

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 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 43 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

**MINUTES:** Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the February 8, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting and February 15, 2021 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 15 cards. Please let her know of anyone who needs one, even residents who are not necessarily sick but those who are struggling with 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 January 31, 2021 the account balance was \$18,107 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,066, leaving an operating balance of \$15,041. Income for February was \$338 and expenses were \$893. The deficit was (\$555). The operating balance as of February 28, 2021 was \$14,486. The Employee Appreciation Fund was \$3,066 leaving an account balance of \$17,552.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mike Bair reported that members have contributed \$2,500 to the Membership Drive.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Carol Bishop reported that the Mid Atlantic Symphony will have its last concert on April 22 in the auditorium. It will be shown only once unless attendance otherwise dictates.

Bill Dunn says indoor shuffleboard is going well but has requested that teams sign up to play earlier in the week to make his task of score keeping easier. When you turn in your score card, be sure to put the names of the teams on it—red and blue aren't enough.

Carol is asking residents to volunteer for the Activities Committee. It has not functioned since last March but soon will be planning outings to local attractions, restaurants, and local theaters, to name a few. The Committee meets once a month to plan the next month's calendar. One favorite activity which is usually very well attended is the Sun Set Cruise which is already in the planning stages.

Carol also gave a plug to the Cadbury Chorus. So many folks say "I used to sing but don't have much of a voice anymore." Just remember, when we put all that is left of our voices together, we really make a great sound.

So here are two

. Please opportunities for you to join and meet new people. I am Carol Bishop, Chair of the Activity Committee call me and we can "talk."

**Bylaws:** No report

**Communication:** Tom Reed reported that the deadline for the next Newsletter is May 1, 2021.

**Dining:** Corrinne Lehman reported that the Committee met on March 4, 2021 on ZOOM. She turned the meeting over to Pam.

Pam reported that the January ratings were wonderful but February's were not recorded yet. She suggested that people continue to use the comment cards or to send their comments via email to [diningcomments@springpoint.org](mailto:diningcomments@springpoint.org). The comment card box is on the wall in front of Annette's office. The box is locked and only Annette has the key. Annette reviews the cards first and every Tuesday there is a managers' meeting and comment cards are gone over with the staff.

Pam said that her assistant, Chris, has "moved on." Pam has hired a new person, Shaun Harris, from the Georgetown Cheer Center.

The new spring and summer menus are in the process which takes some time to set up.

Requests for a 5-6 week cycle of menus will not be possible because it creates a "dead inventory" i.e., products that don't get used. Also. It would mean creating 28 different entrees, desserts, etc.

There have been concerns regarding fish portions. Cod and salmon had been purchased at a local fish house, who cut the portions to size. We are now going to buy the fish elsewhere and cut the fish into portions ourselves. Therefore they will be uniform.

Regarding beef tenderloins, Pam has worked with the staff and the quality has improved.

A pizza night one night a month or so was suggested as well as an appropriate side dish. Also, a request was made to offer a premium/special night menu from time to time as was previously offered. Individuals could submit a plan for a "Special Dinner". Pam will look into this.

The St. Patrick's Day menu will be coming out soon.

Pam has been trying to "beef up" the staff and she has three new hires.

A tentative date for reopening the Chart Room will be announced soon. Restrictions will be in place (6 feet apart, reservations only, capacity limited to two seatings of 30-32 people each, etc.). More information will be sent out shortly. Dinners will continue to be delivered to those who have not made reservations for the Chart Room. (Notes by Claire Thomas)

**Employee Appreciation:** Carol Lader reported that the Committee is looking for new members. Gil Kaufman added that it is a very rewarding committee to be part of.

**Gift Shop:** Gil Kaufman reported that business picked up a bit for the Shop in February. Income was \$338 against expenses of \$72, so net income for the month was \$266. Over \$100 was made from the sale of items made by Richard Thomas

Tess de Robertis has joined our regular sales volunteers, taking on the Friday afternoon opening resulting from our loss of Bill Peterson. We will miss Bill but are delighted that Tess will take over his spot.

Donations were again fairly abundant this past month and we thank Bill Peterson's family for a generous lode. However, again we ask that you keep us in mind for the future as you run across those things you wonder why you still have. Someone else may be needing them.

**Library:** Judy Burgess reported that the four sturdy "leather" chairs around the table in the Library were not mean for old people. They were so heavy it was difficult to move them to sit at the table. They are now gracing the foyer and the wall outside the coat closet. The Library has four other chairs from the building's collection that are comfortable and easier to move.

The "Give Away Table" is still working quite well. Of the books put on the table in December (with red stickers) only two are left. Please do not return any books you take from this table.

The Committee is always looking for new residents to join. It may be possible to hold a real Library Committee Meeting soon.

**Nominating:** No report.

**Program:** Rich Woolley reported that the Program Committee had its first meeting since the Covid crisis on Wednesday, March 3 2021 at 1 pm on ZOOM. This is exactly one year since our last meeting. April movies were selected and have been posted on the TMALRA Home page. Clicking on the movie in this page will bring up a Wikipedia description of the movie. See movies below which will begin April 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- 4/2 Enchanted April
- 4/9 Downton Abbey
- 4/16 Secondhand Lions
- 4/23 Trouble With The Curve
- 4/30 The Music Man

The auditorium is now allowed to seat 25 people but 20 would be more comfortable. Seating will be first-come first-served. There will be a "refresher course" on using the audio-visual equipment on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 1 pm in the auditorium.

A plan is underway to add new members to the Committee.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month programs are not scheduled to begin until September. The next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, presumably still on ZOOM. The Committee needs new members. Please contact Rich if you can join or can help with the activities.

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**Wellness:** Sharon Hoover reported that Dr. Sehgal's patients can now sit in chairs in the hallway adjacent to the door to his office.

She also stated that here, at The Moorings, we have a splendid opportunity to live in a deliberate community with a few hundred people, both residents and diligent staff.

Most of us take the responsibility of being a part of the community seriously and, occasionally, as appropriate, frivolously. The effort has rewarded us with a healthy, active community. We appreciate its opportunities and responsibilities.

Responsibilities are, as we are able, staying socially active and engaged. This has many benefits including:

- Sharper thinking skills
- Good emotional health
- Better physical health
- A boosted immune system
- More restful sleep
- A longer, happier life.

We encourage you to find a variety of daily and weekly activities to keep you engaged with others. Become involved in TMALRA and in one or more activities advertised on TV Channel 960.

To care for yourself and to be as well as possible, take an interest in other people, invite someone else to go with you on your walk, participate in an exercise class, help to solve a problem, invest something into the community, and practice "industrial-strength listening." Drink water.

She noted that Shirley has had an operation and Lauri will help with activities in her absence.

**Woodshop:** Richard Thomas reported that Dean is making Amish Barn Signs and a table, he is making bowls, and Ron is making more canes to be sold in the Gift Shop.

**AREA REPORTS:**

West Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> floor – Nancy Krail reported one move-out; two vacancies

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 – Mike Bair reported one move out; one vacancy

Cottages – Elsie Gould and Sherry Chappelle reported no change and 8 vacancies

Assisted Living – Gil Kaufman reported that the current census in AL is 28/29-97%, in Safe Harbor 11/14-78%, in Skilled 29/40-72% (The reduced level for Skilled Nursing is now reported to be reluctance to use nursing home type facilities.)

**RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE:** Don Smith, Chair, reported that the Committee has been rejuvenated. One of the issues to be addressed is ways for new residents to be more comfortable living at The Moorings. To help this effort be uniform among the area representatives, they have been asked to become an integral part of the Committee.

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**OPEN FORUM:** Bob Duncan commented on the great job the landscaping people are doing.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary