

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2020; 3:30 PM on ZOOM

WELCOME: President Jim McMullen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim McMullen called the meeting to order. There were 54 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING REMARKS: Jim McMullen announced that Lauri Weeks is the Technical Director for today's ZOOM meeting. This is not the forum to direct questions, etc. to her.

He stated that at last Monday's meeting, the Board took the following actions:

Approved the appointment of Tom Reed as Chair of the Communications Committee to fill the unexpired term of the late Sallie Corbishley, and

Approved the showing on our Channel 970 of the names of recently deceased members.

Sarah Cook's resignation as Wellness Committee Chair has been accepted reluctantly.

Our Channel 970 is temporarily off the air. An electronic component has failed and Comcast is replacing it.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting were posted in the Mail Room, the Library, and on the website. There were no additions or corrections needed and they will be filed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Marianne Jarvis reported that she sent 32 cards. Please let her know of anyone who needs one, even residents who are not necessarily sick but those who are upset over life's circumstances.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Reed reported that as of August 31, 2020 the account balance was \$18,143 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,146, leaving an operating balance of \$14,997. Income for July was \$40 and expenses were \$380. The deficit was \$340. The operating balance as of July 31, 2020 was \$14,657. The Employee Appreciation Fund was \$3,146, leaving an account balance of \$17,804.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Carol Bishop reported that the first event since last February will be a televised program from Easton of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony which will be shown in the auditorium. This will cost \$75 which will give us access to the presentation for one week and will also include screening access for the next three programs: November, December, and March. This payment will be taken from the Activities budget but it is suggested that additional donations also be made by individuals to assist the symphony as we are receiving this at a reduced rate due to Lucianne Wolf's legacy.

Since the rules for the use of the auditorium only allow 9 people at a time for an activity, this will be screened several times. The first date for viewing will be September 24th at 7:30 pm which is the actual presentation in Easton. Other times for viewing will be shows at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm as needed in the following week. Those who have had Season Tickets and those who attended regularly in the past will have first preference of viewing times. This is not an easy time to plan events but we feel it is necessary to make contact in some special way with residents who have been so isolated and those

who have moved to the facility and not been able to experience our usual warm welcome. Adele Trout and Elsie Gould are working on the arrangements with me. There will be a flier in your cubbies regarding this.

ByLaws: Jane Lord reported that the Bylaws were last amended in April of 2018. Since then, no issues have come before the Committee. You can find the Bylaws on the TMALRA website. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the current Bylaws, please let Jane know.

Communication: Tom Reed reported that the Committee has remained active during the pandemic although there have been no in-person meetings. During the last six months it has published an updated pictorial resident directory; updated the website including adding in a link to channel 970 so you can get information much faster than waiting for the slides to cycle on the tv; and published two newsletters (June and September).

Dining: Corinne Lehman reported that the Committee gave the Director of Dining a list of suggestions and Pam Barnette responded as follows:

“We have made great progress within the dining department and I want to address some of the suggestions, concerns, and requests that you were kind enough to send my way.

We have completed the new four-week cycle menu changes and have added new additional third entrees!

Between soups, entrees, veggies, deserts, and third entrees, we have made at least 70 changes (to be exact). Mary and I took great care in looking at how items “fit” together, if you will. Not to fear, though! A lot of your favorites are still on the menu like the ribs! We have actually added some items you haven’t seen in a while or had for quite some time—Prime Rib, Carved Lamb, Turkey Divan, Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo, more Pizza, more peas, a Fried Seafood Platter, Lobster Newberg, Veal Marsala, Beef Burgandy, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Fried Chicken, and Country Fried Steak to name just a few.

I believe you will find the new menu refreshing, even if it is not a 5- or 6-week cycle. Keep in mind the menus here at The Moorings have not been changed since 2018.

There are a couple of things we are working on—meat roasting and food preparation. Many of you have concerns over the beef being too tough. Mary is addressing this with all cooks and is monitoring this. She is also looking at all other areas of the meal prep, veggies, sides, and the consistency of food preparation.

Also, a reminder to all of you, there is fresh fruit cup daily. We continue to use fresh melons, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries, and NONE of our vegetables is canned! All of our veggies come in frozen or fresh.

Tim and I have also revisited the existing Catering Menu and have made some changes to that. We will be finalizing that very soon. All of you will get a copy of the new menu when it is complete.

I hope this follow-up letter has made you feel better about the changes coming in October. And, I will say it again: we miss all of you and cannot wait until we can open our dining room (even if it is limited)! Please stay safe and well.”

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader reported that a meeting was held on September 8, 2020.

Discussed were:

Kick-off of the 2020 campaign will be the distribution of the initial campaign letter on October 1, 2020. Letters will be placed in the mail cubbies.

Donation boxes will be located in the IL mail area as well as the AL mail area. Due to COVID restrictions, Lauri Weeks had agreed to place the boxes and periodically remove the donation envelopes.

Distribution of the employees' checks will be on December 4, 2020

Due to COVID there will be no refreshments from residents to be distributed. For distribution of checks, tables will be adjacent to the piano in the Bistro area to enable social distancing and masks will be worn.

Gift Shop: Gil Kaufman was pleased to report that the Gift Shop will reopen on October 1st. For the safety of both our sales volunteers and our customers there will be some guidelines in place as follows:

Face masks will be required at all times for both sales volunteers and customers; and

For social distancing in our relatively small shop, only one customer will be permitted in at a time.

Diane and Mike Bair have been helpful in keeping the shelves looking good and looking over the mass of donations received since the closing. Marianne Jarvis is preparing the card display for reopening and has led the way in cleaning out excess goods passed along to nearby thrift shops.

A significant focus of the reopening will be on Christmas items, those ranging from small Christmas trees and decorations for potential gifts for friends and relatives. A wide range of Christmas cards will be on display for consideration as well.

The Shop has been endowed with a copious supply of jigsaw puzzles ranging from 300 to 1500 pieces. Thus far, through the pandemic, these have been supplied free to residents needing something else to do to keep them busy. Once we reopen, that program will ease and the puzzles will once again be on sale for the very reasonable price of \$1 or \$2. Stop in to find some you have not yet tackled; they are fun to do.

We already have a generous supply of donations, but once we reopen we will again be asking you to think about the Shop as you downsize or dispose of redundant items. Books, DVDs, and CDs can be donated to the TMALRA Library and we do not accept clothing.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that the Library may be the only place in The Moorings that has been more or less functioning as it was before the pandemic. In fact, it has been very busy. Many books and audio visual materials have been donated. Committee members report that unusually high numbers of books and audio visual selections are being borrowed. The shelves are tidy thanks to the Committee members. The displays are most attractive. Many bags of books have been recycled, duplicates of those too old to be of further use. The bees are missed but assume they will be returning. There have been no Committee meetings but notes have been sent around periodically by Judy.

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There is one concern: There is no news of what is happening in Assisted Living. The book cart used for their residents has not been taken around as is also the case for Health Care. These residents have no access to books and magazines. Hopefully the future will be better.

Nominating: Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee has met and established a tentative list of candidates for the officers of the TMALRA Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 term. All but one of the proposed nominees have accepted being nominated and that should be resolved in the coming week.

The list of nominees will be ready to be reported at the November meeting and a ballot will be conducted at the December meeting (or, if necessary because of COVID, a paper ballot).

Program: Rich Woolley reported for our new residents that the mission of the Program Committee is to provide educational, informational, and entertaining programs and Friday night movies to the community.

For example, our April movies were going to be "Enchanted April," "Downton Abbey," "Appolo 13," and "Music Man."

Our April program speaker was going to be Jack Clemons talking about bringing Appolo 13 back to earth. He was on the re-entry team and April was the 50th anniversary.

We welcome input on both movies and programs from residents. We will be looking for some new members when we are functioning again.

Wellness: No report

Woodshop: No report

AREA REPORTS:

Cottages – Elsie Gould reported that Ralph and Merry Ellen Alls have moved into Cottage 47, Karen Gillum has moved into Cottage 22, and David and Denise Berilla have moved into Cottage 1, eight vacancies

West Wing, 2nd floor – Pat Cummings reported that Gerry Hanier has moved into Apartment 201

West Wing, 1st floor – Nancy Krail reported no change; one vacancy

East Wing, 2nd floor – Diane Bair reported that Eileen O'Neill has moved into Apartment 228, Joan Madeszka has moved into Apartment 233, Gail Bourassa has moved into Apartment 234, and George Travers has moved into Apartment 242; one vacancy

East Wing, 1st Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported that Georgia Fegley has moved into Apartment 132 and Bill Richardson has moved into Apartment 123; one vacancy

OPEN FORUM:

Gil Kaufman reported that he has been working on compiling a history of the Residents' Association CALRA/TMALRA and the first edition is now located in the Library. Work continues on a History of Cadbury at Lewes (CAL) and its transition to The Moorings at Lewes (TMAL), taking advantage of a few people in the area who were around from Day One back in 2005.

Gil has also created a database of residents here at CAL/TMAL who have passed since operations were opened in 2006. It will be added to the information in the Library. Sallie Corbishly was #267.

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Gil Kaufman reported that there will be a shredding event October 5 – 19, 2020.

Jane Lord asked if there will be an electronics recycling and was told it will be after the holidays.

Sharon Hoover announced that Dean Hoover is better and will be back in the woodshop working.

Sharon also requested that articles for the newsletter be given to her before November 1 and thanked all who contributed to the last newsletter for their offerings. She would like bird articles.

Carol Lader asked if we will be giving flu shots and was told yes, we will in mid October.

Carol Bishop welcomed all the new residents and encouraged them to participate in our various activities.

Bunny Guerrin gave the pizza meal 5 stars.

Diane Bair thanked Lauri for all her help in using ZOOM.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary