

Simcoe Manor
Family Council
Minutes of Meeting
December 8, 2021

Present: Rosa Athanassoulis – Programs and Support Service Supervisor, Louise Laquerre, Susan Calder, Linda Sherman, Veronica McCarren

Welcome – Susan Calder

Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2021 – Approved by Linda Sherman
Seconded by Veronica McCarren

Silent Auction – Susan Calder

- silent auction was successful, raised \$1327
- most feedback was positive, a few comments felt that starting bids were a little high – perhaps in future use item values instead of starting bids
- items not bid upon, containing food products, will be placed in the current raffle at the front entrance – other remaining items will be used in future events
- unsold artwork will be placed in the art auction in the spring

Christmas Market – Rosa Athanassoulis

- December 11th between 10 A.M. and 3 P.M.
- will be inside instead of outside due to possible inclement weather
- residents and families will participate by units at designated times
- entertainment by Janet Tipping and Nancy Chapel-Smokler, a few vendors in the front lobby, tree walk to share and read holiday wishes for residents and staff
- if weather is suitable, bistro tables have been set up outside where people can enjoy hotdogs and hot chocolate – alternatively, eating will be on units

Letter of support for interactive technology system – Rosa Athanassoulis

- interactive table for residents to support social isolation
- letters of support are helpful for the “grant” process to assist with costs for a table – letter of support written by Residents’ Council was reviewed by Family Council who also support the purchase and use of a table
- \$2000 has been raised already for a table
- grant is worth \$25,000
- each County home will be ordering a table (4 homes)
- Family Council will have a letterhead created for use in important letters

Hairstyling Service, price revisions – Rosa Athanassoulis

- question – why is there a portering charge? – portering was done in the past by a volunteer
- at the bottom of the price sheet, what is “extra time”?
- suggestion – contact Janina Grabowski, Administrator, with concerns
- new hairdresser, however same company as before pandemic
- Louise Laquerre – it is not easy to contact the company – Forever Young in Montreal
- in the past hair appeared to have been done/styled but now families are not sure if hair has been done

Home Updates – Rosa Athanassoulis

- Honda greeting cards for residents will arrive on December 13th
- hope to have outbreak on Essa finished by Friday in time for Christmas Market
- new bus issues – ramp has steep incline, difficult to push wheelchairs/walkers up ramp – problem has been assessed by ergonomics, health and safety
- generous support from community during Christmas season – elves have adopted 69 residents – each resident will receive a gift
- December 18th – Christmas sock day – each resident will receive a pair of Christmas socks already labelled
- toy and food drive finishes on December 13th
- two bunnies have been adopted at the Manor – will live on Essa unit – strict sanitary protocols for keeping of pets, re: IPAC
- December 12th – Christmas High Tea
- gifts from families for residents – due at Manor by December 10th

New Business – Susan Calder

- contact Susan by email between meetings if there are additional suggestions for the next meeting’s agenda

Meeting adjourned – 3:58 P.M. by Louise Laquerre

***Next meeting:
January 5, 2022 at 3 P.M.
Tea Room of Simcoe Manor
AND/OR
Via Microsoft Teams***