

DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

TO: Anne Mele, President, Sorrento Board
Sorrento Board Members
FROM: Margaret D. Stengel, Ed.D., Chairman
Decorating Committee
DATE: May 15, 2011
RE: **REPORT/RECOMMENDATION OF DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Due to schedule demands related to the end of the season and Committee members who were organizing to leave, it was difficult to convene a "formal" meeting of the Decorating Committee after the April 18th Board Meeting. A limited number of Committee members were available to speak with Julie on Wednesday, April 20th, and again on Friday, April 29th.

Social Room: Carpeting for the social room was discussed with two options presented. In addition, discussion focused on whether to keep or replace and reupholster the sofa in the Social Room which is badly soiled. During these discussions, the Committee presented to Julie the idea of a leather sofa for the room. She subsequently brought two concepts to the Committee for consideration.

Committee members were asked to review both the carpet sample and the sofa recommendation which Julie had made available in the office and to email their thoughts regarding each item to me prior to my writing a report/recommendation to the Board. (It should be noted that the carpet sample that the Committee selected for consideration had been presented to the Committee in April.)

As a result, the majority of the Committee approved the carpet sample and the sofa as items for recommendation to the Board. The Committee felt that if the Board approved one or both recommendations at the May meeting, orders could be placed and replacement of the carpet could occur during the summer/fall months with minimal impact on residential life at the Sorrento.

Guest Suites/Hallway Carpeting: The Committee visited and discussed refreshing the guest suites. It was determined that, given the time constraints at the present time, that this work could wait until next season. In addition, replacement of carpets for the hallways will also be discussed next season. The Committee would not proceed with hallway carpet recommendations until all residents were either back or would have an opportunity to provide input.

Lobby Project: The lobby project is proceeding. Most ordered pieces have been received, with the exception of the reupholstering of the chairs in the elevator lobbies. Fabric has been ordered but is not expected to be received until June. The Committee would like the present chairs to be fabric protected asap as well as the glass top for the cocktail table to be measured and delivered. There are still miscellaneous items that need to be considered including a mirror for the mailbox area table, lamps and possibly additional accessories. These items can wait until Committee members return.

Miscellaneous: The Committee and Julie discussed utilization of present items in the Sorrento as a means to refresh areas with limited additional cost to provide an updated look. Some furniture items and art work were rearranged in the Social Room to "try out" new configurations to determine appeal. This continues to be a topic for discussion.

Recommendation:

Move forward with the carpet for the social room and the leather sofa as per the invoice with the intent of ordering and replacing the carpet during the "off season". (Carpet \$8004; Sofa \$5400; Design fee \$500; Delivery and placement of sofa \$300). Total: \$14204