

**The Nathaniel Witherell  
Town of Greenwich CT  
Family Council Meeting**

Date: Sunday, June 13, 2008

Location: Auditorium

Call to order: Harry Monies, Chairman of the Family Council called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Over 50 family members, residents and others were in attendance and were served a light lunch.

Revised Bylaws:

Irene Theriot, Vice Chair, presented the revised Family Council Bylaws, which were previously circulated. The revised Bylaws were unanimously approved.

Election of Family Council Board Members for 2008-2009:

A proposed slate of officers was presented and the Chairman asked for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations and the proposed slate passed unanimously. Board members will serve for a full calendar year. Officers include Chairman: Harry Monies; Vice-Chair: Irene Theriot; Secretary: Carol Lindstrum. Board Members include: Maryann Chiapetta, Liaison to the Nathaniel Witherell Board; Joyce Jordan; Rose Stearns; Sandra Chiesa; Lillian Degler; Nancy Chang and Carolyn Hammer.

Fundraising:

Mary Bruce, Director of Recreation, thanked the council for the \$461 raised at the annual summer family picnic saying it would be used to purchase a special brand of ice cream for residents.

Chaplaincy:

Tony Correale, a Lay Chaplain, discussed the pastoral care at the home and showed a professionally prepared film about the mission and activities of the Chaplaincy program. At least eighteen programs are offered on this site each month.

“Anti-psychotic drug use in the Elderly”:

Dr. Martin Drooker, Psychiatrist, spoke about the risks and benefits of such medication. Residents are monitored as to how they respond to all medications and any dosages are initiated at low dosages.

Building Renewal Update:

Bill Kowalewski, Executive Director, said three architectural firms would present plans this week and a final choice would be made within weeks in anticipation of the construction work beginning in Spring 2009. Every effort will be made to minimize disturbance to residents.

First Selectman:

Peter Tesei recalled visiting his grandmother as a child when she resided on the West Wing. He thanked the staff and Board of Directors for their devotion and efforts. He stressed that his door was always open to all and, that while he remained vigilant about keeping town expenses under control, he wants to preserve vital town services.

Closing:

New business: There will be a public hearing in Town Hall on 7/30 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss funding for a patio garden on the lower level for dementia patients and their families. This grew out of a suggestion from Mary Bruce. Board Member, Chris Thurlow and Mary Bruce provided a tour of the proposed area for attendees.

Meeting adjourned at apx. 3:30 p.m.

The date of the next meeting is Sunday, October 26, 2008.

Carol Lindstrum, Secretary

