

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 14, 2021; 3:30 PM in the Auditorium

**WELCOME:** President Jim McMullen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President McMullen called the meeting to order. All Directors were present except Tom Reed.

A moment of silence was observed. President McMullen reminded everyone that there will be no meetings in July and there will be a Board of Directors' meeting only in August. The regular meeting schedule will resume in September.

**MINUTES:** Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting and May 17, 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 12 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:** Mike Bair reported for Tom Reed that as of April 30, 2021 the account balance was \$21,319 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,066, leaving an operating balance of \$18,253. Income for May was \$1,028 and expenses were \$477. The surplus was \$551. The operating balance as of May 31, 2021 was \$18,804. The Employee Appreciation Fund was \$3,066 leaving an account balance of \$21,870.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mike Bair reported that 118 members have contributed \$4,110 to the Membership Drive.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met on June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium. Having just received the news that we can unmask, we discussed how we would begin our venture out into the community. We will start slowly and will not include restaurants until after the summer. Most of the activities will take place here at home, with the addition of Stango Park Concerts, Clear Space, St. Peter's Arts and Crafts Fair, and the beach. The new calendar form is well thought out and meets the needs that Lauri found lacking in the previous form.

Outdoor shuffleboard play started last Saturday. There are 14 teams this year and games start at 10 am to hopefully beat the heat.

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The Cadbury Chorus is 32 voices strong. That is 10 members larger than any other year. We are working on a musical program we hope to present this fall.

The Meet and Greet Coffees are not reaching as many people as hoped. However, for the new folks who have attended, it has served to acquaint them with the activities taking place and most have signed up for at least one activity. They will continue for one more week.

We are planning an outdoor Sing-A-Long event prior to watching the fire works from Lewes on July 4<sup>th</sup> from our back patio.

The BIG NEWS is Happy Hour will begin this Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>! Please talk it up with new folks and welcome them to wherever you are sitting when they arrive. Help them get the same joy from these events as we have done in years past.

**Bylaws:** No report

**Communication:** Mike Bair for Tom Reed reported that the Pictorial Directory will be updated and printed and distributed in early July. The Newsletter deadline for articles is August 2<sup>nd</sup> to be given to Sharon Hoover. New residents are invited to write about stories from their background so we get to know one another.

**Dining:** Adele Trout reported that the Dining Committee met on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Appreciation was expressed to Corinne Lehman for her years of service as Dining Committee Chairperson. The dining staff was complimented for the excellent service in filling order requests and its positive attitude and delivery.

Friday and Saturday: continue the call system for Chart Room dining—302-344-3250. Call a day in advance before 3:30 pm. Take-out containers will be available for residents eating in the Chart Room. Three-foot distancing is still in place at tables.

Monday through Thursday: residents pick up dinners at Bistro from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Deliveries will be made at 5 or 6. Previous delivery charges remain the same.

Farm Art provides fruits and vegetables and Sysco supplies some staple items.

Staff has received strong compliments on the dinner salads, Fried Green Tomatoes, and Portobello Burgers.

There is a desire for heart-healthy food items and Pam reminded the members that "always available" items can be ordered.

Ongoing issues with tough beef servings were discussed and proper slicing methods were gone over with the staff.

There have been requests for two soups at dinner. This is being considered.

Residents may write specific requests on prepared menus (substitutes or gravy, etc.).

Inconsistent portion sizes are being corrected as is inadequately prepared seafood.

Comment cards are for full meals only and sometimes do not address the current dinner offering. Please use Pam's e-mail or telephone number for comments.

**Employee Appreciation:** No report

**Gift Shop:** Gil Kaufman reported that for May the income was \$283 and expenses were \$39, so our contribution to the TMALRA treasury was \$244.

Donations have picked up so we have a number of new items on the shelves that we are encouraging residents and staff to stop in and check out. Our selection of jewelry items is particularly robust right now which makes a good opportunity to shop for gifts for family or friends.

**Library:** Judy Burgess reported that Mildred Wiedmann has been able to purchase several large-print books from a garage sale. These are a welcomed addition as several residents now rely on the enlarged text.

The Committee has finally been able to have a real meeting in the Library. We discussed the Give-away-Table, the cart in Assisted Living, reports for the next Newsletter, criteria for discarding books, and the upcoming History Book Festival on September 24 and 25. The Library has been looking so tidy lately, a really inviting place, and we will not need to hold a housekeeping session just yet.

Our collection of DVD's has been completely reorganized. There are now categories for the different areas. These sections have been labelled for easier selection. When you borrow a DVD and you find it damaged, please do not return it to the Library.

Our next Committee meeting will be on September 9th at 4 pm in the Library.

**Nominating:** Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee will start its deliberations for a slate of officers for the 2022-2023 term on July 1. TMALA bylaws call for the slate for this term to include the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and one Area Representative each for the East and West Wings and the Cottages.

**Program:** Rich Woolley reported that the Committee met on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Welcome Room. The following July movies were selected and are posted on the TMALRA home page:

7/2	1776
7/9	Paris Can Wait
7/16	The Sun Also Rises
7/23	Somewhere in Time
7/30	Moonstruck

June movies still to be shown:

6/18	The Etruscan Smile
6/25	The Music Man

A description of the movie can be obtained by clicking on the title on the home page.

We have been informed that we can use The Moorings' Netflix Account for streaming movies. Discs will still be supplied by Gil Kaufman.

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Programs are shaping up. Our tentative schedule is:

September 21	Presentation by Medicare
October 19	Camp Rehoboth Ensemble
November 16	A Cruise on the Canal du Midi, France, by our own David Bleil
December 21	A Christmas program yet to be selected or Old Wall Cities of Germany presented by our fabulous pinch-hitter, Gil Kaufman

**Wellness:** Sharon Hoover reported that the Committee met with 12 people in attendance. We discussed the handling of COVID cards.

Sharon's research shows that we should not discard the original card. The CDC recommends making a copy to carry with you and filing the original with your important papers, perhaps with your passport. Some people slip their original into a small baggie to protect it. Another tip is to take a photo of your card with your phone. Some places accept such a photo as proof of vaccination.

It seems unclear at the moment what we might need the original card for in the future. Possibly for booster shots. Until the future is more clear, the AMA recommends that you do not laminate it because, after you laminate it, you cannot add information. Also, lamination is sometimes more or less successful. It is NOT recommended that you take a selfie with it. This can lead to identity theft.

There should be an electronic record of your vaccination filed with your doctor and with your state in case you should need it.

We discussed again about picking up a resident after a fall. The question was: why is it so unclear about picking up a resident after a fall? Doesn't The Moorings have a machine to pick up residents? Can't support staff wear a lumbar support belt to help them lift a patient?

The rule remains the same: The nurse who comes for a call determines if it is or is not appropriate to have someone pick up the patient given the manner in which the patient appears to have fallen at this time or if 911 must be called.

Sharon has not yet talked with someone at The Moorings about the equipment at The Moorings for nurses. She has talked to a physician's assistant who has worked in nursing care for over 20 years as a provider and coordinator. She told Sharon that equipment and nurses' use of it has multiple problems, such as falls and injuries, maintenance and repair, and ratios of patient/caregivers. Sharon will continue to follow up on this for specific uses of equipment at The Moorings.

Question: How many security people are on duty at The Moorings throughout the night? On weekends? Are we assuming that there is adequate security and thus have a false sense of security?

Sharon sent this question on to the Security Committee. Answer: Security at night has two security guards for both shifts. Weekend security at night is also two security

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guards. If someone calls out at the last minute, we cannot cover in time so the other is alone. This past weekend Rick and Joanne worked six straight days to cover an empty position.

Question: Is it true that the pull cord ONLY lights at the front desk? Answer: The pull cord (Call Bell) is tied directly to the computer system which in turn activates the pagers that security, maintenance, and nursing carry with them 24/7.

**Woodshop:** Richard Thomas reported that nothing is being worked on in the shop but a very welcome donation was received. If a resident wishes to make a donation, the best thing to do is to give cash to one of the shop members/workers for the kitty.

**AREA REPORTS:**

West Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> floor – Nancy Krail reported that Gail Bouras has moved into Apartment 113; one vacancy

West Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Pat Cummings reported that Fritz and Elsbeth Wahl have moved into Apartment 215; four vacancies

East Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported no change; no vacancies

East Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Diane Bair reported that Joe and Dottie Ellis have moved into Apartment 233; no vacancies

Cottages – Elsie Gould reported that Sol and Jeanne Upbin have moved into Cottage 23; three vacancies

Sherry Chappelle reported that Pam and Ed Prunken have moved into Cottage 44; three vacancies

Health Care– Gil Kaufman reported that the current census in AL is 25/29-86% in Safe Harbor 12/14-86%

in Skilled 33/40-82% (The AL and Safe Harbor percentages have fallen as a result of a number of recent residents' passing, but the census in Skilled Nursing continues to increase. Joe Baker is in Skilled and Fran Baker is in AL

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Resident Life Committee Report:** Don Smith reported that the Committee met on June 11<sup>th</sup> and the following were discussed and decided upon:

Draft 3 of the new residents' Welcome Letter was reviewed and decided upon with some minor changes to the wording on residents' meetings and afternoon exchanges. Draft 4 with the suggested rewording will be submitted to Lauri for formatting.

A mission statement for the Committee was discussed. The final copy of the statement is to be made by Don and distributed to the Committee.

Rejuvenating of past social events was discussed. Lauri will talk with Carol about some of these and will report the outcome of that discussion during the next Committee meeting.

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Jim McMullen reported that a copy of the Trustees Meeting at Springpoint was distributed to all residents.

The Building and Property Committee will meet soon and power washing of the buildings will be starting.

Many of the committees need new members to help with their missions.

Sharon and Dean Hoover will be putting up scenes along the hallways which might help with the DEI Committee's charge.

The old telescope in the Library cannot be repaired and may be discarded.

Pat Cummings' granddaughter needs more pen pals. She has already responded to some who had volunteered to write to her.

Bunny Guerrin asked if the extra money reported to be under budget can be used to reduce our yearly increase in fees. It was explained that the money is earmarked for improvements that have not been able to be made yet. Our Financial Working Group keeps close tabs on all budgeted monies and their allocation.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Adele Trout moved that TMALRA make a donation to Annette and her family in lieu of her recent illness. The motion was seconded and a thorough discussion followed. It was decided that a certificate to East Coast Nursery be given to her upon her return to us. The motion was unanimously carried. A card will also be posted for all of us to sign.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary