

Golden Age Manor
Governing Committee Meeting
May 17, 2007

Members Present: Gary Bergstrom, Eugene Sollman, Rodney Littlefield, and Arthur Gamache.

Absence: Wayne Tomfohrde

Others Present: Tonya Weinert, Jeff Fuge, Larry Jepsen, Roxanne Malum, Gary Taxdahl, Wendy Johnson, members of the public and members of the press.

G. Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

R. Littlefield made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose that the amended agenda was not posted for 7 days. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. A. Gamache made a motion to approve the amended agenda. R. Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion carried with A. Gamache yes, R. Littlefield yes, G. Bergstrom yes and G. Sollman no.

R. Littlefield made a motion to approve the April 26, 2007 minutes. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by A. Gamache yes, R. Littlefield yes, G. Sollman yes, and G. Bergstrom yes.

Public Comments were given.

Financial Report – the board members reviewed the financial report. G. Bergstrom stated that he has contacted Steve Tracy to see about booking back the IGT money that was received in 2007 for 2006.

Approval of Vouchers – A. Gamache made a motion to approve the vouchers. R. Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Administrator Report/Members Report – Reports were given.

Items of Business

Item A was struck from the agenda on May 14, 2007.

B. Discussion of Make Up of the Golden Age Manor Board – G. Bergstrom stated that W. Tomfohrde's term as a board member was up in April and that the County Board Chair has to appoint a replacement. G. Bergstrom stated that he would like to see the bylaws changed to that at least one person on the board has experience from the nursing home business. Jeff Fuge handed out information for the board to review, also a copy of the bylaws were given to all board members. Jeff Fuge stated that W. Tomfohrde serves on the board until the County Board Chairman appoints a replacement and the replacement is approved by the County Board. The board will take action on this item in June.

C. Private Pay Rates – Gary Taxdahl handed out the proposed rate increase for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2007 or June 30 2008, and he also showed the board members a comparison between GAM and what other nursing homes charge for private pay rates. G. Taxdahl stated that as of January 1st he would like to go to the rates according to the RUG's score. G. Sollman made a motion to approve the proposed private pay rates for 2007 and to change the private room rates from \$10.00 per day to \$15.00 per day. R. Littlefield seconded the motion. R. Littlefield made a motion to amend the motion to strike the June 30, 2008 and revisit this issue in December. A.

Gamache seconded the motion. Amended Motion carried by A. Gamache yes, R. Littlefield yes, G. Bergstrom yes and G. Sollman no. Original Motion as amended carried by A. Gamache yes, R. Littlefield yes, G. Bergstrom yes, G. Sollman yes.

- D. Report on Vernon and Lincoln County – Gary Taxdahl handed out information about Lincoln County and the amount of the levy for the past three years. Gary stated that Vernon County is losing money without the IGT money.
- E. Travel – None
- F. 5-year Maintenance Plan – Gary Taxdahl handed out a page from the last annual report for the 5-year maintenance plan. Gary went over the report with the board members. A. Gamache stated that this report was more like a wish list and not a plan. Art would like to see what is in the most demand at the present time. A. Gamache would like to see a proposal for the carpeting, windows etc. with the total cost, where the money is coming from. G. Bergstrom stated that maybe it could be incorporated in the budget process.
- G. Housekeeping Equipment no action taken item struck.

The board took a break at 4:10 p.m. back in session at 4:21 p.m.

- H. Claims Against Golden Age Manor – R. Littlefield made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to WI Statute Section 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who will provide oral or written advice concerning strategy that the body will adopt by the Golden Age Manor Board with respect to pending litigation in which Golden Age Manor Nursing Home is involved. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by G. Sollman yes, R. Littlefield yes, A. Gamache yes. G. Bergstrom yes. A. Gamache made a motion to go into Open Session. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by G. Sollman yes, A. Gamache yes, R. Littlefield yes, and G. Bergstrom yes.
- I. Item I was struck from the agenda on May 14, 2007.
- J. Leave of Absence – R. Littlefield made a motion to approve the LOA as this is an ongoing LOA. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by G. Sollman yes, R. Littlefield yes, A. Gamache yes and G. Bergstrom yes.
- K. R. Littlefield made a motion to go into Closed Sessions pursuant to WI State. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by G. Sollman yes, R. Littlefield yes, A. Gamache yes and G. Bergstrom yes.

Special Meeting will be held on June 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Government Center and the Governing Committee meeting will be June 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Golden Age Manor.

G. Sollman made a motion for adjournment. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by G. Sollman yes, R. Littlefield yes, A. Gamache yes and G. Bergstrom yes. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Wayne Tomfohrde, Secretary
Recorded by Wendy Johnson