



Huntcliff Summit Residents Association
General Meeting
February 1, 2024
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president Rosemarie Hosbein.

Rosemarie said we should all live well and age happier. Bring out the best part of yourself. Throw negativity aside. Now is when life happens—smile.

Several staff members expressed appreciation for the employee appreciation gifts they received. Here are some of the highlights:

- Sandra Newsome from housekeeping said, “Thank you, and blessings to you.”
- Ellie Beard from transportation said, “This was a really nice thing.”
- The front desk representative said, “Thank you.”
- Carlos from the maintenance team said, “I am new here, so I didn’t expect anything like this. It was a very pleasant surprise.”
- A team of servers sang their thanks—“You are my sunshine”.
- Mary Bethune from the business office said she looks forward to coming to work every day, and she really appreciates the gift.

Rosemarie responded to the appreciation by expressing our appreciation to the staff for all they do.

Ray Bowyer reported that he was informed of an error in the minutes of the December meeting in the report by the art committee. The corrected paragraph is attached to these minutes. There were no additional additions or corrections, so the minutes were approved with that correction.

Lynn Adcock gave the treasurer’s report. We raised \$73, 540 for the employee appreciation fund. Checks were issued to sixty employees, ranging from \$100.00 to \$2,050.00, based on hours worked and tenure. She appreciates everyone’s participation.

Rosemarie gave the following president’s report:

- The officers distributed the funds from the employee appreciation fund.
- At the officers’ suggestion, large name tags will be provided to front desk staff, so we don’t have to squint to know the names.
- At the officers’ suggestion, maps will be prepared which show which locations are north and which are south of our building, so residents know which book to use to sign up for transportation.

Rosemarie expressed appreciation to the new residents committee for their dedicated work in orienting new residents to our environment.

Rosemarie introduced Marcia Swanson and Sara-Davis Merriman of the new residents committee. Marcia reported on the following new residents:

- Maury Gersen moved here from Peachtree Corners. She has three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Her hobbies and interests are gardening, book club, and volunteering. Here is a list of her favorite foods: Chinse food, barbecue, Italian food, Mexican food, fried chicken, corned beef, roast beef, salmon, shrimp, and salads.
- Ed Murphy built an industrial engineering and software services company. His hobbies and interests are sports, dining, and wine. His favorite foods are steak and wine. His favorite things are reading, current events, and travel. He likes privacy.
- Fay Gordon-Downes moved here from Conyers, Georgia, and previously lived in Jamaica and in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. She has four children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She expressed her pleasure at living in Huntcliff Summit. She loves music and exercise, and is delighted that we have a swimming pool.
- Roz Reiss moved here from Roswell. She has two children and seven grandchildren. She worked as a curriculum developer and instructor for children with special needs. Her interests are theater, classical music, opera, ballet, sewing, floral arranging, cooking, and learning about cultures. Her special memories are attending Girl Scout Roundups. She would like to have visitors stop by to see her.
- Manuela Bornstein moved here from Dunwoody. She has two children and four grandchildren. She worked as a travel agent. Her hobbies and interests are music, food, movies, and exercise. She was born in Paris, and left there because of the German occupation.

Helene Camp reported for the food committee. The names and telephone numbers of the seven committee members are listed on the bulletin board in the postal area. The committee welcomes thanks for good things, and suggestions for improvement. Suggestions should be placed in the box in the postal area, and must be signed to be considered. The committee meets in the back dining room on the second Tuesday of each month. She reminds us not to crowd the hostess station in front of the dining room—please complete your business quickly, and find somewhere else to relax and converse with your friends.

Judith Boult reported for the library committee. She believes the books are very happy to be available and to be checked out.

Doreen Jacobs reported for the activities committee. She reminded us to read the activity calendar promptly when we receive it, and mark the things we want to do. She said we are starting an exercise class Saturday mornings at 10:30.

Dawn Hamer reported for the book club. It meets a week from today at 2:30 p.m., and new members are welcome.

Art Schultz reported for the men's club. They arranged a speaker from NASA last month. There is a speaker on the Dahlonega gold rush (the first gold rush in North America) this month. Jim Hightower from the National Park Service will speak next month, speaking about the indigenous people in this area. Sonya Halpern, a state senator, will speak in April. The club has started a blackjack game on Monday evenings. Twenty-seven people have expressed interest. There will be lessons for new players, and training in dealing for experienced players. As the house pot builds up, it is planned to use the funds for a party.

Hal Parker reported for Huntcliff Players. He thanked residents for attendance at previous shows. The January show was canceled because of illness. There will be an outstanding show on February 10 at 2:00 p.m. There will be songs by Ira Levy, Brandt Ross, Dawn Hamer, Charley Cayce, Jill Sellers, and Hal. The second half of the show will be comedy.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

The only comment expressed was that the chorus is in hiatus until the infectious disease season is over.

Lisa Schilling gave the following management report:

Everyone is reminded that the new automatic system for reporting that we are alive and well will begin tomorrow. She asked Jessica Tucker to demonstrate the button that should be pushed every day before 12:00. Be careful not to pull the cord or press the large button—that signals an emergency.

Welcoming new team members: since our last meeting we have welcomed Olivia Akinsunmoye, Almasi Gathoni, Catina Lawrence, Wes Pierre, J'ven Jones-Robertson, Alicia Turner, and Bria White, all to our dining services team. We welcomed Damon Parker and Mary Whitaker to our Housekeeping department. If you see these folks around the community, please help welcome them to Huntcliff. Also of note, Jessica Tucker, our Resident Services Director will be celebrating 15 years of Service on February 9th. Please help congratulate her on her service over the years. We are working hard to recruit an executive chef.

Our Areas of Focus:

As this is cold and flu season, please remember, hand washing is always your best line of defense. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from attending activities or coming to the dining room. Also, please do not use the cloth napkins to wipe your nose or to sneeze into. We will have tissue boxes in and around the dining room and bar area for you to use or please bring some with you. We are making regular rounds to check hand sanitizing stations and soap in the common area restrooms.

We are also conducting nightly rounds with our sanitizing machine to hit high touch areas – trash room doors, elevator buttons etc.

Our protocols have not changed: if you test positive for COVID you are quarantined for five days, then please wear a mask for five days when in community spaces. It takes all of us working together to make this work.

Our Point of Sale system for order taking in the dining has been put on pause but is a goal for 2024. An upgrade to the software needs to be completed in order for us to have the ability to offer an expanded selection of menu items.

On January 26th we had an unscheduled visit from the Health Department and received a score of 100% on the inspection. I'm very proud of the hard work this team does day in and day out to achieve this score.

Our daily check-in system is just about ready to go! Beginning tomorrow, February 2nd, we will “go live” with the new process. As mentioned at the last meeting, this is a new routine and as adult learners, it takes time to create new habits and break old ones, so be kind and patient with yourself and with us!

The first phase of the power wash of the building took place on January 10th and 11th. We had some challenges with this company that we are still working through. We will source another company before proceeding with the rest of the building.

The A Level Garage door has finally been replaced. Thank you to everyone for moving your cars to the B Level until this could be fixed. Jessica will be working to relocate those who would like to go back to the A Level, or you are welcome to stay on B Level if you choose.

Wall repairs for floors 3-5 on the south end – I have located the wall paper for floors 3 and 5 but still working my way through the rolls to find the match for the 4th floor. I hope to have these repairs completed within the next one to two weeks.

In January we also ran a test of our fire alarm system – this actually occurred in error, however it did confirm that the announcement that comes overhead is once again the correct announcement. Please know that if you hear the alarm or notice the strobes going off – remain where you are until instruction is given. Please don't move from where you are unless you see flames.

We experienced power outages on January 9th briefly and again on January 17th for approximately 2 hours. When the power goes out, I receive a text alert from Georgia Power of the cause (if known), and an anticipated time of return to service. In the event of a power outage, our emergency generator will kick in and power some essential items in the building; some common area lighting, the elevators, and some necessary equipment. You will not have power in your apartment. I ask that each of you have some sort of emergency lighting. A flashlight, lantern, nightlights that will turn on when the power goes out, etc. The elevator lobbies have lights. I know several of you gathered in the elevator lobbies on your floor or came to the first floor lobby or 6th floor common space. You are free to utilize this space if you like. The first priority of our team is to visit those residents on constant oxygen. They then proceed to make rounds of the community until power is restored. If you have a recliner chair or other highly used, needed items that require power, we suggest a battery back-up for these items. Also, it's always a good practice to keep your cell phone within reach. Please don't call the front desk unless you have an emergency—they're very busy at such a time. Please don't use the elevators unnecessarily, because such usage stresses the generator.

We are changing the company doing our outside cleaning, because the one that did the front of the building didn't do a satisfactory job. We don't know when this work will restart, or which direction the work will go.

We are getting a new telephone system in our offices, which we think will be an improvement over our current system. With the new system, we will be using wireless phones in place of the two-way radios we have been using.

It's still a little cold outside, however, we are preparing for spring and a lot of activity in the garden. Julian Yudelson has resigned as the Garden Committee Chairperson – we thank him for the tremendous amount of work he did to make that space nice. If you or anyone you know is interested in "playing in the dirt" please reach out. Erwin Barrington and Nancy Halliwell are already preparing for the spring work in the Rose Garden.

I received a request for a local map to be placed in the Resident Services Guide. Several residents are not familiar with the area and directions. We will select a few options and have the board members decide which map would best serve this purpose. This will be placed in the resident services guide and on the bulletin board in the transportation office.

After a meeting with Brandt Ross and Fred Ortyl, we decided that all of you needed an additional avenue to get your questions answered with the facts vs possible rumors. They will begin a section in the monthly Harbinger where you can submit questions and the best person to answer the question will provide the answer to your questions.

Lastly, a few additions you will see in the next few days and weeks. We will be bringing popcorn back to the bar each evening during happy hour! Please be respectful and grab a bag of popcorn vs. reaching in serving yourself. We will also be adding weekend transportation services. This will be every other weekend initially and the days/times may fluctuate until we can determine your needs. More information will be coming out soon on this. We are working on new flooring and furniture in the first-floor lobby.

Lisa expressed appreciation to Julian Yudelson for his hard work as gardens chairperson. Some roses have been donated to us, and we need volunteers to help plant and care for these roses.

As always, thank you for all you do to help contribute to this being a great place to be every day!

The meeting was adjourned.