

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17, 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 58 members present.

A moment of silence was observed. President McMullen announced that at the Board of Directors' Meeting, Adele Trout was approved as the new Chairperson for the Dining Committee and Sharon Hoover was approved as the new Chairperson for the Wellness Committee.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting and April 19, 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 9 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 March 31, 2021 the account balance was \$21,109 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,066, leaving an operating balance of \$18,042. Income for April was \$743 and expenses were \$532. The surplus was \$211. The operating balance as of April 30, 2021 was \$18,253. The Employee Appreciation Fund was \$3,066 leaving an account balance of \$21,319.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Bair reported that 115 members (77%) have contributed \$3,930 to the Membership Drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: All the committees need more members. Please consider joining.

Activities: Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met to see what activities can be safely brought back now that we can begin to start gathering in small groups. A new one has been added—a "Meet and Greet Coffee Hour" to be held in the Bistro every Monday and Thursday morning from 10 am to 11 am starting the week of May 24TH. Masks and social distancing are need but it will still be fun.

It is hoped that you will visit a Coffee Hour, meet your neighbors, and sign up for a fun activity or two of your choice. Lists of the activities will be available and there will be people there to help you sign up and follow up with you.

If you have an additional activity you would like to propose and lead, call Carol at 645-0594.

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Jack Chapin was very disappointed that the Monday Night Bridge Group was not on Carol's list of activities. It has been meeting for several weeks now and there were only three tables this week.

Carol went on to say that outdoor shuffleboard is in the process of being organized by Bill Dunn and Jim McMullen.

Chorus is a great success with several new residents in attendance. Ann Jager is Acting Director for the moment and we are planning to present a concert hopefully in September.

We would like to have someone start up Horseshoes and we are also seeking someone to lead a Bible Study.

Bylaws: No report

Communication: Tom Reed reported that revisions have been made to the Handbook.

The next Newsletter is now in our cubbies and on the website. Coast Printing in Five Points is now being used and will save us money.

Dining: Corinne Lehman reported that the Dining Committee met on May 6th in the auditorium. Pam Barnett reported that Shawn Davis has been hired as her assistant. Shawn was formerly at the Georgetown Cheer Center.

The staff was thanked for taking such good care of our needs. Plans are underway for opening the Chart Room for dinner—maybe around May 21. Regulations for seating will be posted when the dining room opens.

New employees are being trained on May 14 and 15 on serving in the dining room. It is very difficult to find new employees.

Comment cards are very important as well as e-mails. Comments are looked at and discussed with the staff.

Corinne is resigning as the Chair and was thanked for her service.

Employee Appreciation: No report

Gift Shop: Gil Kaufman reported that for April, the Gift Shop income was \$188 and expenses were \$26. Our contribution to the TMALRA Treasury was \$163.

Our jigsaw puzzle sale has been pretty successful and a number of our large inventory items have moved out. The remaining puzzles will be on their way to the Thrift Shop, though we will keep a few of the best on hand in case they are needed.

After the flurry of donations to the Shop early in the year, our backlog has really dropped off so please keep us in mind as you run into those things you think you can do without.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that they are almost back to where they should be since the shut-down. Recently we have been able to visit Assisted Living where we have a three-shelf cart that we keep filled with books that we hope the residents will enjoy. There are always some large-print books and some short stories and books of poetry have been added. Thank you for the many donations and more magazines.

The next meeting will be June 10th at 4 pm, perhaps in the Library.

The first edition of "The History of Cadbury at Lewes and The Moorings at Lewes" is now in the Library. This includes the early period 1997 through 2007 involving the creation and construction of Cadbury at Lewes for those interested in where this all started.

Nominating: Gil Kaufman reported no action now but we will soon be working on the slate for the 2022-2024 term. The Bylaws require that we provide a slate including: Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, plus one Are Representative for the Cottages and one each for the East and West Wings. We will begin these deliberations in June.

Program: Rich Woolley reported that the Committee met in the auditorium on May 5th. The June movies have been posted on the TMALRA home page as follows:

6/4 The Final Countdown
6/11 The Terminal
6/18 The Etruscan Smile
6/25 The Music Man

May movies still to be shown are:

5/21 The Dig
5/28 The Lion King

Remember to click on the home page for a full description of the movie. Also, bus service for the cottages is available. Call the front desk before 6:30.

The next meeting will be June 2nd at 1 pm in the Welcome Room. The Committee is now working on programs. It is anticipated that soon up to 50 people will be able to be in the auditorium at one time.

Wellness: Sharon Hoover reported that the Committee met on May 3rd with 5 persons present. Our concerns at present involve:

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The renovations to the doctor's office. Many residents find several aspects of the renovations unsatisfactory

The waiting area in the hall and The public location of the scale

- The lack of a table on which to rest an arm for taking blood pressure
 - The lack of privacy around the nurse's desk
 - The sounds that travel through the wall between the doctor's office and the waiting area
 - The layout of the doctor's office, with his back to the patient
 - The unclear status of the renovation
- Numerous residents have asked how to acquire Dr. Sehgal as their primary physician. We will endeavor to communicate that information.
 - The possibility of a public tutorial on using the medical portal for accessing information. Sharon has asked Lauri about this.
 - The status of availability for the podiatrist.
 - The felt need of many residents as to how to follow dietary guidelines in using The Moorings' menus; for instance, those with diabetes, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol. Jessica Schaub, The Moorings' Wellness Chair, and Mary Drandorff, Director of Nursing, offered to follow up on this need.
 - Several residents reported that ambulance responders did not examine the File of Life in their apartment when they arrived. Mary Drandorff explained that the information may have already been accessed digitally by drivers if it is in the Beebe system or The Moorings system. She also said that the information is often most needed by the nursing staff if the patient is unresponsive.

There has also been some confusion about whether or not staff from The Moorings may pick up a fallen resident. When asked about this, Annette said that the nurse responding to the fall decides whether someone from The Moorings may pick up the fallen resident or whether 911 is to be called. To protect everyone involved, physically and legally, the instructions are to wait for the nurse to decide

Woodshop: Richard Thomas reported that he has made a bowl and repaired a chair, Dean is *working* on floor lamps for a family member and is making stack tables for a resident, Ron is working on canes to be sold at the Thrift Shop, and the Shop appreciates the large monetary contributions that have been made. Richard reminded residents to ask the Woodshop for help in repairing or building furniture.

AREA REPORTS:

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West Wing, 1st floor – Nancy Krail reported that Gail Bourassa has moved into Apartment 113; one vacancy

West Wing, 2nd floor – Pat Cummings reported no change; one vacancy

East Wing, 1st Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported no change; no vacancies

East Wing, 2nd floor – Diane Bair reported that Joe and Dottie Ellis have moved into Apartment 233; one vacancy

Cottages – Elsie Gould and Sherry Chappelle reported that Julie and Larry Myers have moved into Cottage 36; 7 vacancies

Health Care– Gil Kaufman reported that the current census in AL is 27/29-90% in Safe Harbor 14/14-100%

in Skilled 32/40-80% (The reduced level for Skilled Nursing is now limited by Covid -19 spaces)

Vi Cribb has moved into AL.

OPEN FORUM:

FWG Financial Working Group Report: Jim McMullen reported that the Group met with Annette and Springpoint CFO Garrett Midgett on 5/5/2021 to discuss first quarter financial results.

Total revenue of \$3.5 million was \$258 thousand below budget owing to reduced occupancy in healthcare center.

Departmental expenses of \$3.4 million were \$261 thousand better than budget. Most departments were better than budget owing to reduced labor and purchases during the pandemic protocols.

Moorings had an operating surplus of \$745 thousand just slightly better than budget.
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DEI WORKING GROUP REPORT: Jane Lord reported that the Group met on May 13th at 4 pm in the Welcome Room. Six residents shared ideas and concerns as well as how they might build on connections with the broader Sussex County community.

Some ideas to pursue are:

Actively supporting Marketing's efforts to reach out to the LGBTQ community.

Encouraging management to consider working with local organizations with job-placement programs such as Pathways to Success, for hiring young people seeking to enter the work force.

Working with the Program Committee to bring in speakers representing diverse groups

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in the surrounding community.

Celebrating diversity among residents and staff, perhaps with a time to share ethnic foods and stories to go with them.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 1 at 4 pm, most likely in the Welcome Room.

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT: Don Smith reported that the Committee met on May 14th to review the new welcome letter and handouts that will be available to help welcome new residents. Included in the new welcome package will be a Welcome Card (Hallmark Card) and a Notecard the area reps can use.

Once the new welcome package is finalized, the Committee will move forward to develop an appropriate mission statement and to discuss possible social events, above and beyond what is currently provided.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 11th at 11 am

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: Gil Kaufman reported that the meetings typically address about 25-40 items, some minor and some major. This report will address the more significant ones for Independent Living. A lot of work has also been done for Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing.

1. Work on porches was reviewed in detail. The problem has been getting a reliable contractor able to get materials in a timely fashion. Chuck reported that he finally has found such a contractor and he expects to make good progress during the next six months.
2. Roof repairs needed for the Community Building were reviewed. In this case, also, Chuck now has a contractor willing to focus on those needs. It is anticipated that a full roof replacement will not be needed for another 5-8 years.
3. All of the areas damaged by the flooding during the heavy rains last fall have now been repaired, with a new area devoted to the Health Center.
4. Hallway carpet replacement in IL was underway and, where needed, the subflooring is being replaced or reinforced to eliminate the sponginess of the floors. I believe this has now been completed.

The next meeting will be in mid-June at which time discussion will begin on determining wear and tear.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary

