere. We are working with our internal Sunrise recruiters as well as outside recruiting sources to fill our open positions. Sunrise has also worked very hard on retention packages to help retain the current team members.

Mary Bethune, our business Office Coordinator, will be on medical leave from December 19 to January 9 as she takes care of a long-standing issue with neck pain. Please keep her in your prayers and I'll keep you posted on her recovery.

This past Monday our fire alarm system was activated by an outside vendor – a lot of dust was created when replacing the flooring in the freight elevator. At no time was anyone in harms way. As a reminder, when you hear the fire alarm, which comes across the PA system as “a life safety device has been activated” please remain where you are until a team member provides further instruction. I apologize for the inconvenience these instances may cause; however I’m pleased to report that all systems worked as designed.

There are certain fire codes we must comply with. One is keeping hallways free and clear for easy access in the event of an emergency. If you have a walker or wheelchair parked outside of your apartment, it must fully fit UNDER the ledge outside your door. If it does not fully fit in that space, it cannot be kept in the hallway. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jessica or myself. We will be happy to help.

The storage areas also need to be kept free and clear. Please make sure your items are properly stored inside your storage unit. Any items left outside the storage units will be discarded. Also, please only use your assigned storage unit. If a storage unit is empty, it doesn't mean isn't

assigned to someone. Anything stored in a unit not assigned to you is at risk of being thrown out.

It's Covid and flu season. I know everyone is starting to get Covid fatigue and is tired of hearing about it. We continue to have our infection control protocols in place. Handwashing is the best defense from the spread of germs. Also, tissue boxes have been provided in the dining room if you need one. Please refrain from using our cloth napkins for blowing your nose. Also, if you do not feel well, please let us know and please refrain from group activities, including the dining room and bar, until you feel better. This will help all of us stay as healthy as possible.

After the first of the year, our dining department will be converting to a new electronic system. This should allow for easier ordering, and other features. Please be patient when we begin to roll this out as the process will be new and there will be a learning curve.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the US News and World Report Senior Living survey. We had to reach a minimum participation rate of 55% in order to be evaluated for recognition. I'm pleased to say our response rate was 59%. We are hopeful to hear some results at the end of the first quarter of 2023.

There are a few projects taking place:

Elevator inspections were conducted this past week – all elevators passed inspection.

Sidewalks and walking paths –We were finally able to complete this project! If you have not yet had a chance to get out and walk the path, I encourage you to do so.

We are expecting delivery of kitchen equipment before the end of the year: a mixer, a fryer, and a steam table. They will all help in our production and service of meals. When these items arrive, there may be some alterations to meals for 1-2 days so they can get this equipment up and running.

I'm also meeting with Surface Logics, a flooring company, to assess the installation process for new flooring in the dining room and dining room lobby. These projects were slated for this year, however due to supply and labor issues they will most likely take place after the first of the year.

There are multiple articles out there, both in print and on line, regarding senior living and rising costs. We are no different from any business – costs are rising for everyone. I know the increases this upcoming year will be higher than in previous years. We, just as everyone else, continue to experience significant inflationary pressures, which impact every aspect of our services. We know each of you are feeling the negative impact as well in various areas. We don't take these issues lightly and understand the concerns you may have. We are all living this together and we continue to focus on the best stewardship possible. If you have any concerns, please feel free to set up a time to speak with me about it.

Please be sure to read the signs near the mailboxes and other locations throughout the community. Mary posts a sign outside of her office next to the brown box. This sign gives the deadline for checks to be accepted here. She has also begun posting that same sign near the mailboxes. As a reminder, rent payments are due to the BANK by the first of each month. If you miss the deadline Mary has posted, you will need to send your check via US Mail.

The Activities Department continues to add more and more events and activities so please be sure to read your calendar thoroughly – sign up by the deadlines for activities that require advance ticket purchase or RSVP. Also, the technology support offered by Fatiha will now be held for two hours each week instead of one hour. This will be on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00.

As we are now into the holiday season, please be sure to review the calendar and fliers thoroughly so you don't miss out. There are many wonderful things taking place this month!

Lastly, I and the entire team thank you for your patience. It truly is an honor to serve you and to especially spend this wonderful time of the year celebrating all the gifts of this season.

Walter reminded everyone that it's the holiday season, and we should party like it's 1965!

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Bowyer, Secretary