

MINUTES
THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, December 10, 2018; 3:30 PM in the Welcome Room

CALL TO ORDER: President Gil Kaufman called the meeting to order. All Directors were present except Rich Woolley. A moment of silence was observed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 12, 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting and the November 19, 2018 General Meeting were posted in the Mail Room and the Library. There were no corrections or additions and they will be filed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Marianne Jarvis reported that she sent 11 cards. Please let her know of anyone who needs one.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim McMullen reported that the account balance as of October 31, 2018 was \$38,917 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$30,354, leaving an operating balance of \$8,563. Income for November was \$415 and expenses were \$702, leaving a deficit of (\$287). The operating balance as of November 30, 2018 was \$8,276. The Employee Appreciation Fund was \$55,919, leaving an account balance Of \$64,195.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Reed reported that the Employee Appreciation Fund has now grown to more than \$55,000, the highest ever from 95% of the residents.

REPORTS FROM THE MOORINGS AT LEWES MANAGEMENT: Gil Kaufman reported that the Third Quarterly financial review with our Financial Working Group held no significant surprises, but The Moorings continues to run at a larger-than-budgeted deficit because of lower-than-budgeted census during the period.

Also, the Third Quarter meeting of The Moorings Board of Trustees was held. All residents will get a summary of the proceedings of that meeting, as has happened after each of these Trustees meetings. The most significant item was the discussion of the new New Jersey law governing contractual refund payments to estates of residents passing in CCRCs. The new law mandates that payouts be made in a sequence of the units being vacated rather than pending the units' resale, as it was before. We have felt the old system was flawed and were able to reinforce that point with Springpoint management.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Carol Bishop reported the following activities:

- 12/9 – Cadbury Chorus Christmas Concert at 7 pm
- 12/11 – Lunch at Iron Hill Brewery and Lights of Love beginning at 4:30 pm
- 12/12 – Cadbury Chorus Concert for AL and Lunch at Jimmy's Grill and shopping at Bed Bath and Beyond and Fresh Market
- 12/16 – Rehoboth Beach Concert Band – tickets \$25 to Carol Bishop
- 12/17 – Men's lunch at 1776 and Dinner at Baywood to see the Christmas decorations
- 12/19 – Holiday Tea, Trivia, Caroling, Cookies and Hot chocolate in the Bistro
- 12/21 – Happy Hour with the White Elephant Party
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve Dinner
- 12/25 – Lunch in Bistro and at 1 pm Caroling with Nancy Krail
- 12/26 – La Traviata at the Rehoboth Beach Film Society – tickets \$22 in advance

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12/31 – New Years' Eve Dinner and Dance with the Baytones

In January, activities will be:

1/1/19 – 7 pm the first "Coffee House" in the Bistro hosted by George Maxey. (see below)

Also, there will be two of Andy's Mystery Trips, a day browsing area Thrift Shops, and a trip to Milford to Big Lots and a Sam's Club Grocery Store in the Walmart there. The Committee will miss Vi Cribb who has been with them for 10 years who is retiring.

George Maxey reported on the new Coffee House to begin Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 7 pm in the Bistro adjacent to the wall with the fireplace. It will consist of an open-mic session in which residents, staff, family, and friends are invited to share their music, poetry, stories, and jokes. It will also have a sing-a-long session with George like the ones previously held during Happy Hours once a month. George will be the host. Participants are asked to bring goodies to share. Dining will provide coffee and hot chocolate. Participants can also bring other beverages of their choice. A sound system (amplifier with microphone and instrument input) has been purchased along with a microphone, mike stand and boom, and input chords. This system will be used at the Coffee House as well as at any Moorings events that require a sound system.

George Maxey also reported on the Winter Table Shuffleboard League which continues to do well. To date, all scheduled matches have been played through week 8 of 13. The 14 teams participating will continue until December 17. The weekly standings are posted on The Moorings' TV display. For phase 2, a Kick-off meeting is planned for January 2, 2019 for play starting January 19th.

George also reported that the "Three Strikes" Shuffleboard games which are played after Happy Hour have been a big success. There are usually between 8 and 12 players and almost as many onlookers. Everyone has a lot of fun and they all comment on what a great addition the donated shuffleboard table has been to our home here.

Communication: Sallie Corbishley reported that the main focus now is to have the Newsletter professionally printed, backing up of website responsibilities and documents, craft-room computer checking, and that regular meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month. The Newsletter will be out in March and articles are due by February 7th.

Dining: Corinne Lehman reported that the comment card average for meals was 4.1. All kitchen staff positions are filled at the present. Kevin left December 7th to work closer to his home and Tim will be taking two months' leave for personal reasons. Training will continue with servers. In January a wine and food pairing dinner will be tried with certain foods and certain wines. Tapas Night will also be tried. Remember, when food is not satisfactory, call a manager to come to your table.

Employee Appreciation: George Maxey reported that the Drive was a big success. We collected \$52,270, exceeding last year by \$1,141. Ninety two percent of residents contributed this year. We also has a tremendous response from off-campus sponsors who contributed 35 gifts. Including last years' carryover, we gifted \$56,043 to 193 employees. There were 47 gifts greater than \$500 and 14 gifts of the minimum of \$25

Checks were distributed on December 5th and a wonderful array of deserts were donated for the event.

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Thank you to the former Chair, Jim McMullen, for guiding us through the transition and to the Committee members, Nancy Krail, Rebecca Rogers, and Gary Showers, who made this year's successful group effort possible.

Gift Shop: Elsie Gould reported that the income from November 2018 was \$415 and expenses were \$104. The net for the month was \$311, bringing the Gift Shop contribution to the TMALRA treasury for the year so far to \$4,128.

Three more of the Wood Shop's canes were sold last month which will lead to a contribution of \$112.50 to the Resident Reserve Fund.

As always, the Shop continues to need donations for resale, in particular, more jewelry. Please look over your collection and consider donating some. With the holiday season approaching, please watch the Gift Shop for an amazing variety of Christmas decor. Take advantage of our excellent prices for quality merchandise. Thank you to those who have been heeding our requests for donations.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that the collection of Christmas books has been brought out and is on the shelf below the map.

No suggestions have been placed in the suggestion box, so the Library seems to be meeting the needs of the residents. Comments or ideas are welcomed and donations of books and magazines are appreciated.

Residents are needed who are willing to write reviews for books they have read and enjoyed or otherwise to be contributed to the Newsletter, The free Press.

The next Committee Meeting will be held December 14th at 4 pm.

Nominating: Jane Lord reported that the Committee was pleased to propose the following slate of officers and representatives for the December 17, 2018 TMALRA elections:

President – Jim McMullen
Vice President – George Maxey
Secretary – Kathy Holstrom
Treasurer (1-year term) – Tom Reed
Assistant Treasurer (1-year term) – Mike Bair
East Wing 1st Floor Representative – Bunny Guerrin
West Wing 1st Floor Representative – Nancy Krail
Cottage Representative - Frances Mason

Program: Gil Kaufman for Rich Woolley reported that the monthly Tuesday 7 pm programs will be: December 18th – "Blood Diamond" – Murder Mystery Group from Zwanandael

January 15, 2019 – "Kalmar Nyckel The Forgotten Journey" A PBS documentary that depicts the epic adventure that launched the colony of New Sweden in the Delaware Valley

February 19, 2019 – Tom (from the Zwanandael Museum) and his wife will come in 1700's and 1800's costume to discuss sea life and sing chanties of the era.

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Wellness: Sharon Hoover reported that the Committee met on November 16th and talked about the new procedures at the skilled nursing door, a charge to an IL resident from Safe Harbor, semiannual cleaning schedules, questions for the Dining Committee, and some safety measures such as grab bars in cottages between the kitchen and garage, a repeat of the balance clinic, the specifications of walkers and rollators, and the outlook for new hires especially in nursing.

Carol Holzman reported that when The Moorings completes its "plan of correction" prompted by the report of the latest Medicare inspection, a copy will be posted on the internet and in skilled care.

Safe Harbor has not instituted a plan of charges. If a resident brings a doctor's order (like a change of dressing), there will be a charge. If the need is simple first aid, there is no charge. It is recommended that a resident try to see Sandy, either in Wellness or Safe Harbor.

The new people hired are on track to be worked into the staff. Carol said she does not think any benefits have been cut. The organization is interested in cutting back expenses in general.

Wood Shop: Ron Trupp reported that the current balance in the treasury is \$157. Members had been making items for the November Arts and Crafts sale. Other than that, Dean is making more tables and Richard is making bowls. The Shop continues to provide a facility for residents to continue to enjoy their hobby of working with wood and to repair and build items for residents or friends of The Moorings.

AREA REPORTS:

West Wing, 1st floor – Nancy Krail reported that there has been no change

West Wing, 2nd floor – Pat Cummings reported that Donna Blomquest has moved into Apartment 217

East Wing, 1st Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported that Patty Canby has moved into Apartment 122

East Wing, 2nd floor – Adele Trout reported that there has been no change except Apartment 242 has been made into a sample model apartment with upgrades

Cottages – Frances Mason reported that there has been no change

Assisted Living – Dick Kauffman reported that there has been no change

Comment [KH1]:

Comment [KH2]:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary