

FOXWOOD SPRINGS RESIDENTS' COUNCIL

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

At its February 5, 2018 Annual Business Meeting, the FSRC Board elected two new members. Bill McMahon, who was a 30 year member of the Kansas City Fire Department was elected to replace Denise Olmsted as a regular member on the Board. He is a volunteer in the Furniture Garages. Jim Gilchrist was elected as an alternate member; alternate members participate fully in meetings but they may vote only when a regular Board member is not present. Jim has worked in sales for a large company and has also owned his own business. He is a regular volunteer at Vespers.

We appreciate the many years of service on the Board of Denise Olmsted. She has always been a strong supporter of the Fellowship of John program. Cliff Jones, Pat McLaughlin, Barbara Peden, and Marjorie Slavens were elected to continue serving for the term 2018-2020. Officers elected for 2018 are: Marjorie Slavens, President, Barbara Peden, Vice President, Donna Green, Secretary, Byron Gilbreath, Treasurer, and Carol Middleton, Assistant Treasurer.

FALL FESTIVAL, 2018

The FSRC Board has selected Bob and Donna Wallis as Fall Festival Committee Chairs for the 2018 Festival. They met with the Board and discussed some of their plans for the Festival. They have been contacting local businesses to solicit prizes to be given. They will soon meet with the Festival Committee to discuss some of their proposals and to begin planning for Festival, 2018.

In response to comments at the Fall Festival Committee meeting to review Festival 2017, the Board has decided to limit the number of items which will be available for lunch. There will be two or three sandwiches, chips, and desserts available this year, as

well as drinks. It has been difficult for volunteers to offer additional sides. There will be a set price for lunch which will be determined.

Donna and Bob would like to find volunteers to help them with their responsibilities this year. Last year, Cliff and Margaret Jones were Festival Chairs, with Bob and Donna as their assistants. If you are interested in helping them, please talk to them about what would be required for this position.

INCOME AND EXPENSE

Assistant Treasurer Carol Middleton has prepared the following Income and Expense report for 2017, comparing it to the 2016 report. (Numbers are rounded to the nearest dollar.

INCOME	2017	2016
Gift Shop	\$ 8,752	\$ 9,350
EBay Sales	281	288
Thrift Shop		
Furniture	87,960	81,522
Bargain Barn	44,515	40,867
Memorials	13,777	13,870
Honoraria	750	775
Donations	9,365	5,906
Bequests	53,978	22,611
Property Sales	0	10,000
Endowment	8,333	9,157
Interest		
Am Cen Int/Div	88,610	91,487
Christian Church		
Foundation	44,315	43,633
Interest/Other	84	66
Total Interest	133,008	135,186
Fall Festival		
Bake Shop	2,739	2,671
Vendor Donations	1,150	820

Raffle	903	725
Holiday Shop	1,202	1,574
Jewelry Shop	3,609	3,554
Individual donations	500	200
Food Court	2,841	2,301
Silent Auction	1,773	2,137
Candy Stand	0	960
Book Nook	595	799
Thrift Shop		
Furniture	2,430	2,449
Bargain Barn	1,133	910
Gift Shop	1,594	1,533
Fall Festival	<u>20,469</u>	20,630
Total Income	\$381,187	\$350,162
EXPENSE		
Office Expense	745	156
Operating Expense		
Post Office Box	229	84
Thrift Shop	169	763
Bargain Barn	387	134
Fall Festival	1,419	1,277
Corp. Registration	0	21
Bonding	90	90
Insurance	1,122	1,122
Gift Shop	592	482
Safety Deposit Box	35	35
FSRC Operating	45	45
Total Operating	4,088	4,054
Brookdale	88,392	96,888
Legal Fees	150	150
Accounting Fees	1,075	1,065
Total Expense	\$ 94,449	\$102,316
Net Income	\$286,738	\$247,845
Unrealized Gain/Loss on		
Investments	\$405,624	\$149,510
Net Income	\$692,362	\$397,355

The total earnings for year around venues and their earnings for the Fall Festival are listed separately in the preceding report. Their annual total earnings for 2017 are: Gift Shop, \$10,306; Thrift Sho/Furniture Garages, \$90,390; and Bargain Barn \$45,648.

The Asset Report, December 31, 2017
Bank, \$33,829.05; Cash Drawer, \$325.00;
American Century, \$3,062,000.67; Christian
Church Foundation, \$1,029,762.84; Total,
4,125,917.56. About 25% of our assets are
restricted, and only the interest is available to us.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

Everyone who works to preserve the Fellowship of John program here is a volunteer; we have no paid staff. Some of our volunteers have several jobs. There are some excellent volunteers who do not live here but want to help support the Fellowship of John program. We are very grateful to all of you who help in so many ways. If you are a new resident and would like to volunteer, you can inquire of the Managers of our various venues about the kinds of assistance they need.

The Thrift Shop opened here in May, 2006 with Norma Lilja and Yvonne Paysinger as Co-managers. Yvonne has been Manager since Norma's death. However, she has many wonderful volunteers who work regular three and a half hour shifts on Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. In addition, some of these workers come back to help at other times when they are needed or if they are working on a special project. Al Morse has been Furniture Garages Manager for several years and has worked very well with the men who help us in that area. Al has a number of volunteer jobs, including President of Midwest Computer Genealogists, an Elder at Raymore Christian Church, proof reader with his wife, Dorothy, for this newsletter and the MCG Newsletter, and he delivers newspapers early in the morning to the doors of residents in several Parishes. He will continue to work in the Garages but is retiring as Manager.

Large items may be purchased in the Thrift Shop or Furniture Garages and stored for a week. A deposit is required for an item to be held, and it must be picked up in a week. Our storage space is limited, and we encourage customers to claim their purchases as soon as they can.

Yvonne and several of her excellent volunteers also work to sort donations in apartments and homes which are transferred to the Thrift Shop and Bargain Barn

Donna Saunders Manages the Bargain Barn, and she has a large group of volunteers who work three hour shifts on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Peg Crawford sorts clothing donations for both the Barn and the Thrift Shop. In addition to cashiers and sackers on the days the Barn is open, Donna has volunteers who are responsible for sorting and pricing items in different special areas in the Barn. She says the Barn will open again on March 1, if the weather permits. (There will be a line waiting at the door!.) Donna and her workers have been working throughout the winter to sort donated items; they work throughout the winter , even when the Barn is closed, and there is not very much heat. She needs volunteers to count the proceeds on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays for a half hour at the end of the day. She says she can use one person for all three days or three people to work one day each.

Donna Longhenry manages the Gift Shop. She has a group of excellent volunteers who work three hour shifts on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Items for sale are made by residents and friends of Foxwood. Clothing repair and alteration are also available; contact Donna for details.

Carol Middleton is our Assistant Treasurer. She uses Quick Books and MS Word to maintain financial records and prepare letters of acknowledgment for our generous donors. For many years, Dagmar Merrick has proofed and mailed these letters for us; she is an excellent worker, and those of us who have prepared correspondence for the FOJ really appreciate her help. Our Secretary, Donna Green, takes our Minutes and sends letters to the families of residents for whom Memorial donations have been given. Donna and her husband, Jim, pick up the newsletters from the UPS Store, where they are printed, count out the number of copies needed for each Parish, and take them to the Parish Mailboxes for Friday mail delivery.

Treasurer Byron Gilbreath is Chair of our Investment Committee, on which Carol Middleton and Cliff Jones also serve. This committee meets with our financial advisors at American Century. In addition, Byron deposits the funds raised by the various venues and pays all of the bills.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELP

We are grateful to Brookdale for providing some services and space for our fund-raising venues. Maintenance workers transport large donated items from homes and apartments to the appropriate venues. They also help us transfer items to locations where volunteers sort them for Fall Festival venues. They set up Holmes Hall at the time of the Fall Festival.

Brookdale, a for-profit corporation, cannot advertise the Fellowship of John because they receive the financial benefit of assistance provided for residents who have outlived their resources and want to continue to live here. We appreciate the assistance of Brianne Foster, Director of Financial Services and her staff, especially Marlyn Anderson, who help FOJ applicants gather their required documentation for their FOJ applications. They send the applications and documentation to the Application Committee of the Christian Church of Greater Kansas City for evaluation. Our residents do not see the personal financial information of fellow residents who apply for FOJ assistance; bills are sent to us by number rather than by resident name.

Our Investment Committee has been assisted by John Leis formerly of American Century and Roy Fortner, formerly of Fortner Investments with our American Century accounts. Kirby Gould from the Christian Church Foundation has been very helpful with our CCF account.

Marjorie Slavens, Editor

DONATIONS, DECEMBER 29, 2017-JANUARY 27, 2018

MEMORIALS

December, 2017

Pierce, Virginia & Joan Flamm/Doug Sutherland
Sayre, Herwana/Gene Frazier
Stamps, Guy & Rebecca/Gene Frazier
Stamps, Guy & Rebecca/Doug Sutherland
Wilkerson, Brian & Joni/Lloyd Wilkerson

January, 2018

Collins, Bob & Pat/Doug Sutherland
Dickey, Marsha/Martha Ryan
Forsthoffer, Robert & Arlene/Martha Ryan
Geuss, John & Susan/Martha Ryan
Gilbreath, C. Byron & Suzanne/Gene Frazier
Gilbreath, C. Byron & Suzanne/Lora M. Montgomery
Gould, John & Kirby/Gene Frazier
Huscher, Ronald & Linda/Martha Ryan
James, Mollie/Lois & Elisha Keeler
Longhenry, Lew & Donna/Betty Corder
Marcotte, Linette/Doug Sutherland
Olmsted, Denise/Lucille Creech
Olmsted, Denise/Gene Frazier
Parish #23/Lora M. Montgomery
Ryan, Kenneth E./Martha Ryan
Smith, Whitney & Dorothy/Doug Sutherland
Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel Duxbury
Yarrow, Andrew L./Doug Sutherland
Yount, Karen & Bennie/Sherman Casady
Yount, Karen & Bennie/Marie Snyder
Yount, Karen & Bennie/Bob Blackwell

HONORARIA

December, 2017

Parish 20–Lee Hankins
Parish 20/Art Tees

January, 2018

Collins, Bob & Pat/Lee Hankins
Collins, Bob & Pat/Art Tees

DONATIONS

December, 2017

Berry, Arthur & Norma
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January, 2018

Berry, Arthur & Norma
Countryside Christian Church
Raymore Christian Church
Read, Jack
St. Andrew Christian Church

BEQUEST

Robert and Nancy Zimmerman Estate

ENDOWMENT

Roach/Donaldson Fund

Foxwood Springs Residents' Council
Box 701
Raymore, MO 64083

FSRC Board

Marjorie Slavens, President, Barbara Peden, Vice President, Donna Green Secretary, Byron Gilbreath, Treasurer, Carol Middleton, Assistant Treasurer; Ruth Baird, Priscilla Darling, Janet Farrow, Jim Gilchrist, Gerri Greer, Cliff Jones, Pat McLaughlin, Bill McMahan, Ray Nixon, Yvonne Paysinger, Guy Stamps