

Simcoe Manor: Family Council

Minutes of Meeting

September 8, 2021

Present: Rosa Athanassoulis – Programs and Support Service Supervisor, Sandi Nemenyi, , Louise Laquerre, Susan Calder, Linda Sherman, Paula Strachan, Connie Strachan-Kowalski, Janina Grabowski – Administrator for Simcoe Manor, Jane Sinclair – General Manager, Health and Emergency Services for Simcoe County

Welcome – Rosa Athanassoulis

New Construction for Simcoe Manor

- regular reports and updates will be given to residents, families, staff
- communications department will assist with updates
- approval has been given from Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for additional 34 beds for a total of 160 beds
- 5 units and additional features
- committee to be formed in the Fall that will meet every few months to review development, obtain feedback – to have representation from various individuals including residents and families
- LTC will be attached to Senior Services
- significant senior population in this area so more housing is required to support the community
- New Simcoe Manor will have community center complex with a hub of different services (in partnership with, e.g., doctors, physiotherapy, pharmacy, shops, hairdresser, etc.) – community services such as laundry will be available for purchase
- will also have areas available for walking, cycling, a golf green, bocci, pickle ball
- housing options: life lease, apartments, retirement, garden homes, rental town homes, affordable housing, supportive housing
- additional services for surrounding community, i.e., day care center, day away program – one stop shop that is accessible and better living for seniors
- tentatively beginning early 2022 with a two-year time frame
- **Butterfly Model** – tour of Peel Region home – something to consider to see how the concept is implemented
- may incorporate certain aspects of the model, i.e., activities and colours to make it more home-like
- **Women's wing** – cannot discriminate due to gender
- if there are issues that arise due to co-habitation of women and men, home will look at it on a case by case basis
- action plan from all departments will be developed for each individual case on how to manage behavior
- **Question: Will there be priority placement for placement into LTC if a person is already part of the Manor campus?** – placement is controlled by government,

however the County works really hard to try to keep the client on campus for easier transition into LTC if and when possible

- email any further questions you might have regarding new construction to Rosa and they will be passed on to Jane Sinclair
- watch and listen for upcoming townhalls in the next month regarding new construction

Approval of Minutes from August 18th – Approved by Louise Laquerre
Seconded by Sandi Nemenyi

Family Council Bank Account and Treasurer – Susan Calder

- former Treasurer Frank Friesen held a personal account for Family Council – it was cashed out with \$25 remaining – money donated to Manor
- account can be held through Simcoe Manor, having two people with signing authority, but Rosa, as an employee of Simcoe Manor, cannot have signing authority – Treasurer will be Sandi Nemenyi and Susan Calder will be second officer – Rosa will plan a meeting for us at Royal Bank on King Street in Alliston

Silent Auction

- has been approved by management team for Simcoe Manor staff and residents' family members – better to start off virtual fundraising internally
- items will be photographed and numbered – bids will be sent to Family Council email
- thanks to Linda Sherman for developing a draft letter to be given to potential local business donors for the auction – Family Council members will present letters of request to Dairy Queen, Canadian Tire, Foodland, Home Hardware, Tim Horton's, Freshco, Giant Tiger, Sheldon Creek Dairy, Maplegrove Farms, Mr. Gigi, New Orleans Pizza, Connie and Paula will create a gift basket – business cards can promote local business donors - Linda will send to Susan the revised copy of the donor request letter – email Rosa as items are obtained – thank you letters will be written to donors after the auction – posters to be created by Communications Department will be displayed in front lobby of Simcoe Manor
- fundraised money will support Christmas programming for the residents, i.e., entertainment, foods/treats – Manor needs a new Santa suit
- at the Christmas season, residents will remain co-horted for programs – virtual silent auction will take place from November 1-30

Home Updates – Rosa Athanassoulis

- patio heaters will be brought out at patio areas and possibly gazebo – Rosa will check with Jim who is Maintenance Supervisor, for placement of heaters – approximate cost of additional patio heaters – Walmart, \$180
- antibody study – Manor will be reaching out to interested people soon
- family portal not yet in operation – process is being finalized – discussion of portal on staff agenda for Thursday September 9th - the Program Services Staff is meeting with ActivityPro during the week of Sept. 13th to finalize the process for the use of the family portal
- request for recommendation for room air purifiers – Rosa will consult with Jim – Germ Guard cost is \$130

- whiteboards for communication can be placed in residents' rooms by families – tickets can be placed by staff for placement of whiteboards in rooms
- HEPA filters that are purchased by families – families will be responsible for regular cleaning
- physiotherapy – therapist and physio assistant have resigned – there have been newly hired people
- Chaplain is making 1:1 personal visits with residents according to a schedule to maintain co-horting of all units – chaplain can be contacted at claudinel.anyanwu@simcoe.ca
- County Volunteer Co-Ordinator April Lawson has resigned, her position has been posted for hiring
- next meeting of Family Council can be in person at Simcoe Manor on October 6th.

**Meeting adjourned – 4:30 P.M.
Paula Strachan**

***Next meeting:
October 6, 2021 at 3 P.M.
Tea Room of Simcoe Manor
or
Via Microsoft Teams (if requested)***