

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 18, 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. There were 53 members present.

A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING REMARKS: President McMullen reported that at the Board of Directors' Meeting the following actions were taken:

1. The November TMLRA General Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 3:30 pm in the Auditorium. The regular Monday in the auditorium was preempted by the Osher Journalism course.
2. The Board approved a \$500 honorarium to be given to Charlie Olvere's family. Tom Reed is chairing a panel which is developing a policy around employees who have passed.
3. Nancy Krail has resigned as the First Floor West Wing Representative. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service. We'll miss you. According to the Bylaws, I have appointed Peg Partlow Acting Representative subject to Board approval at the November meeting.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting and September 20, 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 the operating balance as of August 31, 2021 was \$18,629 plus the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,066, leaving an account balance of \$21,696. The income for September was \$1,043 and expenses were \$143, leaving a surplus of \$947. The account balance as of September 30, 2021 was \$22,596 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,066, leaving an operating balance of \$19,530.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Reed reported that the first deposit of checks from 32 residents totaled \$10,600. Due to the generosity of some residents, that averages \$331 per person which is more than the \$260 suggested minimum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met on October 4th to plan events through November and into December.

The paper calendar is distributed around the last Thursday of the month, however, as you know, some enjoyable events such as the recent Jazz Concert may be added long after the calendar has gone to press. Fortunately we have email, Community Apps, and Channel 970 to keep you informed as to the latest information. Please try to use at least one of these sites every day in order to not miss out on enjoyable activities.

We still have many October events for participation. Men's lunch is tomorrow at Rosenfelds' Deli and the bus for dinner at Salt Air this Thursday is completely filled. It cannot be mentioned often enough to sign up early for anything you want to attend. You may attend but you will have to drive yourself.

October 31, a Sunday evening, is Halloween. Jean Upbin, the newest member of the Activities Committee, has enthusiastically taken on heading up this event. There will be a Halloween Party on Sunday evening October 31st in the Bistro for dinner and there will be a parade with prizes. This will be a night of laughter with many fun events. Costumes will be the attire of the evening and more information will be coming.

Lunch Out will include Dogfish Head; Rose & Crown; Striper Bites; and Men's Lunch at Irish Eyes.

The Wandering Wayfarers will go to McGlin's Pub in Dover for lunch and then tour the Biggs Museum.

The Fall Foliage Boat trip, with 33 people signed up, will take place November 6th. The Mid-Atlantic Symphony will at Epworth Church November 13th and their Christmas Concert will be at the High School on December 4th. We will be attending Clear Space when they present "The Musical Scrooge" in December.

Lights of Love will be celebrated on December 7th. The Christmas Party/Dinner Celebration will be at Victoria's in a Private Room on December 16th and the Cadbury Chorus will present its Christmas Concert in the auditorium on Sunday evening, December 19th.

Bylaws: No report

Communication: Tom Reed reported that the deadline for Newsletter articles is November 1st.

Dining: Adele Trout reported that the October Dining Committee Meeting was postponed until the regular November 4th meeting. However, the November 4th meeting conflicts with a Springpoint Event. So the November Dining Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 3:30.

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader reported that:

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Letters to all IL and AL residents were distributed on October 3rd.

Letters to Skilled Care residents and POAs were given to Jen Silvestri on October 5th for distribution/mailing.

Donations should be deposited in the collection boxes located in the respective mailrooms no later than November 19th for IL residents and November 12th for AL residents.

Checks will be distributed to the employees on Friday, December 10th in the Bistro between 1 pm and 5 pm.

Gift Shop: Gil Kaufman reported that September was the best month of the year so far for the Gift Shop, as our income was \$543 and expenses were \$126, so our net for the TMALRA treasury was \$417. That keeps us pretty close to being on target for our budgeted net gain for the year of \$3,500.

Our Assistant Manager, Diane Bair, has the Shop looking great for the fall and Halloween seasons so please stop in for some seasonal décor, or maybe a little spook, or some nice family gifts.

We still need volunteers for our sales staff and for substitutes when our regular staff members need some time off. If you are interested, please e-mail or call Gil Kaufman or contact Diane.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that the five albums containing photos and memorabilia have been moved to shelves under the Large Print Books. These albums contain a super collection of information about Cadbury, from its inception until about five years ago. Gil Kaufman is continuing his collection and there will be even more albums to peruse.

On the shelf where these were, where the bee books used to be, is an assortment of books, fiction and non-fiction, that members of our Library Committee have read and enjoyed, so please help yourselves to some really good reads.

Please remember there is a separate box for books you are returning and another box for books you are donating. There is also a shelf for your not-too-old magazines. Thanks for all your donations. Those we are unable to use, books that are duplicates or are too old, we donate to Lewes Library for their sales.

Our next Committee meeting will be on January 12, 2022 at 11 am in the Library.

Nominating: No report

Program: Rich Woolley reported that the movies for November have been selected and are posted on the TMALRA home page.

The Programs are as follows:

10/19 Inside Imperial Russia by Gil Kaufman

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A brief recap of his travels to Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Novosibirsk, visiting the Kremlin and Czar Peter's Royal Summer and Winter Palaces plus that of Cathrine the Great. A visit to the Science city of Novobirsk in Central Siberia will also be covered.

11/16 A Cruise on the Canal du Midi, France by David Bleil

A father and son trip on a self-drive canal boat on a historic waterway in southern France, from the Garonne River on the Atlantic side to Sete on the Mediterranean.

12/21 Christmas program – Denise Clemons

4/2022 Apollo 13 by Jack Clemons

Jack was a lead engineer on re-entry for the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs. His experiences in the programs were detailed in his book, Safely to Earth. He has written another book, just released. It is a novel called The Outliers. Jack is local, he is one of our speakers, and most importantly, the book is set in Lewes. Strangely enough it is called a wild west thriller in the October 4 issue of the Cape Gazette.

The next meeting will be on November 3rd at 1 pm in the Welcome Room

Wellness: Sharon Hoover reported that she met with Mary Drandorff, Director of Nursing, and Jessica Schaub, Assisted Living Coordinator and The Moorings' Wellness Chair. They said that the consent forms for the flu shots are being returned to the front desk nicely and that they expect the shots to be given later in October. The dates for the shots will be sent to residents as soon as they are available. The senior dose will be given.

The COVID shot will be given on October 21st and the notice and schedule is in the residents' cubbies. They have assured Sharon that residents do not need to worry about the scheduling of the two shots. They do not need to be spaced. They do not interact.

Springpoint has mandated vaccines for all employees and is hiring only vaccinated applicants.

A committee from The Moorings still meets with a committee from Beebe once a month to discuss common problems. During the pandemic this has been on Zoom, not in person.

The Committee discussed numerous concerns about the menus and food served from Dining Services and asked if Mary and Jessica might meet with the Committee. They have agreed and will attend the November Wellness Committee Meeting. In the Quiet Room on November 1st at 3:30.

All residents may attend any of the meetings of the Wellness Committee. Attendees are reminded that any names mentioned in wellness concerns are confidential and should not leave the room.

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If a resident wishes to bring a question before the Committee, it is best to formulate the question ahead of time, if possible. Talking about food choices can produce volatile feelings and preparing in advance helps prevent venting instead of finding helpful answers.

AREA REPORTS:

West Wing, 1st floor – Peg Bartlow reported no change; three vacancies
West Wing, 2nd floor – Linda Trzyzewski reported that Birgith Jensen has moved into Apartment 217; three vacancies
East Wing, 1st Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported no change; no vacancies
East Wing, 2nd floor – Diane Bair reported no change; two vacancies
Cottages – Elsie Gould reported that Franz and Rose Marie Portman have moved into Cottage 24; four vacancies
Sherry Chappelle reported no change; two vacancies.

Health Care– Fran Baker reported that the current census in AL is 28/30-93%
in Safe Harbor 12/15-80%
in Skilled 27/40-68%

Building and Property Committee Report (2022 Capital Expenditure Recommendations from Residents): Gil Kaufman reported that:

Capital Projects in the 2022 Budget Acted Upon:

Sidewalk Drainage Problems – Now underway; will be extensive and expensive

Floor in Auditorium – Replacing rugs in the auditorium is in 2022 capital proposals.
Removal of rug is not appropriate because it would negatively affect the acoustics

Draperies in Auditorium – Replace draperies in auditorium with attractive blinds.
Replacement of drapes with attractive window treatment is in 2022 capital proposals

Community Building Entry – There is a bump in the concrete walk where it joins the macadam. It will be filed down or filled in where the macadam has subsided

Trees on the Entrance Island – These are to be replaced this fall

Nighttime Lighting at Front Entrance – Delaware Coop (maintains all of our lights) will be installing a new light at the entrance, no schedule known yet

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Nu-Step – The non-functioning Nu-Step is being replaced with a new elliptical machine to broaden the versatility of our gymnasium

Capital Projects Still Under Consideration

Traffic Issue at the Property Entrance - Poor visibility when exiting the property. Still under discussion; among the options being considered:

Remove or trim trees restricting visibility

Add an acceleration lane (difficult)

Draperies in the Chart Room – Clean or replace, evaluated but no decision

Lighting at the Flag Pole Footbath- The footbath lighting shines directly into some West Wing front apartments

Pub – This is a controversial issue split about 50-50 with a high level of passion on each side. Management is developing an interim fix that may satisfy both sides. Without a pub, The Moorings may be at a competitive disadvantage.

Fire Pit – This also is a controversial issue split 50-50 with passion on both sides. A small group was working with Michael Oakes with the idea that individual members could contribute through the Foundation. That effort went dormant with the Covid protocol.

Automated Entry from Patio to Chart Room – Make the door more accessible for wheelchairs and scooters. Being discussed and management will get some bids on automating the doors. The cost is expected to be high and the presence of other existing automated doors on the east and west sides makes the expense questionable.

Real Trees in the Main Building – Artificial trees and plants get dusty and worn and could be replaced with live specimens. This is on hold because of limited staff to care for live plantings indoors.

Projects No Longer Being Considered

Solar Panels – Considered in the past and rejected as not cost-effective. State grants may be available for this if it is ever considered in the future.

Women's Locker Room – The installation of two additional shower stalls and toilets is considered impractical given the limited space and very high cost to implement it. This

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has been on the resident proposal list for a few budget cycles but does not appear practical.

Longer-Term Projects Not Yet Fully Evaluated

Auditorium Stage – Enlarge the auditorium stage by extending the “wings” on each side. Those areas are not used at all and could help support the large chorus that will not fit on the stage.

A Gathering Place in the East Wing 1st Floor

Outdoor Swimming Pool/Play Pool

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT: Don Smith reported that during the October 13th Committee meeting the following major issues were discussed:

The Committee is looking for input from residents on activities or topics in which they are interested that have not been considered before or previous activities that have not been offered recently.

The next major project is the development of a handbook that addresses questions, concerns, fears, and the process of transitioning from Independent Living to Assisted Living. Additionally, it is looking at the ways AL residents can interact with our lives in IL and participate in more of the IL activities.

OPEN FORUM: Sharon Hoover announced that the East Wing hall Diversity Display will be taken down. She also requested that new residents consider writing articles for the Newsletter regarding their personal life experiences.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary

