

## Resident Participation Committee

### Meeting Minutes

**January 8, 2016**

*Julia Hupperts*, Resident Council Coordinator, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

Julia informed everyone that AZ Jones, formerly with ROSS, has taken a new job, and will now be the Human Services Coordinator at Dunedin Hi-Rise. She said she will be interviewing new applicants for his position next week.

#### UPDATE ON ALLINA GRANT 2015

Julia handed out the spreadsheets for the 2015 Allina Grant and said most of it had been spent. The spreadsheet shows where the money went and she gave brief descriptions of what it was spent on. Some of the items were:

- ◆ Ten dollar gift certificates for the *Twin Cities Mobile Market*. She said a lot of this was being administered through the SHIP Grant.
- ◆ The YMCA has had some "Chairroke" classes at various hi-rises.
- ◆ Cycles For Change.
- ◆ Payless Shoes. Julia stated she has \$25.00 Gift Certificates to Payless Shoes, and they're going to be used as incentives for the walking clubs and also for the *Walk With A Doc Program*. Betsy Christensen won't be in until the end of the month, and at this time it's unsure in what way these certificates will be distributed. More to come.
- ◆ Home Depot, where gardening tools were purchased.
- ◆ Fertilizer spikes were purchased at Walmart.

#### ALLINA GRANT 2016

Alesia Huckleby, Ann Christensen and Ann Tranvic will be applying for this grant. It will aid walking club activities, along with building community in your hi-rise. It could also aid some community building that some residents are already doing, ie, arts & crafts clubs, etc.

### CHALLENGE GRANT

Our request is going to be submitted this afternoon to Jon Gutzmann, PHA Executive Director. Allina would complement to this request. Julia said she received great comments from all of the hi-rises about items to spend the money on. Of course, this is all contingent on the request being approved by the Board. If approved, other items would include:

- ◆ Interpreter stipends, English learning software, including promotional materials and head phones.
- ◆ QiGong (meditative exercise) classes in all sixteen high-rises, beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> and go through March 31, 2017.

A conversation was had about translation software. Shopping around for less expensive software would stretch this out as much as possible. Offering stipends to residents, family members of residents or others was discussed, as opposed to the prohibitive expense it would be to hire from the outside. Individual Councils would be responsible for this, but they could get suggestions and help through cross-sharing of information and through a list of outside resources.

### BUDGET

Julia distributed copies of the Budget for all to look over and offer their comments or suggestions. She went over all of the line items and took questions as she went along.

### HI-RISE HANDBOOKS

There was a lengthy discussion about *Resident Council Guides*; how many there should be, who should have one, printing costs, if needed, etc.

### CLOSING

Final discussions were had regarding the submission of documents for the Challenge Grant, and it was agreed to proceed. No further business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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