

Minutes from Beverly Farm Cottages Parents' Group Meeting - Stahl, Smith, Herring, Chappee, and Beverly, October 3, 2010

Attendees who signed in: Brian Birnbaum, Gary and Kathy Linke, George and Patricia Mayes, Alice Down, Jeff and Polly Rosignol, Keith Riddell, Jim Doyle, Louise Doyle, Dale Kridner, Sasha Morris, Carol Buerger, David Dezarn, Marj Dezarn, Lecia Hearn, Jane Taylor, Ted Szywala, Janet Nance, Lonnie Nance, Kevin Birnbaum, Jeanette Birnbaum, Bryan Jansel, Joel Curry, Kiley Voss, Stephanie Rogers, Deborah Clanton, Jim Hurwitz, Ellie and Barry Allswang, Mark Dott, Keith Wright, Katy Buerger, Geri Grisham, Lee Birnbaum, Suzanne Hurwitz, Lynda Power, Bill McMahon, Bonnie Kridner, Rya Caf, Joan Brown, Kathy Stevenson, Cathy Devening, Judy Johnston, Bob Johnston, Jim Spindel, Sherry Spindel, Carolyn Fisher, Helen Szywala, and Elaine Pontius. (*italics note staff members*)

The meeting was called to order by Brian Birnbaum and introductions were made by everybody in attendance. Nancy Giffin, Unit Director, gave an update on the staffing for the cottages. We were five supervisors short but now only two short, one in Smith and one in Chappee. Otherwise things are good, we are almost fully staffed.

There was a question asked regarding the Christmas holiday agenda and Nancy informed of the various activities that the Cottages do with the residents: a Christmas Party at DT, a gift exchange with a church in Colorado, bus rides to see Christmas lights, and that they have a lot of decorations also.

Next, we discussed the purpose of our group: to raise money. Gerri Grisham, our Treasurer, then gave her report. She advised that we have money and it does not seem like we are getting that many requests. She suggested that if there is something that a group would like to do they should put in a request.

The cottage representatives then gave their semiannual request as follows:

Stahl - Tint for their windows (to keep out the sun), and a camera

Smith - Sensory room items

Herring - Will contact Geri Grisham with their request

Chappee - Therapeutic molded chairs

Beverly - Comforters

Brian Birnbaum then explained that our membership dues are \$50.00 a year and they are paid in the Fall. Of course, payments over \$50 are welcome and it is okay to pay less if you are unable. These can be paid by cash or check at the Fall Meeting or can be sent in later. Please make the check out to "Beverly Farm Foundation" and then in the memo section notate, "Beverly Cottages Parent Group Dues". If you are mailing your dues in, please mark them to Attn: Brenda Miller.

Geri Grisham then discussed other things that the Parent Group pays for such as an employee of the month award, each cottage gets \$500 in Christmas money for gifts, and the week before Christmas Geri gets snacks, fruits and candy and delivers them to the cottages.

Our next line of business was the raffle. At this time I, took a moment to recognize Dr. and Mrs. Lyn's contributions to our Group as they were the ones that were instrumental in creating the Raffle fundraiser, over twenty years ago. Their son Michael passed away this past June. I advised that I had spoken

with Mrs. Lyn and true to her character, she asked that any memorials be directed to the Beverly Farm Foundation. The Group also remembered our parent Fay Schweitzer, of whom the staff were particularly fond and remembered her for always asking how they were doing and if they needed anything. Fay also contributed to our Group in various capacities through the years.

The Raffle is our Group's only fundraiser. The Group donates a raffle ticket to each staff employee of the Group Cottages. This year's raffle brought in \$3,110! The raffle winners are as follows: Demarco Womack, a staff member from Stahl cottage won the Crystal Bowl, Sonya Dixon, a staff member from Herring won the \$100 Home Depot Card, Andre Davis, a staff member from Smith won the "Grandpa's Treasure Chest, collectible plate, Ayron Riddlespriyer, a staff member from Herring won the "A Mother's Pride" collectible plate, and Larry Taliana won the \$75 Target Gift Card. I am very pleased to have already received several donations for next year's raffle also. If you would like to donate an item, please contact me at (513) 753-4635 or email katydid2@fuse.net or 4050 Cedarwood Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45245. Thank you to all for your continued support!

Our Spring meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2011 to May 1, 2011. The Fall meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2011 to September 25, 2011. Should anyone wish to email Brian Birnbaum to get on an email list, his email is brian.birnbaum@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all in the Spring!

Regards,

Kathryn Buerger