

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2022; 3:30 PM on ZOOM

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President McMullen called the meeting to order.

**OPENING REMARKS:** President McMullen announced that Morrison's Dining will be providing dining services for all Springpoint properties. This can be a difficult time for our dining employees so try not to discuss this transition with them. We are experiencing a COVID outbreak so use good virus-defending practices.

**MINUTES:** Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the April Board of Directors' Meeting and 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 they will be filed.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Maryanne Jarvis reported that she sent 9 cards this month. Please let her know of anyone who needs one, even residents who are not necessarily sick but who may be struggling with life's circumstances.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Reed reported that last month the account balance was \$27,995 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$5,842, leaving an operating balance of \$22,153. The income for April was \$801 and expense were \$872 leaving a deficit of (\$71). As of April 30, 2022 the account balance was \$27,924 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$5,842, leaving an operating balance of \$22,082.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met May 9<sup>th</sup> to prepare the June calendar. The shuffleboard play has been postponed for one week due to weather. The chorus will find out next week if the dates for the Wizard of Oz performance will have to be postponed due to the COVID outbreak. The Beach Bus will run every Tuesday and Thursday to Lewes Beach (9:15 to 12:00). A bus will run to the Rehoboth Beach Farmers' Market at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>. It will only continue after that if interest dictates.

Dinner Out will be at "Just In Thyme" on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Stango Park Concerts will begin on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Wandering Wayfarers will explore Ross Mansion in Seaford and have a late lunch at the Eagle Diner in Seaford. Bus time is 10:00 am. Lunch Out will be on "Grain On the Rocks" on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The men will go to Bethany Beach in Lewes for lunch on June 21<sup>th</sup>. A tentative date has been set for the Christmas Party this coming December. If negotiation are successful, we will have the upstairs Lewes Room at "Irish Eyes" on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The trip to Cape May has only four sign-ups. We may have to cancel it if no one else signs up.

**Bylaws:** No report

**Communication:** No report

**Dining:** Claire Thomas reported that the Committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Pam said that the procedure of having large groups wait in the Bistro until all members of the party arrive before seating them in the Chart Room has made things smoother for the dining staff. She realizes that not everyone agrees with this procedure. The average number of residents eating in the Chart Room has been 30 to 35 per night.

A resident questioned the Always Available meals ordered from the Bistro and Pam said that fish, chicken, steak, and cheese omelets are not available when ordering from the Bistro. They are only available when ordering from the Chart Room Always Available menu.

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Two residents requested that sugar-free ice cream be available and Pam said it is difficult to obtain in large quantities but she will order individual servings. Another resident questioned why lobster pizza was offered but not regular pizza and Pam agreed that regular pizza is very popular and should be returned to the menu. Individual packages of salt substitute are available on the tables of the Chart Room along with artificial sweeteners.

A request was made for orange marmalade to be served and Pam said it will be made available. A few people complained that entrée items were not served hot enough in the Chart Room and Pam asked what night this was. She said he could not address the issue unless the residents tell her what night it occurred.

Barbeque meals which were to start sometime in May will not occur at this time. Spring and summer menus will not be completed as previously announced due to our association with Morrison Living.

Springpoint has partnered with Morrison Living, the nation's leader in senior dining, and this will be effective at The Moorings starting July 1, 2022. This will be done at all of Springpoint's locations in New Jersey also. Pam, Tim, and Mary will receive two or three weeks of training and, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be employees of Morrison Living. An Executive Chef will be located here as well as an Executive Director who will work with Pam. As of August, all dining staff will be Morrison employees.

The next Dining Committee Meeting will be held on June 2, 2022 at 3 pm in the Welcome Room.

**Employee Appreciation:** No report

**Gift Shop:** Diane Bair reported that the Shop did rather well considering that not many visitors were browsing or buying. Most of our sales were made by our own residents and or volunteers. Our cash income was \$262.00 in addition to the Bingo income of \$146.50 and charges of \$96.80. Total income for April was \$505.30 and expenditures were \$46.73, leaving a profit of \$458.57. Many thanks to all who made purchases.

**Library:** Judy Burgess reported that at this month's Book Club Lisa Scottoline's Eternal was selected. This book is about three young people growing up during Mussolini's Italy. This fascinating story won the award for the best historical novel at the History Book Festival held in Lewes two years ago.

The History Book Festival last year was zoomed because of the Corona Virus. This year we will be back to live presentations, described as 'an inperson, weekend format.' The date for the keynote address is Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 'broad range of historical fiction and narrative nonfiction by both well-known and emerging authors.'

I will have more information for you as I receive it. Our local newspaper will also give you the schedule as soon as it has been announced. This is such a special event for Lewes.

Our next Library Committee Meeting will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the Library.

**Nominating:** No report

**Program:** No report

**Wellness:** Don Smith for Gail Bourassa reported that Gail is now a member of the Resident Life Committee.

Karen Kerstetter has been reminded to inform new residents of the placement and use of the emergency pull cords.

Personal Alert Pendants are available through The Moorings at a one-time cost of \$140. These pendants will only work in the facility and on the grounds. There are pendants that will work off campus available from retail companies.

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The schedule for religious services was reviewed

Christi Berrios is looking into providing support services for personal losses.

The subject of providing off-campus transportation was reviewed. There are two different forms available to request this service. One is for medical transportation and the other is for non-medical transportation. These forms are available at the Concierge Desk, the TMALRA Website, and Community Apps.

It was confirmed that one may use a current driver's license in order to obtain an ID card. It is important to note that the drivers' license must be current before it can be used to obtain an ID card

If the license is not current, you will need to reapply with all needed documentation. Currently this is only being done at the DMV, but Don is working on having the DMV OnThe Go Trailer stationed at the Lewes Library for a couple of days.

The Moorings has a disaster plan in place in the case of a major event such as a hurricane, major fire, etc. Plans include the evacuation of all residents and providing housing for them as appropriate. In the event of a tornado, the safest place is in the bathroom since it is well supported on all sides and has no windows.

Chuck Palmer is looking into the lights in the bathrooms turning off after a period of time with no movement.

In case of fire, it is imperative that residents stay inside their apartment and not go out into the halls until notified by the Fire Department or someone from The Moorings.

Pat Bock and Elaine Showers developed a spreadsheet advising where the emergency cords and fire pull boxes are located throughout Independent Living.

Residents of Assisted Living are allowed and encouraged to participate in Independent Living activities.

At this time, the second booster shot for COVID 19 will not be offered through The Moorings.

**Woodshop:** No report

**AREA REPORTS:**

West Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> floor –Peg Partlow reported no change; no vacancies

West Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Linda T reported apt. 209 now empty; one vacancy

East Wing, 1st floor – Bunny Guerrin reported apt. 140 now empty; two vacancies

East Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - Diane Bair reported that Susan Burris will move into apt. 222 and

Bob Porta will move into apt. 242

Cottages, Mildred Wiedmann – no report

Cottages, Sherry Chappelle – reported no change; three vacancies

Health Center, Jack Shubert – no report

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee met on April 19, 2022 and covered 18 items of current and anticipated new work. The most important were:

1. Locker Rooms: Men's and Women's locker rooms have been cleaned out with old swimming suits and old gear tossed. The lockers are to be upgraded with full-height versions—planned for 2023 capital budget. From here on lockers are to be used only on days residents are in the pool or gym and not as storage space so they must be cleaned out each time the resident leaves the area.

2. AL & SNF:TV Operation: Concern had been raised that the TVs in AL and SNF were not provided with the capability for captions for residents with hearing limitations. Chuck Palmer has assured us that those capabilities do exist, though they are not obvious and, with direction, can be achieved. A request to staff should provide that capability.

3. Drainage Issues in Front of Apartments: Chuck Palmer is aware of these concerns and has plans to rectify them when the weather improves. Drainage systems will be installed to carry the excess water away from the buildings.

4. Solar Energy Opportunities At The Moorings: Serious consideration is now being given to the possible application of solar energy at The Moorings and a study is underway. Preliminary decisions include the placement of solar panels on covers over the principal parking areas. This would be necessary because the building roofs are not designed to carry their load and the extra five acres are to be kept open for future building opportunities.

Let Gil know if there are questions about other matters.

**RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE:** Don Smith reported that the Committee met on April 27<sup>th</sup>, during which it was announced that to expedite the publication of "Demystifying Assisted Living" all other projects will be set aside. Lauri will develop a draft of the publication and afterwards she will work with Judy and a few others to critique the draft. After this action, the draft will be submitted to the entire Committee for review and comments. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP:** Jim McMullen reported that the first quarter revenue was 10% below budget owing to lower census in Skilled Care and Safe Harbor. Departmental expenses were also below budget by 10%. We had an operating surplus although it was slightly below budget.

**TRUSTEES REPORT:** No report

**DEI COMMITTEE:** No report

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** No report

**OPEN FORUM:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.