

11/3/17

Community Building meeting

Attendees: Julia Hupperts, David Owens, Marlys Zerahn, Tim Gjerdahl, Sharon Baker, Melissa Pappas, Roxanne Sands, Jesse Thomas, Maryann Harrison

The minutes from last month were read. A reminder was given to check with your manager if you have questions about things like potlucks. Also a reminder was given that if you invite non-residents (like neighbors) to events whoever is in charge of the event is liable for those people and anything they might do on the property.

A question was raised about craft sales and if sales tax would need to be charged. That would be unlikely. There is a lot of paperwork necessary if any kind of sale is being held. There are also concerns about bugs being spread by sale items.

A question was raised about things like Avon or Mary Kay sales in the community room. That will have to be looked into. (It was said previously that those were allowed at resident Council discretion as long as the room is reserved and attendees are specifically invited. (You can't just leave it open to anyone who wants to stop by.)

There needs to be a strong Resident Council to have a strong community. If there is conflict or infighting that drives people away. Getting interpreters can be very helpful.

Getting interpreters can be a big challenge for councils because PHA and the Presidents Council do not have funds for interpreters anymore. We need to think of creative solutions. (Building residents, family members, etc.) Partnering with local colleges or places like the Hubbs Center are good possibilities.

Using more pictures than words on flyers is a good idea too.

You can use programs like Google Translate but it is a good idea to have to document proofread by a native speaker to be sure it is accurate.

A community building checklist was gone through. This was done to find out what activities are going on at different hi-rises.