

Resident Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Darren welcomed all of the residents to today's meeting, and opened with prayer.

1. Update on projects

- **Centre Wing courtyard:** The landscapers are working hard to put the finishing touches in the courtyard. A new gazebo will be set up by early next spring. The box by the West entrance has been crumbling over the last few years; this has been fixed, as well as the pathways around the building. Emmanuel Home's West and Centre courtyard will be back to its beauty next spring.
- **North Wing expansion:** There will be about 50 concrete trucks coming today to put the first floor in. The contractors are on schedule and still hope to be done in November 2019. If you have any questions regarding the new building, please feel free to see Darren.
- **West Wing lighting & stairwell:** We received a grant from the government which means that the south stairwell will be upgraded. We will be replacing old lights with new LED lights which would give much better quality lighting and last much longer than the old ones.

2. Confidentiality & Privacy

- **Prayer Board:** We would ask your respect for privacy regarding residents who might be on the prayer board, or even a resident who might be having some issues. If you would not like your name on the prayer board, please don't hesitate to let Sonja or Aria know in the office.
- **Contacting Family & friends:** Since we are all part of this community, most of us know one another. We ask you to consider not phoning other residents family members and telling what their parents are doing. We know this is a difficult situation to be in. If you have concerns with one of the residents you can bring them to one of the nurses. We do appreciate how Emmanuel Home residents help one another.

3. Waitlist update & planning

- As of right now we have about 100 people on our waitlist. Some of them have been waiting for about four years to move into Emmanuel Home. Next spring we will be asking residents if anyone is interested in moving to the new building. The residents will have the first opportunity to move into the North Wing if they.

4. Craft Sale – December 8th

- This year we will be having our annual craft sale at Emmanuel Home. We have an empty East Wing parkade, so we will be having the entire craft sale there. The

dining room will be used for coffee and food. The basement will have some tables set up for people to sit and buy food.

5. Other:

Question: Do we have to pay for moving from our suite into the New North Wing?

Answer: The internal move fee will be waived for these discussions.

Question: What are you going to do about the cars that are parked outside this winter?

Answer: There will be outside plugs set up so the residents will be able to plug in their cars over the winter months. We are also rallying our staff to help clean the snow off the cars. We appreciate the impact this is causing all of you that are parked outside and we will do our best to help in this situation.

Question: Will we be charged for plugging our cars in?

Answer: There will be no charge for anyone that has their car plugged in.

Question: Are we able to have more handicapped parking spots?

Answer: No, we cannot add more at this time.

Question: What is the latest on the Life Lease?

Answer: There is a Board sub-committee working hard on the program and we look forward to rolling it out next year.

Question: Will we get our old parking spots in the East Wing back once the parkade is open?

Answer: Yes, certainly.

Question: Do the trees in the East Wing courtyard get pruned regularly?

Answer: They do get pruned periodically, but we will review the situation.

Question: When will the mountain of dirt by the East Wing be removed?

Answer: It should be gone in mid-late November.

Question: Is it possible to have a sign out book by the elevator in the Centre parkade?

Answer: We will follow up on this!

Question: When Emmanuel Home gets grants from the government, will the government have more say on what goes on at Emmanuel Home?

Answer: We evaluate each grant opportunity and make decisions based on a number of criteria. We certainly do not want to get caught up in having to sacrifice anything.

Comment: Emmanuel Home is a wonderful place. Thank the Lord for Emmanuel Home!

Darren thanked all the residents for their ongoing support of Emmanuel Home.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please come see any one of us in the office. We are here for you!