

July 7, 2016 ESC Meeting Report

A joint meeting of the Senior Resources of the West (SRW) and Episcopal Senior Communities (ESC) was held last Thursday July 7 at St Paul's Tower in Oakland.

Before the meeting started we had a tour of Maggie's Place – an area being redesigned for those residents who need memory care. The design is to be “home like” and uses color to define areas.

The first half of the meeting was reviewing what I would call the business aspects of the corporation – a review of the audit report = sound with no material concerns for both ESC and SRW; Insurance – the coverage. It was noted that there is no earthquake or terrorist insurance. It was stated corporations of our size do not carry earthquake insurance there was a question about having terrorist insurance given the what has been going on. It will be looked into. It was noted that since we receive funding through Medicare, medicaid, and HUD we are required to have a high level of coverage.

There was a long discussion about the role and responsibility of Board members. Members of the Boards are appointed for the areas of expertise/backgrounds and are not to represent any affiliations they have to any community, religion, or other boards. The Board members signed agreements to that affect and the community representative signed agreements not to divulge any confidential information.

During a lunch break for staff and community reps Kevin Geber was given his annual review and received an outstanding rating.

The litigation with the Bishop is ongoing with nothing new to report.

Finances were on target 2 months into the new fiscal year.

There was a brief discussion of a proposal by a SFT resident that any income that exceeded the projects be returned in the form of a reduction in monthly fees. While the Board did feel there was a practical way to do this they did agree that any excess should be looked at more closely.

Community Reports:

Webster House – working on bring the two communities (Lytton Gardens) closer together with activities. Staffing remains a problem with the high cost of living. Still need air conditioning in the buildings especially for those in medical.

SFT – The President and Vice President of the council both resigned after a couple of months. There is a small but vocal group opposed to leaving the Dioceses of CA.

SLV – They have 40 people on a wait list for two bedroom units. More residents are needing a higher level of care. Residents would like to establish a dog park. There will be an “Open house” at the del gardens.

SPT – Would like to upgrade/redesign the AV and cabling systems to individual apartments so movie could be seen “at home”.

LGM – food services are not working well. They need a permanent chef. They now have campus wide Wi-Fi.

CW – With the significant number of new residents and also residents choosing to move out have left many with a sense that the “feeling” of permanence has changed. It is also noted that this has put a strain on all the staff

Senior Resources at Home – program is off to a slow start. Many that take the training don’t go to the next step of getting certified.

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