

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 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 57 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the September 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: Carol Lader reported that she sent 9 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. To have a card delivered to Skilled Nursing, take it to the front desk.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Reed reported that 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. The income for September was \$809 and expense were \$397 leaving a surplus of \$412. As of September 30, 2022 the account balance was \$30,153 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$6,842, leaving an operating balance of \$23,311.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Myers reported that the Employee Appreciation campaign is off to a good start. To date, residents have contributed approximately \$22,700 to this worthy program. This is a little more than a third of the total amount that was raised last year and we still have more than a month left in the fund-raising campaign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met on October 10th. She reminded everyone of the Halloween activities scheduled for 4 pm on the 31st.

On October 21 at Happy Hour at 3:30, Notes on the Beach will be sharing "Crooning and Cocktails." This is a great trip down memory lane with these two talented entertainers. On November 5th, The Misspillion Concert Series will be in Milford at 7 pm. On 7th there will be bus runs to the election. On November 10th Dinner Out will be at the Cottage café in Bethany Beach.

The Mid Atlantic Symphony will be at Epworth Church November 12th at 3 pm. Men's lunch is at Dogfish head on November 22nd. Thanksgiving Day Dinner is November 24th.

"ELF", the Clear Space Musical, is November 27th. A bus to Winterfest of Lights is tentative for November 28th and again after Hospitality Night in Lewes on December 1 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm and maybe Friday the 2nd after the Birthday Happy Hour.

The Mid Atlantic Symphony Christmas Program is December 3rd at 7 pm in the High School and December 10th is the Capital Ringers at the Lutheran Church in Rehoboth

December 15th is our Dinner Out at Irish Eyes. It will be a buffet and Lauri, Lisa, Peg, and Carol will select the package and will keep the cost at \$50, including tip. We will have our own private bar tender and that will be a cash bar.

Carols and Cocktails will be December 16th at Happy Hour. The Cadbury Chorus will have its program on December 18th at 7 pm.

Lights of Love and the White Elephant Party will also be happening when a date has been decided.

Bylaws: No report

Communication: Tom Reed reported that the cut-off for articles for the Newsletter is November 1st or call David Bleil. If you need to have your picture updated see Don Smith. Also, an updated list of Committee members should be given to Jim McMullen.

Dining: Claire Thomas reported that the Committee met on October 6th. Eight members of the Committee were present plus Pam Barnett/Dining Director, Jim McMullen/TMALRA President, Don Smith/TMALRA Vice President, and one resident guest.

Pam said it is very important for residents to fill out the Comment Cards in front of Annette's office. It was mentioned that several residents filled out the cards and requested to be called and were not. This is very discouraging. She passed around a report that will be made up monthly showing the results of the comment cards as well as a list of the comments received.

She also gave out a copy of a proposed 4-week cycle menu prepared by Morrisson. This is a preliminary draft of an upcoming menu. She asked the Committee to review the menu and get back to her with comments and suggestions. Then, the menu will be updated with our suggestions and changes and hopefully we will have our new Fall/Winter menus soon. She asked if we want to continue the Livewell menu and was told yes for some of the items.

Upcoming holiday menus are being prepared. Thanksgiving Dinner, served family style, will be on Thanksgiving morning. The Christmas and New Year's menus will be served the evening before as it has in the past. The staffing problem has improved somewhat and we now have a full staff of cooks, but need four part-time servers.

The brunch is being considered and the Community Table will be reinstated. She mentioned the possibility of the Supper Club returning which was a popular buffet-style meal served once a week.

The quality of beef seems to have improved but the veal is still a problem.

The next Dining Committee meeting will be held on November 3, 2022 in the Welcome Room.

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader reported that letters to all IL and AL residents were distributed on October 1st.

Letters to Skilled Care and safe Harbor residents and POAs were distributed on October 1st.

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

A reminder will be sent.

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.

Gift Shop: Diane Bair reported that the income for September was \$794 and expenses were \$60.

Library: Kathy Holstrom for Judy Burgess reported that the Committee met and the main discussion was about the Well Read Owl, who has had his beak buried in a book for too long. Everyone at the meeting wanted to keep the owl and the shelf of books, their favorite reads. We will improve the signage and write a Library Lines with a description of the owl and the books on the shelf.

We have been getting many donations and sifting through them all is a challenge. Our members do an amazing job of keeping on top of all of it. Duplicates and seldom-read volumes are sent to the Lewes Library. We do welcome your requests and try to order these as soon as possible. We also welcome any suggestions about how we might do things differently, especially from our newer residents.

Judy has a request. So many of you are enjoying the books we have. Would you please consider writing a short bit about a book you have enjoyed and send this for our newsletter to David Bliel or Sharon Hoover. Any of the members on the Committee would be willing to help in any way. Then our other residents will be able to track this book and enjoy it.

Nominating: Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee has completed its work and will report a slate for the 2023-2024 term at the November TMLRA meeting as prescribed by our Bylaws

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

The Programs are as follows:

October 18 – Camp Rehoboth Ensemble (small group)

November 15 – Biking by David Bleil

March 2023 - History of the Barons of Rehoboth Beach by Mr. Lovett

Wellness: Gail Bourassa reported that the meeting was held on October 3, 2022 in the Quiet Room. There were twelve residents present.

The issue of the lack of service for hot meals in AL and Safe Harbor is now being addressed by the Dietary Department.

Susan Graves will be the moderator for the Grief Support group here. The group will meet weekly for three weeks initially and then the need for continuation will be discussed. Ms. Graves has moderated groups of this type for a number of years at the Milford Hospice so she is well-qualified for this position. We are very happy to have been able to retain her services.

There is a concern about communicating with people who have a hearing deficit. It was suggested that people speak slowly, clearly, and enunciate their words.

During meetings in the auditorium, it would be helpful if someone would carry a microphone to whoever might want to ask a question or make a suggestion.

There have been reports of people knocking on apartment doors early in the mornings. Lauri Weeks is aware of this and wants residents to pull the emergency cord if this happens.

File Of Life Forms were brought up and everyone needs to update them periodically. It was suggested that an article about this be put in the newsletter

Some residents are unhappy with Sandy's ability to get them to their appointments on time. This is not her fault. It is due to delays in the doctor arriving and other instances beyond her control. We are so lucky to have her and she is overwhelmed with duties for us. Please be patient.

Blood draws cannot be changed to have them done in an apartment. The extra cost is prohibitive.

The subject of the doctor's portal use was brought up. Very few of his patients have been trained in the use of the portal and it was suggested that perhaps some form of training be looked into. Perhaps Lauri could help. Many of our residents do not use computers but would have to have instructions written up for them.

Gail will be writing an article for the Newsletter regarding the DMOST form in order that residents new to Delaware be informed of the necessity of proper documentation regarding Advance Directives.

Wood Shop: Richard Thomas reported that he has been making wooden cutting boards

Area Reports:

West Wing, 1st floor - Peg Bartlow reported no change; no vacancies

West Wing, 2nd floor - Linda T reported no change; no vacancies

East Wing, 1st floor - Bunny Guerrin reported no change; one vacancy

East Wing, 2nd 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 – Jack Shubert reported AL 100% full; Safe Harbor 93% full; Skilled 83% full

Special Reports:

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee will meet next week. Please let him have any items you would like to have added to the discussion list.

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP REPORT: No report

TRUSTEES REPORT: No report)

DEI COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

OPEN FORUM

Mary Ellen Alls asked about the “Strategic Plan” which was mentioned at the Afternoon Exchange

Ron Trupp mentioned that changes will be made to the auditorium, the Bistro, and the Library

Pat Bock reported that work is underway to correct the drainage problems in the East Wing

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary