

### **Decorating Committee Report**

The Decorating Committee met in the Social Room on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 1:30 PM. In attendance were Dee Platt, Chairman, Maude Campbell, Board Liaison, Gail Carpenter, Donna Wardanian, Cheryl Thompson, Gail Crane, Fran Grier, Wilda Gastelu and Ceel Spuhler.

The Chairman opened the meeting by summarizing the minutes of October 21, 2014. The minutes from now on will be listed on Creciente's web site. The committee learned that as we only have \$1,000 budgeted for this coming year, plans must be made to complete the Social Room and the art selections are now a priority. The Chairman obtained many pieces of art from Ali Abbasi Gallery to bring forth some ideas. It was most helpful to the committee to see how these were hung on a special thread to assure the fabric of the whisper walls would not be harmed as well as the weight of the various board thicknesses would hold.

The Chairman acknowledged appreciation to the Social Committee for funding the new accessories for our Meeting Room. Those members who took part in selecting the lamp and greenery, handsome cabinet knobs, and the candle holders were Maraby Allardt, Sally Hadden, Carol Kucharek, Kathy Luce and Donna Wardanian}. Many who attended the recent Movie Night had the enjoyment of the use of the candles and new lamp which gave off such soft lighting.

Since it is a priority to complete what is to be displayed on the walls, discussion covered type of appropriate finishes, thickness of board material, various themes of subject, size etc. To enhance the accessories that are featured above the cabinets suggestions were discussed for suitable lighting. The two ideas to be investigated were the use of eyeball fixtures or rope lighting which appealed to the majority in attendance. This will be shared with the Social Committee as to the best application. Chairman will check the feasibility of this with Craig.

A report was then handed out of the monies dispersed for the committees use in the re-decorating of the Social Room. Total Cost for the Social Room and new carpet for the Office (\$16,528.)

From the Board's Operating and Reserve Funds	\$8,173
From anonymous donors	\$8,355
Remaining balance end of 2014	\$ 14

The possibility of Energy efficient lighting was brought to the committee but although savings would result, it was felt the Board would not accept the \$1200-1400 cost at this time.

It was also mentioned an anonymous donor purchased 4 card tables and 12 chairs as the old ones needed replacement.

An E-mail response to the Chairman from a Board member as to the committee's plans and goals resulted in the following Mission statement being crafted and accepted, I believe by consensus.

The Mission Statement for Creciente's Decorating Committee is to ensure that the common areas such as the Social Room, Mail Rooms, the Elevator Lobbies of the North, South, and East Buildings and interior hallways are decorated in a tasteful, appropriate, up-to date style for the residents who are fortunate to call Creciente their home. We strive to create an attractive functional environment with our designs to enhance the lifestyle here at Creciente.

Added discussion continued on the art pieces and how they were to be fabricated. Suggestions of canvas wrap, flat boards, as well as oil art and use of sculpture. Members are to put their own input into the finding suitable pieces and bring back to the next meeting as so many ideas were presented.

The Chairman then explained the last item on the agenda pertained to the two large projects ahead of us in 2015 and 2016. Painting of the exterior and new carpet in hallways. The Chairman had investigated the Benjamin Moore Paints and Sherwin Williams did an on site evaluation of our buildings. She had sent for other larger samples of color which the committee liked and chose a few that they felt most suitable. Additional samples will be ordered. When selected those colors could be displayed on the exterior walls for owners to view.

Discussion brought about the question if the current shade of salmon could be changed without a vote of all the owners. This should not be a material change, as it is only the color that would be changed. The material being the concrete, which obviously still remains concrete.

Meeting closed at 3PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ceel Spuhler

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ceel Spuhler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.