

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 26, 2023; 3:30 PM in the Auditorium

WELCOME: President Don Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: President Smith called the meeting to order. There were 54 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING REMARKS: President Smith announced that the following changes have been made to the Board of Directors:

Peg Partlow becomes Chair of the Activities Committee, replacing Carol Bishop,

Franz Portmann becomes Chair of the Program Committee, replacing Adele Trout (effective July 1st),

Carol Bishop becomes area rep for cottages 25-48 replacing Sherry Chappelle,

Larry Myers becomes Chair of the Employee Appreciation Committee, replacing Carol Lader, and

Mary Lou Poffenberger becomes the East Wing First Floor area rep, replacing Bunny Guerrin.

As a follow-up to the discussion during the Afternoon Exchange, an expert has been secured to provide an educational seminar regarding Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans. He will not be able to address individual plans. While a firm date has not been determined, Lauri will advise us when the date is confirmed.

Lauri needs responses to her email concerning registering your pet. See her to receive the decal and the paperwork you need to complete to register your pet.

Remember, Lauri needs at least two business days' notice for either medical or non-medical transportation requests. Also, it should be remembered that non-medical transportation is subject to driver availability.

An email announcement will be sent later, but on July 22nd, we will have our next Ice Cream Social. We need some scoopers to help dish out the ice cream. Let Lauri or Don Smith know if you are willing to help with this important job.

Reminder---There are no All-Resident Meetings in July and August. The next meeting will be September 18, 2023.

MINUTES: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the May 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 plus May birthday cards. 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. Cards for Skilled or Safe Harbor residents can be given to the front desk to be delivered.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Reed reported that the income for May was \$649 and expenses were \$658 leaving a deficit of (\$9). As of May 31, 2023 the account balance was \$32,775 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,043, leaving an operating balance of \$29,732.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Myers reported that other than the gift shop, the only revenue was a \$25 membership check. Expenses included \$290 to print the newsletter, \$60 for large-print books and a label maker for the library, \$100 for a program honorarium, and \$134 for Netflix for the remainder of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Peg Partlow reported that on the monthly calendar, all highlighted items require registration.

Peg requested that the Committee change their meeting date to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 3 pm. They will meet again on June 27th to firm up some plans.

June 22 - Trip to Bomtanic Gardens and lunch. Rain date June 29

June 28 – Clear Space, Jesus Christ Super Star, \$30, 7 pm

June 29 – Dinner Out at Fish On Patio, 5 pm (bus is full, go on your own)

July 12 – Kinky Boots at Clear Space, 7 pm, \$30

July 27 – 10 am-2 pm - Beach Day at Rehoboth Beach

August 2 – Canal Full Moon Boat Ride, time and cost to be announced

Bylaws: No report

Communication: Tom Reed reported that the next deadline for the Newsletter is August 1st and they are preparing for the July edition of the Pictorial Directory. They are lacking a few “mug shots” as well as birthdays and anniversaries. Jim McMullen will contact members directly and copy the area reps.

Sharon Hoover reported that the newsletter is published quarterly. Dennis Gillespie has volunteered to work with David Bleil and Sharon Hoover to put it out. They met recently and reviewed procedures for the best result.

First: it is necessary for residents to volunteer to provide copy for the newsletters. Ideas include short accounts of past interesting travel, accounts of interesting sites around Lewes and Delaware, hobbies earlier or at present, appropriate stories or recipes for the season (we had Christmas cookies one year), events that speak to concerns we have at The Moorings, and volunteer opportunities inhouse or in the area for residents-----there are many,many possibilities.

Second: Articles should go to Sharon Hoover. She can assist with writing, if desired, or even type articles from handwritten copy.

Third: Sharon will send articles to David Bliel for layout.

David will then send hardcopy to Dennis Gillespie for proofreading.

Dennis will send proofread copy back to David.

Publication will be about the fifteenth of the month.

David can also handle jpeg, drawings, paintings (within a reasonable size), and photos. These suggested items should be sent directly to David.

But, first of all, the newsletter needs writers. What about stories about thrift shops—their opportunities for volunteer services and for their offerings, about local senior centers and their trips, about special collections or talents of residents.

Dining: Bob Porta reported that the Committee met on June 1, 2023. It reviewed the report of the March 2023 Dining Comment Cards. It was interesting but it was only one month and it was before the new menus came out. The May report will be more informative and can be compared.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the new menus and the Always Available Items on the right of the menu was considered a great improvement.

Pam read comments she had received via email through May indicating both positive and negative feedback.

It was noted that if anyone wanted to bring their own item to be served with their dinner, (e.g., unsalted butter), this may be done on the day that it is to be consumed. Alternatively, a quantity of the item may be given to the wait staff (in a suitable container with your name on it) and you can request that it be given to you with your meals.

There will be no scheduled meeting in July or August. The next meeting will be September 7, 2023.

Employee Appreciation: Carol Lader thanked TMLRA for the opportunity for her to chair the Committee. She said she loved every minute of the four years which has given her the opportunity to meet fellow residents as well as the staff here at The Moorings.

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

Income:	\$228.25 (Cash)
	\$150.00 (Bingo)
	<u>\$244.00 (Charges)</u>
Total	\$622.50
Expenses:	<u>\$ 71.99</u>
Total Profit	\$550.51

A great month!!! Thank you to donors and shoppers.

LIBRARY: Judy Burgess reported that the rows of text in the large print books are often very close together. An index card or something similar can help you see only one row of print at a time. If you place the card at the top of the page and slide it down as you read each row, your ease with reading should be increased.

Please remember to select your books for your "Summer Reads." Judy has great expectations for your brief descriptions due to come out in our August Newsletter. Please send these blurbs to Sherry Chappelle, cottage 45, by August 1st. You may submit more than one but please keep them short.

The Craft Room has been gifted a Kenmore Sewing Machine for everyone's use. It is in good working condition. If you want to use it, please sign in on the book next to it on the table.

Our next Committee Meeting will be on June 29, 2023, Thursday at 4 pm.

Nominating: No report.

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

The Programs are as follows:

June 14 – Cadbury Chorus Summer Concert – 7 pm

There will be no Committee meetings in June or July

Wellness: Gail Bourasso reported that she visited the Hospice Center in Milford and found it to be a wonderful place.

The next Wellness Committee meeting will be September 4, 2023.

Wood Shop: Richard Thomas reported that he has been working on items needed by the Tai Chi exercise group (a set of batons). A donation was given to the Shop.

Area Reports:

West Wing, 1st floor - Peg Partlow reported that Frances Mason has moved into Apartment 119; one vacancy

West Wing, 2nd floor - Linda T reported that Theresa Montgomery has moved into Apartment 210 and Marjorie Mounts will be moving into Apartment 205; no vacancies

East Wing, 1st floor – Bunny Guerrin reported that Mary Shea has moved into Apartment 132; no vacancies. She also reported that a “Puzzle Area” has been created next to the East Wing First Floor staircase complete with furniture, lamps, and plants, and an inviting atmosphere. Thanks to those who made it happen.

East Wing, 2nd floor - Diane Bair reported no change; one vacancy

Cottages, Mildred Wiedmann - reported no change; three vacancies

Cottages, Sherry Chappelle – no change

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

Assisted Living 30/30 – 100% up from last month

Safe Harbor 14/14 – 100% up from last month

Skilled Nursing 31/40 – 77% no change from last moth

Special Reports:

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee met on May 16, 2023. The following items were discussed:

1. Question removal of plantings when cottage residents leave. A number of current cottage residents have expressed the view that plantings by residents who have left should be retained if they are not invasive or unsuitable for some reason. The policy is to remove older plantings behind cottages to (a) remove undesirable plantings, (b) simplify maintenance of the area, including mowing, and (c) to avoid having to take the responsibility of care for plantings behind cottages. The issue came up because of the suspicion that potential new residents would like the older plantings, so I discussed this issue with Karen Kerstetter, Marketing Director, and she supports the stated policy and says all new residents care about is their ability to plant their own flora.
2. Replacement of plantings with non-invasive types. Discussion of this matter made clear that our new landscaper, Brightview, is aware of Delaware guidelines for invasive and non-invasive flora and can be counted on to stick with those guidelines. I provided B&PC chair Bud Hirschman with published information I was given on the subject. We were made aware that general publications

do not always represent specific guidelines for Delaware.

3. Groundbreaking at the Moorings. Despite the last sentence of the paragraph about The Moorings in the Springpoint Annual Report, no new construction is expected here in 2023 and, given the time to obtain permits for building construction, it is doubtful it would happen even in 2024.
4. On-Street Parking. Because of the relative narrowness of Cadbury Circle, the campus loop drive, concerns have been raised about the number of visitor cars parked along the road. We want everyone to encourage visitors to park off the road where that can be conveniently done either in our driveways or nearby parking areas. Leaving cars on the Cadbury Circle overnight is definitely discouraged. Where that is not practical, it is ok to park on the road but do so sensibly, not right across from another car or in front of mailboxes.

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT: Carol Bishop reported that the Committee met on June 21, 2023. A discussion of Happy Hour came to the following conclusions:

Tables in the Chart Room should be used for the Birthday Happy Hour.

A new table arrangement will be made to encourage more mixing and making it easier for those with wheelchairs and walkers. Area reps were encouraged to bring new residents to Happy Hour and introduce them to other attendees.

Attendees are encouraged to be careful about welcoming everyone to make new acquaintances and build new friendships.

Attendees are reminded that the food selection and amount is designed to accompany drinks and is not intended to be a replacement for dinner.

Pet location stickers have been distributed but not all have been properly placed. Area reps please make sure that your pet owners know how the stickers should be placed.

A draft of the Demystifying Brochure for Assisted Living was reviewed and many suggestions for improvement were made. Lauri will be incorporating them into a new draft and checking it against the new Handbook for AL. Publication in the fall is anticipated.

FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP REPORT: No report.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Tom Reed put his latest report in everyone's cubby.

DEI COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: No report

OPEN FORUM: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Holstrom, Secretary