## THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION General Meeting Minutes Monday, January 18, 2021; 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 35 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

**OPENING REMARKS**: 1. The Board, at its meeting last Tuesday, approved the reappointment of Standing Committee Chairpersons for a two-year term.

- 2. Sharon Hoover has agreed to Chair the Wellness Committee. She is the Acting Chair pending Board approval at its next meeting.
- 3. We will begin our membership dues drive shortly. The Board approved a reduction of the suggested dues donation to \$15 from \$16.
- 4. A nod of appreciation and a round of applause were given for the successful vaccine festival last Monday.

**MINUTES**: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting and December 21, 2020 General Meeting were posted in the Mail Room, the Library, and on the website. If there are any additions or corrections needed please put them in writing and place them in Kathy's cubby 135 and she will add them. Otherwise, the minutes will be filed.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Marianne Jarvis reported that she sent 8 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. If you need to get a card to a resident in Skilled Nursing, take it to the front desk and it will be delivered.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Reed reported that as of December 31, 2020 the account balance was \$15,251 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$1,046, leaving an operating balance of \$14,204. Income for December was \$603 and expenses were \$556. The surplus was \$47. The operating balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$14,251. The Employee Appreciation Fund was \$3,066 leaving an account balance of \$17,318.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<u>Activities</u>: Carol Bishop reported that a MSO concert is coming up in March. Bill Dunn has 18 teams signed up for indoor shuffleboard starting in February.

Bylaws: No report

<u>Communication</u>: Tom Reed reported that Jim McMullen is working with Fine Line to fix a problem with generating the list of emails printed in the Pictorial Directory. Tom will help anyone needing it with the Website.

Sharon Hoover stated that February 1, 2021 is the deadline for Newsletter articles residents would like to read or write. Please give them to her. If you know you will be submitting something, she would like

you to let her know. That way, David Bleil, who does the layout, and she can plan the pages. They would like to keep the newsletter between 6 and 8 pages, long enough to be inclusive and within budget.

They encourage more different people to write about different topics that may be of interest to our readers.

If you consider that something would be of interest but you don't write, you can let us know and we can look for a writer. Sometimes it is possible to pair someone who has knowledge with someone who writes. The editors will assist with grammar and fluency.

We would like the newsletter to be both informative and interesting. We have many newer residents and we would like to hear from newcomers as well as old-timers. Let's share our stories to keep us a community.

<u>Dining:</u> Corrinne Lehman reported that Pam will be having a Dining Committee meeting on ZOOM Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

## **Employee Appreciation:** No report

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<u>Gift Shop:</u> Gil Kaufman reported that the Gift Shop had a very good December with income of \$603 against only \$33 expenses. A net of \$570 was posted to our Treasury. We continue to operate with our Covid 19 restrictions of requiring masks and having only one customer in the shop at a time.

Holiday items have largely disappeared from our shelves so there is a variety of new items in the shop. Our supply of jigsaw puzzles remains strong with a number of new ones on the shelves, so stop in and get another to fill your idle hours. Remember we have some toiletries to fill your needs when you run short.

Donations have been abundant through the holidays and we thank you all for those. There will always be a need, though, so keep the shop in mind for giving new life to your older, often forgotten items.

<u>Library:</u> Judy Burgess reported that Library housekeeping sessions are being arranged. The last purge was more than a year ago due to Covid 19. For the sessions this time, one-half the committee members will work one day and the other half a week later, all wearing masks. Each session usually lasts about an hour. The first meeting was successful.

The objectives of these sessions are as follows:

- 1. To find any duplicates (we have had so many donations lately).
- 2. To weed out any books too old and tattered (mainly paperbacks).
- 3. To consider older books that have not been read (each book returned is marked).
- 4. To make room for all the new donations.

The no-longer-useful books will be put on the "Give Away Table" so look for ones that are of interest to you.

**Nominating:** No report.

**Program**: No Report

<u>Wellness:</u> Sharon Hoover, Acting Chair, reported that many residents may be unaware that TMALRA has a Wellness Committee. It serves as a liaison between residents and administration regarding health care concerns at The Moorings and it provides wellness updates and information for residents. The Committee has been on hold since COVID but now we would like to remind residents that it exists. It can still search for answers to residents' questions, serve as a go-between administration and residents, and plan programs concerning health issues. Names of residents seeking answers or providing information are held in confidence.

Woodshop: No report.

## **AREA REPORTS:**

West Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> floor – Nancy Krail reported no change; one vacancy
West Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Pat Cummings reported no change; two vacancies
East Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported no change; one vacancy
East Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Diane Bair reported no change; no vacancies
Cottages – Elsie Gould reported that Lana Richards has moved into Cottage 4 and Rebecca
Brenner has moved into Cottage 13; six vacancies

Elsie reported that she and Sherry Chappelle have decided to break the cottages into two groups: Group 1 will be under Elsie and will be cottages 1 - 24. Group 2 will be under Sherry and will be cottages 25 - 48. The telephone tree is also being revised.

Assisted Living – Gil Kaufman reported that the current census in AL is 27/29-93%, in Safe Harbor 13/14-93%, in Skilled 22/40-55% (The reduced level for Skilled Nursing is the result of modifications to accommodate positive Covid 19 residents and limitations in nursing staff.)

**OPEN FORUM:** Gil Kaufman reported that his three-year term as trustee representing The Moorings at Lewes on the Springpoint Board of Trustees has ended. Tom Reed has agreed to take over as the Trustee for the next three years. The transition should be completed at the March meeting of that Board.

It was reported that there is an odor of cigarette smoke in the First Floor West Wing halls. Please report anyone known to be smoking.

Diane Bair reminded everyone that at 5:30 pm tomorrow we are all asked to go out on the porches and make noise in honor of all those lost to Covid 19.

Jane Lord stated that she has not been apprised of her duties as the volunteer for the Springpoint DEI Program here at The Moorings.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary