

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 16, 2023; 3:30 PM in the Auditorium

WELCOME: President Don Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that all cell phones be silenced.

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Smith called the meeting to order. There were 65 members present.

He reported that Sol Upbin and Jeanne Larned have died. He also introduced four new residents, Jack Goeble, Priscilla and Art Ricker, and Irene Smith. A moment of silence was observed.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the December 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 2 cards this month. Please let her know of anyone who needs a card even just for cheering someone up. She thanked the Floor Reps and others 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 November 30, 2022 the account balance was \$24,195 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$1,313, leaving an operating balance of \$22,882. The income for December was \$804 and expenses were \$901 leaving a deficit of (\$96.96). As of December 31, 2022 the account balance was \$25,828 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,043, leaving an operating balance of \$22,785.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

January 19, trip to Dover Air Force Museum and out to lunch.

January 21, Pajama Bingo Party. \$10 includes a pizza supper and Bingo cards for a possible win.

January 22, Clear Space play Misery.

Men's lunch out at Irish Eyes.

January 25, Dinner Out at the Rose and Crown in Lewes.

January 28, Coastal Concerts "Imani Winds Quartet."

February 3, Ladies' Lunch at Holly's.

February 7, Lunch for All at Ocean Grill in Lewes.

February 11, Mid-Atlantic Symphony "Strings Quartet."

February 12, Super Bowl Party in the Auditorium at 6 pm.

February 14, Valentine's Day "Crooning & Cocktails" prior to going to dinner in the Chart Room.

February 16, The Wandering Wayfarers at the Zwandale Museum and Lewes Museum as the day outing.

February 16, New restaurant, “Red, White, & Basil” (make your own menu).

February 18, Coastal Concerts.

February 19, The Camp Rehoboth Chorus “Hooray for Hollywood.”

February 21, Mens’ Lunch Out at Dog Fish Head

Shuffleboard has begun (two more people needed—call Jim McMullen if interested).

Three Strikes will be on Thursdays at 3:30 pm for fun and BYOB (in covered cup)

Bylaws: Jane Lord reported that the Committee meets as needed, in response to residents’ questions and concerns. It painstakingly reviewed the entire document for clarity and consistency in 2018 and the recommendations for changes were approved at the April 2018 residents’ meeting. Since then, no committee’s changes have been brought to its attention. (“No Report” in the minutes means there have been no problems.) The TMALRA Bylaws can be found on the website or in the Library. Contact Jane Lord if there are any questions or concerns.

Communication: Tom Reed reported that the cut-off for articles for the Newsletter is February 1st or call David Bleil or Sharon Hoover. Please try to keep your articles short. See Don Smith to have your picture updated. Also, an updated list of Committee members should be given to Jim McMullen or Bill Littell. The Pictorial Directory should be out in late January.

Dining: Due to Covid, there was no meeting of the Committee; therefore, there was no report.

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader reported that the employees were delighted with their checks given out on December 7, 2022. She read some of the cards she received from employees and family members thanking us for the checks. Carol has put some of these notes in the Newsletter for members to see. Diane Bair said she also was thanked by many employees.

Gift Shop: Diane Bair reported that the income for December was:

Income: \$814.15 (Cash, Charges, Bingo)

Expenses: \$ 81.02

Total Profit \$733.13

The December incomes for the Gift Shop were overwhelming, thanks to so many shoppers—cash, charges, and Bingo slips!! However, we would not have been as successful without the many donations shared with us. Thanks to all who have donated to our shop and to all our volunteers.

Please continue to think of us as you clear out the old from 2022 to make room for the new 2023. Jewels, Knick-Knacks, vases, and surprises!! We had a very profitable 2022—over our budgeted amount of \$4,000.

Library: Judy Burgess reported that the Christmas books have been returned to the storage closet. This season these seemed to have had very good use. The collection will come out again after Thanksgiving.

The Library has had the new window treatments installed. These are pull-down shades with valences. The shades let in a diffused light and are easily adjustable--a very good choice for the room.

There is still work to be done fixing the walls and painting. The next Committee meeting will be March 30, 2023 at 4 pm.

Sherry Chappelle spoke about “Best of Books” that have been read by us and that we might put a list of them in the newsletter. Let her know if you are interested in helping her with this.

Nominating: No report

Program: No report.

Wellness: No report. Information regarding a subscription to ambulance service follows:

1. The cost of a subscription is \$75.00 per year commencing March 1, 2023 through February 28 2024. This includes all family members residing at the address.
2. **Emergency only.** Does not cover trips to the hospital for scheduled reasons or back home.
3. Included is a call (911) for help to assist an individual who has fallen and needs help getting up.
4. The number of “**emergency**” trips in unlimited.
5. Signing up for a subscription can be done through me. Have interested individuals send their names and addresses along with a check for \$75.00 to Lewes Fire Department, Inc. Attn: Jeffrey Monaco, P.O Box 225, Lewes, DE 19958-0225. I will have them entered into the data base. Their cancelled check will be proof of valid subscription.
6. Signing up for a subscription can be done any time of the year. The fee of \$75.00 cannot be prorated.

Ambulance coverage covers an individual who has fallen and cannot get up on their own. Return trips from Beebe to The Moorings is not covered. A private ambulance company would be needed in that situation.

Wood Shop: Richard Thomas reported that he repaired a cane for a resident. Sharon Hoover reported that Dean is now able to go to the Shop for small jobs and is very good at repairing items. Let him know if you need his help. If a resident wants to use the Shop, a key is available at the front desk.

Area Reports:

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

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

East Wing, 1st floor - Bunny Guerrin reported that Tom Hess has moved into Apt. 132; one vacancy

East Wing, 2nd floor - Diane Bair reported that Irene Smith has moved into Apt. 228; no vacancies

Cottages, Mildred Wiedmann - reported one vacancy

Cottages, Sherry Chappelle reported that Priscilla and Art Ricker have moved into Cottage 46; no vacancies

Health Center – Gil Kaufman reported that the census is as follows

Assisted Living 28/29 – 97%

Safe Harbor 11/13 – 85%

Skilled Nursing 27/40 – 68% Loss of 8 since December 20th; Holly Fritts returned from Skilled to her Cottage

Special Reports:

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

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: Jack Chapin asked when we will be updated on the “Grand Scheme Plan” that our CEO mentioned at her Afternoon Exchange several month ago. There was no information available on this subject.

OLD BUSINESS: At the Board Meeting on January 9th, Don Smith reported that Bob Porta has agreed to assume the position of Chair of the Dining Committee. It was moved that the Board accept Bob as the Chair of the Dining Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Don Smith reported that Michael Oakes, Senior Vice President of the Springpoint Foundation, will be coming here to meet with small groups to discuss the Resident Reserve Fund that Springpoint holds for us in case we run out of money. He will be meeting with the Wings and a schedule of the meetings will be forthcoming. At the Board of Directors’ Meeting on February 13th, Mr. Oakes will be speaking to us at 3 pm before the regular meeting begins. (It was reported that there is approximately \$548,000 in this fund for us and there should be a Springpoint quarterly report forthcoming regarding this.)

Don Smith reported that Ed Steiner, as the Vice President, will be meeting with the Resident Life Committee, the Program Committee, the Wellness Committee, and the Library Committee from now on.

Don Smith, as President, will be meeting with the Activity Committee and the Dining Committee from now on.

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

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary