

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 16, 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 45 members present.

A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING REMARKS: President McMullen announced the following changes to Committee Chairs: Program Committee. Rich Woolley stepped down as chair after several years of service. Adele Trout is the new chair. Her appointment was approved by the Board at its November 8, 2021 meeting.

Dining Committee. Adele Trout resigned as chair to become chair of the Program Committee. Claire Thomas has agreed to be Dining Committee Chair. Claire is appointed Acting Chair pending Board approval at its December meeting.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting and October 18, 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 17 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: Jim McMullen for Tom Reed reported that the operating balance as of September 30, 2021 was \$19,530 plus the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,066, leaving an account balance of \$22,596.

The income for October was \$271 and expenses were \$143, leaving a surplus of \$128 plus the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$32,917, leaving an account balance of \$55,641. The operating balance is \$19,658.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim McMullen for Mike Bair reported that so far \$54,347 has been deposited to the Employee Appreciation Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met on November 1st to plan events into December.

On December 1st there will be a Holiday Kick-off in the Bistro under the direction of Lauri. It will be in the Bistro and will consist of fun games and treats. Then Thursday, December 2nd a bus will take you to Lewes Hospitality Night. December 3rd we will have a Holiday Decorating Social followed by our Birthday Celebration Happy Hour. Other holiday events

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include the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Christmas Program December 4th, and Lights of Love, December 7th. We plan to attend a matinee at Clear Space on Saturday, December 11th to see Scrooge and Sunday the Capitol Chimera will perform at Conley's Methodist Church. On December 15th there will be a Cookie Decorating Party. Our Holiday Dinner out will be held in a private room at Victoria's on the Boardwalk. The following afternoon, December 17th we will hold our White Elephant Party.

If you want a day in Rehoboth, the bus will drop you off from 12 to 3 pm to shop. December 19th The Cadbury Chorus will present its Christmas program and have a carol sing-a-long.

On December 21st the Men's Lunch will be held and also on that day there will be cocktails and carols in the Bistro.

New Year's Eve we will have our special dinner in the Dining Room and then enjoy music to dance and sing to in the Bistro. The group we have enjoyed in years past is unable to be here so Bob Porta and Corinne Lehman are working on music from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's for our enjoyment. Then Ron Trupp will "drop the Silver Ball" at 9 pm.

Bylaws: Jane Lord reported that the Bylaws were last amended in April of 2018 when the Bylaws Committee reviewed the entire document for clarity and consistency and, since then, no further issues have come before the Committee.

Communication: Jim McMullen for Tom Reed reported that the new Pictorial Directory will be out in January. Lauri and Mike Bair will take pictures for the Directory. Please give Mike Bair new birthdays and E-mails. Lauri's Community Apps are going well.

Dining: No report

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader reported that checks will be distributed to the employees on Friday, December 10th in the Bistro from 1 to 5 pm.

Gift Shop: Gil Kaufman reported that Diane Bair has been promoted to the Manager of the Gift Shop as of January 1, 2022. She did a wonderful job as the Assistant Manager.

October was the slow month for the Gift Shop, as our Income was \$271. However, there were no expenses, so all the income went to the TMALRA treasury. That keeps us pretty close to being on target for our budgeted net gain for the year of \$3,500.

The Shop is starting to get ready for the Holiday season, so stop in to look for Christmas cards, Holiday décor, or some nice gifts for family or friends.

We welcomed Mildred Wiedmann to our list of volunteers, starting as a substitute.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that she has received many favorable comments from residents and outsiders who visit the Library. All the people on the Library Committee deserve the highest praises and a huge thank you. The committee would like to have suggestions as to how it could be made even better or easier to use. There is a box for suggestions on a small circular table.

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Our Christmas collection is out on the shelf below the map. These contain sweet fireplace tales, traditional stories, and more. They will be available until mid-January.

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

Nominating: Gil Kaufman reported that the Nominating Committee has completed its task of developing a slate of officers for TMALRA for the 2022-2023 term and, as prescribed by the Bylaws, it is being presented to you today. The Bylaws state that each year nominees for half of the officers and area representatives on the Board of Directors are voted upon.

These are the nominees for those positions to be elected for the 2022-2023 term:

Treasurer: Renominate Tom Reed

Assistant Treasurer: Nominate Larry Myers

Corresponding Secretary: Renominate Marianne Jarvis

Cottage Representative: Nominate Mildred Wiedmann

East Wing Second Floor Area Representative: Renominate Diane Bair

West Wing Second Floor Area Representative: Renominate Linda Trzyzewski

Healthcare Area Representative: Renominate Fran Baker

These nominations will be voted upon at the December TMALRA meeting. There will, as usual, be an opportunity for nominations from the floor as long as those nominees have agreed to serve if elected.

Program: Rich Woolley reported that the Program Committee met on November 3rd. Movies for December have been selected and are posted on the TMALRA home page.

The Programs are as follows

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

Rebecca Brenner was welcomed as a new member of the Committee.

The next meeting will be on December 1st at 1 pm in the Welcome Room

Wellness: Sharon Hoover reported that the Wellness Committee met on November 1st with Mary Drandorff, Director of Nursing, and Jessica Schwaub, Assisted Living Coordinator and The Moorings' Wellness Chair. All were pleased with the exchanges that took place.

Highlights of the discussions were information about interacting with Bistro staff about food concerns, such as an allergy to milk, potassium, or alcohol. It was emphasized that Independent residents are responsible for controlling their diets and for initiating any questions they have about food choices with Bistro staff. They should ask their doctors for guidance about their food choices. Staff in Assisted Living and Skilled Care are aware of residents' needs. It was brought to our attention again that The Moorings does not

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add salt to foods. Soups are made in-house. Purchased soup bases are low-sodium. Vegetables are not canned but are frozen.

Mary informed us that staff from the various departments meet every two weeks to share notes about concerns any of them observe among independent residents.

Residents' needs are assessed so that extra help might be offered or even perhaps a short stay in Assisted Living. Residents' needs are often observed by someone in the facility and that concern is brought to the committee. Neighbors and friends may also mention concerns to Lauri. These are held in strictest confidence.

Concerns were expressed about the apparent fears that many independent residents have concerning a proposed move to assisted living. Several cases of successful moves were cited. Committee members decided to talk with some residents who have made the move and perhaps have an article about the transition in the Newsletter.

WOODSHOP: Richard Thomas reported that Dean has fixed a bed and repaired a frame and Richard is working on a foot stool. A resident visited the Shop and was given instructions on how to use it.

AREA REPORTS:

West Wing, 1st floor – Peg Partlow reported no change; three vacancies

West Wing, 2nd floor – Linda Trzyzewski reported no change; three vacancies

East Wing, 1st Floor – Bunny Guerrin reported a death in Apartment 128; one vacancy

East Wing, 2nd floor – Diane Bair reported that Marian McCarthy moved into Apartment 230; no vacancies

Cottages – Elsie Gould reported no change; four vacancies

Sherry Chappelle reported that Bill and Vickie Littell have moved into Cottage 42; one vacancy.

Health Care– Fran Baker reported that the current census in AL is 26/30-87%
in Safe Harbor 12/15-80%
in Skilled 30/40-75%

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE: No report

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE: Don Smith reported that at the November 11th meeting it was requested that residents list things that had been available previously but not recently. The results were:

Early in the new year we will be having a technology session once per month to address computer questions or problems a resident is having

Early in the new year Community Apps will be changed to include a daily announcement when the mail has been delivered

Early in the new year weekly trips to the Lewes Library will be available

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Early in the new year a talk will be given in the auditorium on the Wellness Department's capability and possible related charges a resident might experience.

The project of moving from IL to AL continues to move forward. A list was presented of some of the issues most residents would like to have addressed. Also, as a related topic, current ways are being addressed that IL residents can interact with AL residents.

FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP: Jim McMullen reported that the Group reviewed the third quarter reports. We have a surplus in the third quarter and the year to date.

DEI COMMITTEE: Jane Lord reported that thanks are due to Sharon Hoover and her daughter for arranging the "Power of Goodness" art exhibit that has been in the first floor East Wing hallway and to Diane Bair for arranging the display of books featuring DEI topics or issues that are available in The Moorings' Library and thanks for the articles from Diane and Sharon for the articles in the Newsletter.

No in-person events have been planned because of Covid limitations. Several relevant webinars or Zoom presentations have been suggested, but the timing has never been good for screening in the auditorium. We continue to monitor appropriate programs presented by such groups as the Southern Delaware Alliance Racial Justice (SDARJ), Delaware Libraries, Delaware Humanities, and the University of Delaware's "Reflecting America" online series.

Whenever possible, we will post announcements of their programs in the mailroom.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Bunny Guerrin reported that the Committee has not yet resumed

OPEN FORUM: Pat Cummings stated that she thought the latest Newsletter was the best we have ever had. Thanks were given to Jim McMullen (and posthumously to Bill Dunn) for the excellent job they did on the outdoor shuffleboard tournament.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary

