

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
General Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 19, 2022; 3:30 PM in the Auditorium

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President McMullen called the meeting to order. There were 60 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

**MINUTES:** Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the August Board of Directors' 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:** Carol Lader reported that she sent 5 cards this month. Please let her know of anyone who needs a card even just for cheering someone up. She thanked the Floor Reps for giving her names.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Reed reported that as of July 31, 2022 the account balance was \$30,035 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$6,842, leaving an operating balance of \$23,193. The income for August was \$530 and expense were \$825 leaving a deficit of (\$295). As of August 31, 2022 the account balance was \$29,741 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$6,842, leaving an operating balance of \$22,898.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met September 12<sup>th</sup>. September 22 "Notes on the Beach" will be in the auditorium a 2 pm and dinner will be at Striper Bites. The men are going to Bethany Blues on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Wandering Wayfarers are going to Balleys Casino in Dover on September 28<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 12:30 pm. This is a new activity and more people must sign up to warrant a bus.

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony is October 1<sup>st</sup> at the high school. Please get your money in soon and checks are preferred over cash. Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> is the Wandering Wayfarers' trip to Berlin for the October Fest and lunch at the historic Atlantic Hotel.

The calendar also includes lunch at the Rose and Crown, dinner at Harbor House at Canal Square, or Mitchey's in Rehoboth. The Lunch Bunch will enjoy Mango's in Bethany and then a stroll through town. Coastal Concerts will begin their series Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clear Space presents "Little Shoppe of Horrors" October 30<sup>th</sup>. The men will go to Dog Fish Head in Rehoboth October 25<sup>th</sup> and the Harrington Casino trip is still on for October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Halloween Party will be on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Lauri will be the M.C. for the event so it will be an extra special night of fun. Get your costumes ready as we have an outstanding panel of judges!

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Don't forget to mark your calendars for our December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner at Irish Eyes. More information will be forthcoming.

**Bylaws:** No report

**Communication:** Tom Reed reported that the cut-off for articles for the Newsletter is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Dining:** Claire Thomas reported that the Committee met on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Welcome Room. There were ten members of the Committee present plus Andrew Lavallo/Regional Manager of Morrison Senior Living, Pam Barnett/Dining Director, Jim McMullen/President of TMALRA, Don Smith/Vice President of TMALRA, and one resident guest.

Andrew said they are running at least a month behind in implementing the transition to Morrison in 3 phases. We are currently in phase 2. We will have an additional meat and seafood vendor, Halpern, which will hopefully solve the tough beef problems we have had in the past. So far, we have not seen any menu changes, but a Fall/Winter menu is coming soon. Not all menu items will be changed or eliminated. We will continue to have our favorites. Andrew was asked if we could ensure consistency in the preparation of menu items, i.e., if a particular item, whether it is lasagna, broiled seafood, or Shepherd's Pie, that it will be prepared exactly the same way each time it served. He said the chefs should prepare each recipe according to its instructions. A Livwell choice will be continued. From time to time we will be offered an additional upgraded choice for an extra charge. Morrison did say that most desserts will be made in-house except the gourmet cheesecakes, but this will not happen until we can hire a baker.

All dining staff employees have transitioned to Morrison at this point. There is still a shortage of staff although the situation is slowly improving. Two employees of the dining staff did not transition to Morrison and transferred to The Moorings Housekeeping staff instead. We recently hired four new employees, but still are in need of servers.

Two things under consideration at this time are a brunch (not necessarily on Sundays) and a return of a Community Table. A discussion of many miscellaneous subjects was held with Pam Barnette participating. She announced that a different brand of coffee is being served. A question came up about food allergies and it was stressed that it is the residents' responsibility to notify the server (or include in the order form) any allergies they may have. Another resident asked if it was possible for the dining staff to notify anyone who orders a menu item which is not going to be available that day. She stressed that orders should be put in as early as possible and better planning on the part of dining services will solve that problem. We mentioned the need for all food to be served hot but not dried out by sitting in a warming tray for too long. Spaghetti sauce should be used instead of watery tomatoes and vegetables should not be over- or under-cooked, especially broccoli and green beans.

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It is very important to fill out the Comment Cards.

The Bistro pick-up area is going to be remodeled soon. This will not affect the seating area.

There was concern that menus vary depending upon where they are posted and it was suggested that the Website would be the most accurate place to look.

The next Dining Committee Meeting will be October 6, 2022 at 3 pm in the Welcome Room.

**Employee Appreciation:** Carol Lader reported that the Committee reviewed all relevant documents to be distributed during the campaign. After discussion with the TMALRA President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, it was decided that all Dining Services employees will participate in the campaign for this full year and ongoing.

The initial letter to residents will be mailed October 1-2, 2022

Donation boxes will be located in the IL USPS mailbox location and the AL cubbie location

The distribution of gifts will be December 7, 12 N to 4 pm in the Bistro

Committee members will take turns manning the campaign table from 12 n to 2 pm, and 2 pm to 4 pm.

Current Committee Members are:

Carol Lader, Chair; Rebecca Brenner, Jackie Buttimer, Jean Gillespie, Nancy Krail, Tess de Rubertis, Larry Myers, Rebecca Rogers, Gary Showers, Fran Tobin, and Jeanne Upbin.

**Gift Shop:** Diane Bair reported that this was another good month in the Shop. Many thanks to our volunteers and those who have donated. We were lacking in inventory, but recently some great donations have appeared. Please keep the Shop in mind when clearing out clutter or things that have been packed away.

The August income report is as follows:

Cash      \$170.00

Bingo      \$279.50

Charges    \$ 82.75

Total      \$532.25      Restocking expenditures were \$107.36, so the profit is \$424.89.

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**Library:** Judy Burgess reported that two new members have joined the Committee: Anne Fahringer and Jean Gillespie. We have received a large collection of CD's of Broadway Shows, usually recordings of the original cast.

This year The History Book Festival will be returning to an in-person format for the Saturday presentations. How would you like to learn about the history of surgery, including how the Stone Age people cut into flesh? Empire of the Scalpel is for you. Or maybe a biography of Jean of Arc.

Posted on the Library doors and in the Mail Room are schedules of all 19 presentations. The keynote speaker is Buzz Bissinger. His book is entitled The Mosquito Bowl: A Game of Life and Death in World War II. The game is football. The locale is Okinawa. Many football players, both professional and up and coming football players, enrolled in the Marines during the Second World War. Their units had been assigned to attack the Japanese forces on islands in the Pacific. What this game has to do with men enlisted, well, you have to read Bissinger's account.

**Nominating:** Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee is continuing its work to complete a slate of candidates for the 2023-2024 term. All but one candidate opening have been settled.

**Program:** Adele Trout reported that the movies have been put on the Website.

The Programs are as follows:

September 20 – MERR by Suzanne Thurman

October 18 – Camp Rehoboth Ensemble (small group)

November 15 – Denise Clemons

December 20 – Biking by David Bleil

**Wellness:** Gail Bourassa reported that the meeting was held on September 6, 2022 in the Quiet Room. There were ten residents present.

The information for residents of Independent Living wanting information about moving into Assisted Living is going to be presented in a brochure being developed at this time by Lauri Weeks. When completed, it will be presented for review to the Committee.

In response to the Committee's desire to seek someone to run a grief support forum, at this meeting, Katina Gouch, from "Grief Share," presented to the Committee the Program as offered by the Methodist Church in Lewes. The Program was noted to be very structured and more like a class than an open forum. The presenter had a very high energy level which made some of the residents uncomfortable and she is not a licensed psychologist.

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Consequently, this program is not what is wanted in terms of grief support. We will continue our search for a more appropriate program. Another possibility is Parsell's Funeral Home where Scott Burdett, the Advanced Life Planner, was mentioned as a contact.

Jane Lord brought up a concern about residents in Safe Harbor not being able to begin their meals unless there is a CNA present. This is a problem when the CNA is not present when the meals are delivered, meaning residents must wait and their meals are cold when they are able to eat them. This is fairly frequent and the wait is more than a few minutes. Also, the dining room does not always receive the food on the cart when it is delivered. If there is no one there to open the door when the food comes, it remains in the hall where the food cools and the residents stay hungry behind closed doors. Don Smith stated that this is a dietary issue and it will be brought up at the next Dietary meeting later this week.

The mention of the Funeral Home brought up the idea of having a meeting for the residents regarding funeral planning. This also brought up the DMOST form for residents of Delaware. Though this has been reviewed a number of times, it was decided that it would be good to review it occasionally so that all new residents are aware of it. This might be done in conjunction with planning for the same meeting and Adele Trout will be approached about planning this.

**Wood Shop:** No report

**Area Reports:**

West Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> floor - Peg Bartlow no report

West Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - Linda T reported that Richard and Shirley Weil have moved into Apartment 209; no vacancies

East Wing, 1st floor - Bunny Guerrin reported one vacancy

East Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - Diane Bair reported no change; one vacancy

Cottages, Mildred Wiedmann - reported no change; no vacancies

Cottages, Sherry Chappelle reported no change; one vacancy

Health Center no report

**Special Reports:**

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Gil Kaufman reported that during the July meeting about 25 items were addressed and two will be addressed here. A lot of attention was given to items for AL and SNF as well as IL:

1. After several expert evaluations, the organ in the auditorium has been determined to be inoperable, so it will be discarded.

2. Roof repairs needed for the community building were reviewed. Chuck Palmer has a contractor willing to take care of those. It is anticipated that a full roof replacement will not be needed for another 5-8 years. The next meeting will be on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT:** No report

**FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP REPORT:** No report

**TRUSTEES REPORT:** Tom Reed put a report in everyone's cubby (next year's monthly increase is anticipated to be approximately 9%)

**DEI COMMITTEE REPORT:** No report

**SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:** No report

**OPEN FORUM:** Judy Burgess announced that Lauri Weeks has found an art teacher who will teach water color in the Arts and Craft Room on Thursdays at 10 am. There will be four sessions and each session will cost \$35 per student to be paid by the students. Please let Judy know if interested.

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium will be a display of arts and crafts done by residents over the past three years with the crafters present

Linda T wishes to thank Diane Bair for the Bulletin Board display in the elevator.

Bunny Guerrin reported that she is having trouble organizing people to participate in reading plays.

Dianne Bair reported getting a thank you note from The West Side New Beginnings for our contributions. We will be donating again in January.

Claire Thomas reported that a visitor appreciated the sunflower display on the table in the entrance hall and took a photograph of it because he was from Ukraine and it was very meaningful to him.

There was a question about voting procedures for our area and it was suggested that one can go to "VOTE 411.org" for information

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Elsie Gould gave a beautifully written and delivered account of the September 17<sup>th</sup> evening Craft Display. She thanked everyone who participated, especially those involved in the organization and set-up which was outstanding. She encouraged all members to consider using the Arts and Crafts Room from now on to pursue working on various crafting interests.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary