

2015 Annual Report of the KORA Council Committees, Subcommittees, Service, Special Interest and Support Groups

Name of Group: Care and Nurturing Subcommittee: Memorial Services

2015 Chair(s): Carol Harvey

Chair since January 2015

2016 Chair: Carol Harvey

1. Current mission statement:

To help the family of a deceased resident plan a memorial service. This may include help with the location of the service (Kendal or a local church), choosing a clergy person, with the music, the reception, and the myriad details which accompany these decisions. This is particularly helpful if the family is from out of town. To attend and help during the service and make sure all runs smoothly. To be more than a friendly face and support family members while creating a celebration of their loved one's life.

2. Changes to mission statement: ___ Yes or X No. Indicate changes if necessary

3. Summary of activities and accomplishments:

22 residents have died since November 14, 2014

12 memorial services were held at Kendal. Attendance ranged from 48 to 232 people

1 service was held at First Church, with transportation provided

9 families either wished to have no service or held one in their own location away from Kendal

Social Services, Facilities, Dining, the Front Desk, and Administration all cooperate to help provide this service to families wishing to honor and remember those members of our community who have died. Last year, under Ardith Hayes's watch, many organizing protocols were worked out for planning, managing, and ushering. These lists and directives make our job easy.

Helping families honor their loved ones is a blessing. We often get requests for unusual seating arrangements. The smallest memorial service this year was in the Education Building and the largest completely filled both the Auditorium and Lounge. We have been able to accommodate several unusual requests because of the help and cooperation of residents with special talents.

4. Problems? Needs? We seem to be doing well as of now.

5. Plans for 2016 and future: To continue learning to do a better job.

6. Committee members:

When Ardith Hayes became president of KORA she asked me to take over as chair. She remains

our advisor and assists as she can. Sue Palmieri and Bob Van Dale make up the rest of the committee. Sue and I find that we like working together, but any of us could handle the arrangements on our own. Bob is always ready to help if he is in town.