

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 21, 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. Sixty-six members were present.

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.

He reported that at the Board Meeting it was moved and carried that TMLRA present a gift certificate from East Coast Nursery to Annette and her family as a get well gift upon her return. Bill Dunn is making a large get well card for everyone to sign for her.

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 7th 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.

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

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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 BIG NEWS is Happy Hour began on Friday, June 18th! Please talk it up with new folks and welcome them to wherever you are sitting when they arrive.

Corinne Lehman is overseeing plans for a Sunset Cruise from the docks in Lewes in July or August. This usually costs \$20 per person. More details will follow.

The 4th of July picnic will take place as usual by following these instructions: Place your order during the week as you have been doing and specify if you want to pick up your meal in the Bistro or have it delivered. We have been given permission to eat together in the Bistro, the Chart Room, and the Patio. That evening we hope to have a guitarist playing some oldies for a sing-a-long as we wait for the sky to darken for the fireworks from Lewes.

Bylaws: No report

Communication: Mike Bair for Tom Reed reported that the Pictorial Directory will be updated and printed and distributed in early July. Please let Jim McMullen know if there are any errors in the Directory. The Newsletter deadline for articles is August 2nd 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 3rd. 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-feet 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.

1. 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.

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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.

There were a lot of questions asked and answers will be forthcoming.

Adele met with Pam and the following questions were answered:

What is the largest number of people who can sit together in the Chart Room?

Answer: Six

What size are the vegetable servings?

4 oz. both on the plates and in the small containers

Why are the menus in batches?

They are in weekly stacks and they can be returned daily, if preferred

There is confusion between Bistro and Chart Room meals

Call Tim and have him explain

The next meeting will be on July 15th.

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.

The Committee has finally been able to meet 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 is in very good shape and we will not need to hold a housekeeping session 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.

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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 2nd in the Welcome Room. The July movies were selected and are posted on the TMALRA home page:

June movies still to be shown:

6/18 The Etruscan Smile

6/25 The Music Man

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

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

The Committee needs volunteers to select movies and programs and projectionists. The next meeting will be July 7th at 1 pm in the Welcome Room.

Wellness: Sharon Hoover reported that the Committee met and discussed the handling of COVID cards.

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.

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 for supplies.

AREA REPORTS:

West Wing, 1st floor – Nancy Krail reported that Gail Bouras has moved into Apartment 113; two vacancies

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

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; two 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; And Karen Russo has moved into Cottage 29; 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

Resident Life Committee Report: Don Smith reported that the Committee met on June 11th 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.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Working Group Report: Jane Lord reported that a new art exhibit in the hallway on the first floor of The Moorings comes to us from Power of Goodness, Inc., a charitable organization dedicated to collecting stories of non-violence and reconciliation.

Actually, it was Sharon and Dean Hoover's daughter, Nadine, who brought the exhibit to us. She and her daughter installed it this weekend.

Entitled "The Power of Goodness," it is part of a larger travelling exhibition of original artwork and stories by children who have experienced war—in Chechnya and Russia in the 1990's, as well as in Europe and the U.S. after World War II.

This book, "The Power of Goodness: Art and Stories for a Culture of Peace," accompanies the exhibition. There is a Forward by Pete Seeger, and it is edited by Nadine Hoover. It will be available for a donation of \$20, which helps defray the costs of the exhibition and publication of the book.

Harriet Tubman Virtual Event: Wed., June 23, 1:00 pm, in the Auditorium

We'll be tuning into a discussion on Harriet Tubman, by New York Times bestselling author Kate Clifford Larson, this Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the auditorium. Larson's latest book, "Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman: Portrait of an American Hero," traces the rise of Tubman from slave to warrior, activist, and servant leader. Harriet Tubman's underground railroad route went through Delaware and her picture will soon grace our \$20 bill.

This program was arranged by the DEI Committee at Meadow Lakes, a Springpoint Community in N.J., and Lauri has registered so that we can screen it in our auditorium.

OPEN FORUM:

A defensive driving event will be looked into.

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.

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

There will be a shredding event in six weeks.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Don Smith will look into the DMV coming here to renew drivers' license

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

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary