

ESC Meeting at San Francisco Towers
Feb 11, 2016

The primary subject of the meeting was to discuss and approve of the proposed budget for FY 2017 (April 2016 – March 2017).

Ron Schaefer, the new Chief Operating Officer was introduced.

Kevin presented an update on status of the “affiliation” with NCPHS. The judge denied the Bishops appeal on the trial date of August 1, 2016 so the date stands. The hope is a settlement can be reached before a trial. Kevin will have a one on one meeting with the Bishop on Tuesday 2/16. In the interim they will continue to move forward on the affiliation activities.

Pre marketing has begun with the Viamonte project in Walnut Creek. This will be the only CCRC in the Contra Costa area. So far there have been 190 expressions of interest. A sales office will be opening soon with a scale model.

Community reports:

St Paul’s Towers – Concerns that there were not the funds to work on their priority projects, residents did not see info.

Spring Lake Village – Concerns on funding level for projects, Montgomery Center (fitness center) is open, and there are now 50 exercise programs.

Webster House – though the “newest” in ESC they are old and need the upgrades. Being as small as they are losing one person as they did is significant. This was the newest and youngest resident who passed away.

Canterbury Woods – We are undergoing change. 1/3 the population is relatively new which presents some challenges but people are adjusting, renovations under way in the reception area, lounge, fitness and craft centers.

San Francisco Towers – There is an anonymous letter (Tower Talk) being prepared and put in the resident's boxes which is upsetting many; they are having a hard time getting staffing because of wages.

Los Gatos Meadows (via phone) – in general things are going well

Presentation on the desired renovations at San Francisco Towers: These include utilizing of once commercial space for offices, carving out areas for arts and crafts, exercise, a shop, a bistro and refurbishing a meeting room.

Budget discussion: It was noted that even the newest community (SFT) is in need of updating and refurbishing. The apparent lack of funds for one of the projects was because most of the money was in this year's budget.

Labor costs and training in the medical area were expensive. The budget passed unanimously without any revisions.

Tracy Powell talked about the many services for seniors including newer programs such as shared housing and using technology to reduce isolation of seniors in their homes. [The package of information will be placed in the binder in the library.]

Caremerge: Communication + Care Coordination Network. A presentation was made about this computer oriented system that gives people an easy access to information through a Kiosk, computer, iPad, etc. The system has been rolled out at Spring Lake Village with a favorable response.

[Much of the information is the same as we already have here through our web site.] The program can go much beyond an activity oriented system however to see how an individual is doing. A comment from one of the resident reps was that many of their residents have problems figuring out how to use their TV remotes and this wouldn't be any use. In response it was noted that this is just not for now but also looking into the future.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2:30 pm.

Nancy Frost, CW Resident Representative