

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 21, 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 59 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the October 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 4 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 September 30, 2022 the account balance was \$30,153 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$6,842, leaving an operating balance of \$23,311. The income for October was \$390 plus \$32,902 and expense were \$384 leaving a surplus of \$32,908. As of October 31, 2022 the account balance was \$63,060 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$39,744, leaving an operating balance of \$23,316. Tom asked that Committee Chairs send him the amounts they want to have put into the new budget for their committee work.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met and the important new dates are:

December 1st there will be a bus to Lewes for "Hospitality Night" starting at 5:30 pm.

December 2nd is the day that Tim Wegemer, Director of the Bistro and Catering, will be retiring. Since it is the Happy Hour Birthdays, we will include a Farewell to Tim. Anyone who wishes to speak is welcome to do so. We will also shower him with cards-- funny, thank you, and memories, etc. He will also be presented with a small gift from the residents.

That same evening there will be a ride through the "Winter Wonderfest of Lights" at Hudson Field. You must sign up for this.

December 3rd is the Mid-Atlantic Symphony at the High School performing their wonderful; "Holiday Joy Concert." Tickets are \$40 (reduced).

December 4th is the Mispillion Cathedral Brass, "Home for the Holidays" (free will offering) at the Presbyterian Church in Milford.

December 8th is the "Lights of Love." This is the most elegant party thrown here at The Moorings. The Dining Staff presents a magnificent buffet and many hostesses pass plates of delightful hors'd'oeuvres. Several guests will be in attendance from the Springpoint Foundation and there will be beautiful musical entertainment. You may order a Lights of Love Star which you will place on the undecorated

Christmas Trees in memory or honor of a loved one. You will receive the staves to take home after the trees are undecorated in January. Proceeds of this event go toward the Springpoint Foundation fund which ensures a forever home for everyone.

December 10th is the Capital Ringers at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth. Ticket are \$20.

The 2022 Moorings' Merry Christmas Dinner Out will be as announced on the flier on December 15th at the Lewes Room of Irish Eyes. The price is \$59.—including tip. The flier lists what is included in the meal. There will be a cash bar open in the room and Lauri has paid for us to have a bartender. All plans are completed for 50 people in attendance. Make your checks out to Jim McMullen who is serving as the Treasurer for the event. Payment is due on December 1st so get your checks to him pronto.

The most difficult task will be setting up transportation. Lauri has 2 busses but they will only do one run each. Residents with wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers will be given preference. We have many offers for drivers and need more. We have set the time to start at 5:00 pm so the bus will depart earlier. No food will be started until both busses have arrived. Dinner is set for 6:00 pm with a blessing given by Lauri.

December 18th is the Rehoboth Concert Band's annual "Holiday Peace Concert" at Epworth Church. Jerry Birl will be the soloist and the tickets are \$20.

December 20th is the Men's lunch at Iron Hill Brewery.

That evening at 7 pm will be the Cadbury Chorus' Christmas program in the auditorium.

December 21st the hilarious White Elephant Party will be held at 2 pm in the Bistro. Bring something old, new, funny, or undesirable to you. Wrap it up and take your chances at getting something better or not! It is a great afternoon in the Bistro at 10!

Christmas Eve we have our lovely Christmas dinner and Christmas Day Nancy Krail will lead caroling in the Bistro at 1 pm.

New Years' Eve will be an evening of good food, laughter, music, and dancing plus the "Ball" drop at Midnight (9:00 PM).

There are many opportunities for doing Christmas crafts such as ornaments, wreaths and Gingerbread Houses. Check your calendar for dates and times.

Bylaws: No report

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

Dining: Claire Thomas reported that the Committee met on November 3rd in the Welcome Room. There were 7 members of the Committee present plus Pam Barnette/Dining Director and Don Smith/Vice President of TMALRA.

Pam said she has been out of Comment Cards for some time and has been unable to get a new supply. They should be coming in soon and will be available in the Bistro and in the box outside Annette Moores' office. It was mentioned that people have asked to be called on the cards and no one has responded. Pam said she has been very busy and will try to do better in the future.

Pam announced that Tim Wegemer, the Bistro Manager, has resigned (retired) and his last day will be December 2nd. We asked if he was going to be replaced and were told "probably."

The quality of beef products has improved but veal is still not up to par.

As far as follow-up items are concerned, the brunch, supper club, upgraded meals, etc. are still being considered and in the works. A new Fall/Winter menu is not yet available and not a lot of progress has been made. The Bistro's "Always Available Menu" will be updated to reflect prices and descriptions as requested by some residents. At the present time the dining staff is concentrating on the upcoming holiday events including Thanksgiving, Lights of Love, Christmas, and New Year's Eve.

Pam says she has five potential new dining employees in Queue. Everything is done via cell phone or computer and at the present time she is waiting for them to complete the steps they have to do themselves.

The new Moorings Market price list is out and has been distributed to everyone.

We are having problems getting the daily menus posted on the TMALRA website and Lauri is going to help to do this.

A discussion was held on the progress Morrisson has made since July 1st of this year and the consensus was "still a work in progress and a long way to go."

The next Dining Committee meeting will be held on December 1, 2022 in the Welcome Room.

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader reported that a team work session was held November 13th for the purpose of preparing a Christmas bag of candy for each employee when they receive their Employee Appreciation gift from the Moorings residents. A reminder has been sent.

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

All residents are invited to stop by and thank the employees as they receive their checks.

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 October was:

Cash	\$224.00
Charges	\$64.25
Bingo	<u>\$140.00</u>
Total	\$428.25
Expenses	<u>\$181.56</u>

Total income \$246.69 Many thanks to the volunteers who make the Shop a success.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that she owes a big "thank you" to the members the Library Committee who did such a wonderful job carrying on the work of the Committee while she was recovering from her hip replacement.

We are still looking for comments, notes, or blurbs from any of you about books you have read and recommending your selections to others. These bits should be sent to David Bleil or Sharon Hoover for inclusion in our newsletter. New window treatments are coming.

The next Committee meeting will be on January 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Nominating: Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee has completed its work and the following nominees have been recommended for the 2023-2024 term on the TMALRA Board of Directors:

For President: Current VP, Don Smith

For Vice President: Ed Steiner

For Secretary: Renominate Kathy Holstrom

For Cottage Representative: Renominate Sherry Chappelle

For East Wing, First Floor Area Representative: Renominate Bunny Guerrin (2023 term only)

For West Wing, First Floor Area Representative: Renominate Peg Partlow

Program: Adele Trout reported that the Committee met November 2nd. She informed us that Lauri and Lisa would like us to forecast our offerings at least 3 months in advance. Some of us foresee complications when things need to be adjusted and communicated accurately on the various locations (970, community app, calendars, etc.) but we will give it a try.

A suggestion was made to go back to having popcorn at the movies but it was such a mess, it was decided to not do it.

Gil Kaufman raised the issue of the difficulty of getting Netflix disks and suggested streaming only. The Committee decided to stay with the disks.

Movies have been uploaded to the Website.

The programs are as follows:

December 20, 2022—The Cadbury Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 pm

January 17, 2023 -- Gil Kaufman, Revisiting Mars

February 21, 2023 – Bob Porta, The Apollo Guidance Computer

March 21, 2023 -- History of the Barons of Rehoboth Beach by Mr. Lovett

The next Committee meeting will be December 7, 2022 at 1 pm in the Welcome Room.

Wellness: Don Smith reported that the meeting was held on November 7th with ten residents present.

Susan Graves, the moderator for our grief support group, has completed her duties and many have benefitted from her knowledge, guidance and support. Some in the group would like to have a Care Giver Support Group to meet possibly every two weeks. Gail is willing to contact people and set up the support group

There is a Grief Support Binder on the main table of the Library full of wonderful information. Please take advantage of it.

Sharon Hoover has written an article for the next newsletter entitled Successful Aging. Remember GRATITUDE! It helps keep us healthy.

There was a discussion about residents falling and needing assistance to stand again. We are not to call for assistance from nurses in other units. Other than the possibility of brain damage from a fall, it must be noted that we cannot call for nurses because this is a CCRC with state licensing. As such, Independent Living does not allow services available in Assisted Living or Memory Care. Therefore one

must seek the services of a care giver at his or her own expense, not provided by The Moorings. Beebe Hospital is good at providing results of a fall and instructions on follow-up.

There are concerns about the Omicron Vaccine, i.e., the effectiveness, possible side-effects, and signing paperwork before receiving it. Sign the paperwork on the day you will receive the vaccine, not before.

If there is a concern about a resident in IL who you think maybe should be in AL, speak to Lauri Weeks, Director of Resident Services.

A brochures being developed that addresses the clarification and differences of The Tides and Safe Harbor here at The Moorings. Lauri Weeks can address questions and concerns.

If you have questions about the physical and/or financial requirements of moving to AL or Memory Care, there will be a group of interested parties discussing these and other related issues with Lauri Weeks and The Assisted living Director, Jessica Schaub.

Wood Shop: Richard Thomas reported that he gave a new resident one of the canes made in the shop.

Area Reports:

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

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

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

East Wing, 2nd floor - Diane Bair reported that Jane and Barbara Lynch have moved into Apartment 235; one vacancy

Cottages, Mildred Wiedmann - reported no change; no vacancies

Cottages, Sherry Chappelle reported no change; two vacancies

Health Center – No report

Special Reports:

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee met and discussed the following items:

1. Dead and dying trees on perimeter. There is a blight on our original tree type and all are gradually dying. As they die, we will cut the tops and remove the stumps later. No decision yet on replacement.
2. The Moorings Street Lighting. We have had no success working with Del Coop with new poles on entry. A new series of down-lights will be used to highlight entry curbs.
3. Men's and women's locker rooms. Complete overhaul of locker rooms is to be done including new lockers.
4. Drainage issues around the building. Work is well underway.
5. Sullivans. They have been advised of the need for better weeding and also more effective pre-alerts before spraying. There has not been much evidence yet of follow-through.
6. Please let Gil know of other items or issues that should be addressed.

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP REPORT: Jim McMullen reported that the operating surplus for the third quarter was \$133,000. For the year to date \$414,000. This is slightly below budget due to lower census in the Healthcare Wing

TRUSTEES REPORT: Tom Reed reported that the increase for this year will be 7.9%.

DEI COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

OPEN FORUM: Jim McMullen stated that it saddens him to report that a few members are rudely excluding others at our get-togethers, chart room dining, Happy Hour, etc. Please be more welcoming to others, especially newer members.

Don Smith stated that Lisa Larsen, Lauri's, new assistant, is in charge of our calendar of events and activities on the Community App.

Cards for Tim on December 2nd will be put in a basket

Carol Bishop remarked about the mess of leaves and debris in front of the entrance to our building. It is a disgrace and should be cleaned up. This precipitated many other similar complaints from members, dealing with the entrance to the building and the hallway into the Bistro and Dining Room. It was decided that this problem should be addressed to Annette via the PMIs.

Mr. Weil would like to see decorations in the entrance lobby, a divider in front of the Bistro area, and and someone playing the piano.

Elsie Gould would like to see the art put back on the walls of the way to the East Wing.

Vicki Littell asked for salt-free butter and was told that Pam is not able to order it in individual packets. This will be brought up at the next Dining Committee Meeting.

Silvia Ritchie would like to see plants in the entrance lobby and she was congratulated on the wonderful job she and her crew did planting on the outdoor patio.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary