Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:10. Attendees: Barbara Bracco, Carol Barbieri, Linda Cautero, Ginny Keller, Denise Waite Milykovic, Jim Shea and Sarah Quinn. Quorum was established. Meeting minutes of the April 2, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Old Business

It was determined that the agenda could not be completely followed and all planned tasks could not be completed in the absence of Josh Grant and Angella Cisco-Ferreira who represent management.

Review of monthly events in April/early May.

- It was reported by a committee member that the response she had heard from the wine dinner held on April 15 was that the food was fabulous.
- Reaction to the Pizza and Pub Dinner/Dance was not as good. Feedback was that food was “spotty” some didn’t like the food; there were times when buffet was empty before food being replenished; some thought DJ was not interactive. There was question about whether menus are trying to offer too many choices making it difficult for kitchen staff to “keep up.”
- Comedy Night on 4/27 a total success. The food was wonderful and it was a plated service rather than buffet and the comedian was wonderful. It was determined this should be repeated.
- Quatro de Mayo event. Comments were the DJ selected was great; very interactive. The turnout was only mediocre. Food was only mediocre according to comments. There was nothing outstanding.
- Comments on the Mother’s Day Brunch said food was inconsistent...some fabulous; some not so good. Feedback from the bridge luncheon is there were no healthy offerings.
- Feedback from pasta night is that we are perhaps offering too much of a mixture of food offerings with no healthy options.

Committee recommendation: Offer some lighter, healthy options on menus.

Calendar review.

Discussion held about the changing of the anniversary night to “down home cooking buffet” effective in June. It was the understanding of the committee members that the Anniversary night would not be changed until the fall to coincide with the budget. Rumor has it that people celebrating anniversaries may point it out and they will be given their free meal. If this is the case, it has not been published. First evening for this change appears to be June 19 but not publicity has been put out yet.

It was noted there is a Dance on June 8 which was titled “Shipwrecked” with a menu from around the world. There is also a dance in July titled “Running of the Bulls;”; neither event has been widely advertised and few committee members had heard about them. Question raised as to whether the menu is too ambitious.
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The comments we are hearing is that events need to be posted earlier. Recommendation is that events, even though menu and price have not been determined, should be posted and advertised at least 3 months out. Can use “details to follow” but let everyone know of planned events far enough ahead.

There was also a question regarding the previous discussion of possibly having Cheeseburger in Paradise on Thursday evenings “in season.”

NEW BUSINESS

CDD Update
Jim Shea went over the Strategic Direction document distributed to all residents. He answered questions while reviewed the CDD Strategic Plan. Reiterated the CDD plan to explore taking the management of security, landscaping and management back to the CDD under one management company to see if there would be efficiencies and cost savings. RFPs have been sent out and received back. CDD will begin to review those proposals. Also discussed, was securing the pool and fitness areas by use of an electronic scan card or fob to keep record of access and usage. This plan is in the budget review presently.

Management update will be conducted at the continuation of this meeting. Another item from the management is the possible purchase of new chairs for the River Club. The present chairs required extensive dry cleaning and some of them are beginning to be threadbare. Angella is looking at selling these chairs and purchasing new chairs with a different configuration that are less bulky. It was determined this proposal should go to Josh and then on to the CDD for budget consideration.

ADJOURN
No further business could be conducted without the management input. Therefore, it was moved that this meeting be continued on June 4 at 10:00 a.m. or another date determined to accommodate all committee member schedules.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.