

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019; 3:30 PM in the Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim McMullen called the meeting to order. There were 61 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 14, 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting and October 21, 2019 General Meetings were posted in the Mail Room, the Library, and on the website. There were no errors found and they will be filed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Marianne Jarvis reported that she sent 7 cards and thanked the "artists" for their hand-made cards. Please let her know of anyone who needs one.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Bair for Tom Reed reported that the account balance as of September 30, 2019 was \$14,576 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,176, leaving an operating balance of \$11,401. Income for October was \$524 and expenses were \$677, leaving a deficit of (\$153). The operating balance as of October 31, 2019 was \$11,248. To date, the Employee Appreciation Fund is \$31,921, leaving an account balance of \$41,169.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Bair reported that as of November 18th the total balance in the Employee Appreciation fund is \$44,975. This amount is lower than any of the last three years. If you haven't made a donation please do so.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Carol Bishop reported that the remaining November activities are as follows:

- 11/19 – Lunch at Bethany Blues
- 11/20 – Trip to Dover Downs and the Mall
- 11/25 – Dinner at The Henlopen Oyster House
- 11/26 – Men's lunch at Dog Fish Head
- 11/27 – Movie and lunch at Midway
- 11/28 – Thanksgiving Day Dinner in the Chart Room. Reservations are necessary.

There was no meeting in November to work on the December calendar. The scheduled activities are as follows:

- 12/2 – Dinner at Irish Eyes
- 12/3 – Lunch at Ironside Brewery and Coffee House at 7 pm with wine
- 12/6 – Tree Decorating Party at 3:30 and Birthday Happy Hour
- 12/7 – Mid-Atlantic Symphony (checks to Symphony for \$30 at front desk)
- 12/8 – Clear Space (checks to Clear Space for \$27 at front desk)
- 12/10 – Lights of Love
- 12/11 – Matinee at Midway and lunch
- 12/14 – Winterfest of Lights
- 12/15 – The Cadbury Chorus Christmas Concert – 7 pm
- 12/16 – Dinner at 1776
- 12/17 – Lunch at The Palate
- 12/19 – Milton Elementary School Chorus in the auditorium at 11 am

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12/20 – White Elephant Happy Hour 2 pm
12/21 – Second bus to Winterfest of Lights
12/22 – Rehoboth Concert Band Christmas Concert at the High School (\$20 cash at door)
12/24 – Christmas Eve Buffet
12/25 – Christmas Day Lunch with carols with Nancy Krail 12 Noon
12/31 – New Year’s Eve Celebration with the Baytones
Shuffleboard is running smoothly.

ByLaws: Jane Lord announced that the ByLaws are on the website. If a resident wants a hard copy, Jane can provide one.

Communication: Sallie Corbishley reported that the website is being upgraded. The next Newsletter will be out in March. The deadline for articles will be February 1st. Sallie thanked Don Weidmann and Joanne Nichols for their help in getting the Newsletter out.

Dining: Corinne Lehman reported that the Committee met on November 7th. There were 31 comment cards with an average of 4.1. Lauri Weeks announced the vacancy of the Director of Food Services.

Mary Hunt and Dietician Liz Carpenter will plan meals and food preparation. Liz also planned a nutritional talk.

Most of the food delivery comes from Sysco and Hershey’s ice Cream is back. Lights Of Love has been planned for December 10th.

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader reported that the kick-off letter was distributed October 1st.

The first “reminder letter” to all residents who have not yet made their contribution was distributed on October 29th. To date, 49% of independent residents have contributed as have 12.5 % of assisted living residents.

The final “reminder letter” will be distributed on November 18th. (Campaign ends on November 27th) Checks will be given out on December 4th from 12:30 to 4:30 and a list will be posted to sign up To make refreshments.

Gift Shop: Gil Kaufman reported that the Shop had a good month in October. Income was \$524 while expense were \$108, so the net contribution to the Treasury was \$416. This brings the total contributions for the year to about \$3,072, putting us on a pace for about \$3,900 for the year. This is below the budgeted target of \$4,300 but much closer than it appeared about mid-year.

You are encouraged to come look at the great assemblage of Christmas items in the Shop. There are even three small Christmas trees, pre-lit. You may find some new decorative items to add to your own collection or even some gifts.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that the Library had a “housekeeping session” during which several books of all varieties were gathered to be given away. These books (hundreds) were put on a table on the second floor. A week later, only 50 remained which were taken to the Lewes Library.

In the library is a TOPAZ machine sitting on its own table, thanks to Dean Hoover. A chair is available in front of the machine.

The TOPAZ is always plugged in with easy laminated instructions on the top of the tray. The main purpose of the machine is to enlarge text to help reading small print. The "On-Off" button is labeled. Hold this for a few seconds and the screen will light up. Place a letter or other text in the tray and it will jump onto the screen. The other buttons, also labeled, will help focus the text and get it as large as needed. The angle of the screen is adjustable, as is the tray, making it easy to move the text to the right or left. The machine will also enlarge pictures enabling the showing of diagrams or paintings to a crowd. Illustrations can also be traced onto tracing paper taped to the screen. The TOPAZ is very heavy and should only be used in the library. Judy demonstrated the use of the machine.

Nominating: Gil Kaufman reported that the Nominating Committee is pleased to place the following names in nomination for the respective offices:

Assistant Treasurer: Renominate Mike Bair

Corresponding Secretary: Renominate Marianne Jarvis

East Wing, 2nd Floor Representative: Diane Bair

West Wing, 2nd Floor Representative: Renominate Pat Cummings

Cottage Representative: Renominate Elsie Gould

AL Representative: No candidate (Gil Kaufman will be the reporter)

This slate will be voted on at the December TMALRA Meeting, when there will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor, providing those nominated have agreed to serve.

Program: Rich Woolley listed the movies that are scheduled which are on the website and reported that the monthly Tuesday 7 pm programs will be:

11/19 Food Presentation – Denise Clemons "A culinary History of Sothern Delaware"

12/17 Rehoboth Quartet (four instruments)

Tentative programs:

1/21 - Fort Miles/German Prisoners

2/18 – Diane Lane

3/17 – du Pont Nature Center

4/21 – Apollo 13 – Jack Clemons

5/19 – Dennis Forney – Cape Gazette

The next Committee meeting will be December 4th at 1 pm in the Welcome Room.

Wellness: Sarah Cook reported that the Committee continues its focused discussion of the understanding of "wellness" related to The Moorings. It has been determined that LivWell is a concept rather than a series of specific programs and that, as a need is expressed, Springpoint or The Moorings administration will arrange a site-specific program to meet that need. In January there will be a final report to the Board of the focus group conclusions with some specific recommendations for moving forward.

Wood Shop: Ron Trupp reported that Dean Hoover has built a kitchen cabinet arrangement for a family member, made a table for the library, repaired a chair, and shortened a cane. Richard continues to build various bowl designs and is continuing to build a solid walnut table. Ron has repaired two gardening work tables and continues to refinish and repair two tables for a resident and is making two clothes trees. Small items are being restocked as necessary.

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AREA REPORTS:

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

West Wing, 2nd floor – Pat Cummings reported that Bill and Shirley Rogers have moved into Apartment 218; no vacancies

East Wing, 1st Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported that there has been no change; three vacancies

East Wing, 2nd floor – Adele Trout reported that there has been no change; three vacancies

Cottages – Elsie Gould reported that Bruce and Sherry Chappelle have moved into Cottage 46; ten vacancies

Assisted Living – Gil Kaufman reported that in AL there are 93% residents; SH 73%, and Skilled 90%

OPEN FORUM: President McMullen asked for issues to be addressed and the following were brought up:

1. Jim reminded members of the water shut-off
2. The third quarter financial review of Springpoint reported that the census is down, therefore revenue is down and expenses are also down. We are slowly getting to a surplus. It was a good meeting and we got straight talk and clear answers.
3. The piano in Assisted Living is being repaired.
4. There will be a Budget Presentation on Thursday, November 21 at 11 am in the auditorium.
5. There will be a Mitten Tree in the Living Room on which residents may place hand-made or purchased mittens or gloves or hats and scarves to be given to needy children.
6. The Bike Shed has arrived but is not yet ready to house bikes.
7. Displays are needed for the Display Case.
8. The fox is still on the campus and is very active.
9. There are scams afoot so please be aware of unusual texts and phone calls.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary