

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
Regular Membership Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 18, 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 72 members present. A moment of silence was observed.

**OPENING REMARKS:** President Smith announced that two new members were introduced: Marjorie Mounts and Chris Vissering.

Carol Bishop was introduced to help Jim McMullen present an award to Ron Trupp acknowledging his efforts to install the outdoor shuffleboard courts. There will be a sign installed naming the courts "The Ron Trupp Shuffleboard Courts."

There have been 70 residents who have signed up to tour the Healthcare Areas which will take place in late October.

It was emphasized how important it is to properly dispose of needles and sharp objects used by residents. Annette can supply a Sharps Container, if requested.

It was impressed upon us that we are all members of a family here and, as such, it is imperative that we be aware of any concernable or recognized change in our neighbors' conditions or demeanors and report such concerns to Annette or James,

**MINUTES:** Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the August 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 plus 15 birthday cards. Cards for Skilled or Safe Harbor residents can be given to the front desk to be delivered. Cards are given for Birthdays, Get Well Wishes, Surgeries both before and after, Condolences, and Cheering (thinking of you).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Reed reported that the income for July was \$377 and expenses were \$1,441, leaving a deficit of (\$1,063). As of August 31, 2023, the account balance was \$32,98 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$3,043, leaving an operating balance of \$29,941.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Peg Partlow reported that the Committee met on August 22, 2023. Items discussed were the fine-tuning of the September calendar, work on the October calendar, and an outline of the November calendar. December was also discussed.

Various lunch and dinner options were proposed and voted on that were added to the calendar.

Various cultural activities were proposed and voted on and added to the calendar.

A selection of canal cruises to be conducted by Cape Tours were proposed and discussed but were tabled until next month due to a possible alternate outing to be investigated for October 26 at the next Committee meeting.

The September 9<sup>th</sup> baseball game was cancelled due to rain.

December 14, 2023 – Holiday Hoopla: Coach Bus Trip to Brandywine Museum in Chads Ford, Pa and Wintherthur Museum in Kenneth Square, Pa. There are 50 seats plus 2 wheelchair places and this will be advertised and discussed at Happy Hour on September 1, 2023 with a sign-up sheet offered and then reoffered at the All Resident Meeting later in September.

This trip will be open to non-residents and information will also be shared with The Springpoint At-Home members.

The cost for two tours, a box lunch, and the coach bus transportation will be \$80.00 per person. The trip will leave The Moorings at 9 am and return at 5:30 – 6:00 pm. All ticket information must be completed by the week before Thanksgiving.

December 21, 2023 – An All-Resident Lunch (off the menu) at Baywood Golf Course.

We also looked at next year's Christmas season and what we might offer.

The next Activities Committee meeting will be September 26, 2023 at 3 pm in the welcome Room.

**.Bylaws:** Jane Lord reported that the Committee has recommended a minor revision to the Board. The addition would clarify that Area Representatives are expected to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Board agreed to table the recommendation pending the Committee's further review of the Bylaws to determine if there are other sections that might also be revised for clarity and consistency.

The Bylaws Committee currently consists of Jane Lord, Tom Reed, and Jeanette Lee. More residents are welcome to join it, especially if there are questions or concerns about the Bylaws.

**Communication:** Tom Reed reminded residents that the Communication Committee covers the Website, the Pictorial Directory, and the Newsletter.

Sharon Hoover is working on getting a report for the Newsletter on Pilots who reside at The Moorings. So far, she has a short list: Don Smith, George Sumereau, Edward Riggie, Marlyn Riggie, Henry Hunt, and Richard Woolley. The only river boat pilot she has found is Dennis Gillespie. She said not to worry about her messing up because Gil Kaufman said he will write the copy. The sort of questions she would like answered are: When did you learn to fly? What planes have you flown? Which ones do you like? Not like? Best experience—worst experience. Are you an instructor? Any close calls or exciting experiences? Any more pilots???

Kathleen Pederson has proposed a column featuring residents' individual stories--something interesting—about an achievement, an event that is unusual, dramatic, sad, funny, unexpected, or romantic. Remember Bill Peterson's story about proposing to his wife, Lois. We loved it!! Let us hear about your life. She gave a great example from her life which she will put in your cubbies.

Send your stories to Kathleen or put a copy in her cubby 207. Questions or help can be found by asking cubby 246 (Sharon's.)

**Dining:** Bob Porta reported that the Committee met on September 7, 2023. This was the first meeting since June.

We reviewed the reports of the May and June Dining Comment Cards;

When a diner does not select a rating for any line, the statistics for that line are distorted. As a result, averages for some categories that were expected to drop based on the written and statistical averages.

Pam discussed the recent meeting she had with Don Smith and Bob Porta where various topics were discussed (diabetic, salt-free, allergic foods menu notifications, etc.) The burden of brown bags placed on the kitchen was discussed and no decision to change will be made now.

Sunday brunch will begin every other Sunday, no reservations.

Don Smith and Bob have begun a series of weekly meetings with Pam to review current issues. At one of these a solution to the problem with distorted statistics was discussed. This solution has been implemented.

Don Smith, Julie Piolunek, and Bob observed the kitchen operation for 1 ½ hours the evening of 9/6. It is clear that all that can be done to ensure that food is delivered warm is being done. Plate warming devices have been ordered and, once installed, will help to further improve this.

**Employee Appreciation:** Larry Myers reported that it has been a long-time tradition of The Moorings, as well as a most senior living communities, for residents to recognize the dedication and hard work of staff of the community by providing a cash gift to each at the end of the calendar year. This THANK YOU gift is awarded to **Hourly** paid employees only, based solely on the number of hours they worked during the year. (Supervisory and managerial staff are not eligible for this gift award.)

The kickoff of our 2023 Employee Appreciation Campaign will be **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. A letter describing the campaign and requesting your *voluntary* donation will be placed in all mailboxes (cubbies).

The deadline for submitting your donation will be **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Gift checks will be distributed to employees on Wednesday afternoon December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Bistro. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Gift Shop:** Diane Bair reported that the income was:

Income: \$550.00 (Cash, Bingo, and Charges)

Total Expense: \$ 55.47

Profit: \$494.53

Please continue to remember the shop when your "FALL" cleaning out closets begins!

Again, many words of thanks to our customers and volunteers. This month we sold lots of candy, jewels, cards, and just things that needed to find new homes.

**Library:** Judy Burgess reported that the 2023 History Book Festival has announced its program for this year. The Keynote Address has been sold out, almost as soon as the winner was named. He is Steve Inskeep and his book is Differ we Must: How Lincoln Succeeded in a Divided America. The address will be presented in the Methodist Church on Fourth Street on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, nineteen presentations will be given by other authors in three different venues, mainly in the Lewes Library. There will also be bake sales, signings, and a "Spirited Discussion Party." Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> is the closing address. James McBride will talk about his book, The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store: A Novel.

Big thanks to eleven of our residents who participated in our "Summer Reads" program, presenting brief descriptions of books that they had enjoyed. A bigger thanks goes to Sherry Chapelle who organized

these passages for publication in our Moorings Free Press Newsletter. We should repeat this very successful activity soon.

The magazine collection in our Library needs attention. For some unknown reason, we have been receiving fewer contributions. So please submit your not-too-old magazines to our Library. These should be placed on the shelf underneath the box for donations, near one of the doors. Thanks!

Our next Library Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

**Nominating:** No report.

**Program:** Franz Portmann reported that September 19, 2023 at 7 pm, Dr. Davd Tam, President and CEO of Beebe Healthare will be presenting an educational and informative program in the auditorium which was arranged by Richard Wolley.

Several other programs are on the calendar for the next four months. Don't forget to join us on Friday evenings for movies.

**Wellness:** Sharon Hoover will be reporting for Gail Bourassa during her leave of absence.

The Committee is working on several projects:

Does The Moorings have a nutritionist/dietician? If so, who is it and what does he or she do? If there is not one, why not?

What shots will The Moorings plan to sponsor this fall? What will be the requirements? How soon can we expect detailed information. We have determined that the flu and covid updates will be given in October and an RSV vaccine In November. They will be administered by the same group who have done it before--Chesapeake Pharmacy. The Wellness Committee recommends that each person ask his or her own doctor whether to get the RSV vaccine or not. The flu shot will be the one recommended for the elderly. The Moorings will be sending out detailed information for the giving of the vaccines as soon as it is available.

The Committee is also planning an updated and comprehensive list of Wellness activities, including a list of the activities that fill the category of spiritual. The categories are: physical, social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, intellectual, and vocational.

There were also several questions to be addressed to Dr. Sehgal directly. If any information affecting all of us is forthcoming, we will report it to you.

**Wood Shop:** Richard Thomas thanked Larry Myers and Floyd Cook for refurbishing benches for the campus. He has made 25 rulers to be used in exercise classes. A sample was shown.

**AREA REPORTS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:** Due to the late time the Area Reports and Special Reports will be given next month.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.