

The Moorings at Lewes Residents' Association

All Residents' Meeting Minutes December 18, 2023

WELCOME: President Don Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Smith called the meeting to order and a moment of silence was observed. There were 60 members present.

OPENING COMMENTS: President Smith reported that effective January 1, 2024, Jim McMullen will become the Trustee for The Moorings. The Trustee position is for a three-year term, replacing Tom Reed. The Board thanked Tom for his fine job representing us over the last three years.

In the future, should The Moorings provide clinics for IL residents, they will have to complete all the necessary paperwork independently prior to the date of the event. A communication will be given to them related to acceptance/denial before we post the date of the event. We will no longer assume that the "sign-up" sheet given to Resident Services can be submitted to any provider. Residents need to make sure the name they put on the registration form is identical to what is on their insurance card.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kathy Holstrom reported that the minutes of the November meetings have been posted in the Mail Room, The Library, and 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. If not, they will be filed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Carol Lader reported that she sent 19 cards this month: 3 get well and 16 birthday. If you need to get a card to a resident in Skilled Nursing, take it to the front desk.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Reed reported that the Treasurer's report has been sent to the Website. The income for November was \$973.50 and the expenses were \$1,318.08, leaving a deficit of (\$344.58). As of November 30, 2023, the account balance was \$30,364.69 less the Employee Appreciation Fund of \$594;42, leaving an operating balance of \$29,770.27.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: Tom Reed reported that we will no longer post the menus and pictures on the TMALRA Website to avoid conflict and duplication with The Moorings Resident Services Community App.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Tom Reed reported that his three-year term as our Trustee expires at the end of the year and he distributed his final quarterly report to all residents in their cubbies. He stated that he knows Jim McMillen will do a good job as his replacement and suspects that the big issue of his term will be the expansion of The Moorings.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: No report

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION: Larry Myers reported that on December 7, 2023 the members of the Committee distributed the checks to the employees along with some extra sweets. They received some notes of thanks and all seemed pleased.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jim McMullen presented the slate of nominees to be elected to the Board of Directors:

Corresponding Secretary	Carol Lader
Treasurer	Tom Reed
Assistant Treasurer	Larry Myers
Cottage Representative 1-25	Carol Lader
East Wing Representative	Diane Bair
West Wing Representative	Linda Trzyzewski
Assisted Living	Gil Kaufman

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded that all nominees be elected. The motion was passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP: No report

BYLAWS: No report

DEI REPORT: Jane Lord reported that resident representatives from four Springpoint communities met with VP Maureen Cafferty on December 4th via ZOOM. Here are two of Springpoint’s strategic priorities:

The first is working with refugees waiting to be processed to citizenship, offering them employment, mostly in northern New Jersey life care communities.

The second is focusing on reducing inequities in health care access and delivery. Springpoint has a number of affordable housing communities, in addition to the life care communities, and they have been holding clinics in a few of them, offering screenings vaccinations, referrals, insurance information, and health education. They are also expanding the LiveWell program into some of these communities.

If you would like to know more about these initiatives, Jane will be glad to share their Power Points. Also, if you have any concerns, questions, suggestions, or comments, that you would like Jane to share with the Committee, please let her know by phone or in her cubby #3.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: December 18th Holiday Lights Drive at 6:30 pm; Christmas Eve Buffet; New Year’s Eve Dinner and Party.

DINING COMMITTEE: Bob Porta reported that the status of the plate warmers was reported as “on order” with no ETA. Beginning in January menus will begin to contain small icons to designate some dishes such as “low sugar”, etc. There were a lot of complaints and questions about the increase in the prices of food and meals. Bob could not respond to any as he had no knowledge of what was done. It was suggested that a Morrison representative be present for Annette’s Afternoon Exchange.

Resident services will be approached to determine how to get menus on the Touchtone App to agree with the published paper copies. Effective January 1, 2024, menus will no longer be posted to the TMLRA web page.

Small plates have been used for buffets because there are insufficient large plates. More large plates are on order so that buffets can use them.

GIFT SHOP: Diane Bair reported that in November:

Cash income:	\$402.00
Charges:	\$398.80
Bingo:	<u>\$237.00</u>
Total:	\$1,037.80
Expenses:	<u>\$91.18</u>

NOW—The total income for the Gift Shop in November 2023 was

\$946.62 !!!!!!!!!

Absolutely an amazing Month!!!!!!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Judy Burgess reported on what happens when a book is donated to the Library: where the book goes and then the various possibilities and methods for the book to proceed to a shelf for us to borrow. The Committee members have a lot of work to do (steps to take) to get the book ready for us to borrow.

The next Committee meeting will be on January 10, 2024 at 4 pm.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Franz Portmann reported that a DVD of The Nutcracker will be shown December 19th in the auditorium at 7 pm. On January 6th Gil Kaufman will present The Great Wall of China. Don't forget the movies every Friday night. This week it is Christmas Vacation.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE: Gail Bourassa said there was a discussion on the fact that we are more of a family than an institution and, as such, we should be able to find out where a resident is (not why he or she was moved) so we can keep in touch with the person. Gail is to research with James and or Annette if we can be told when a resident has had a medical issue and has gone to the hospital or to healthcare.

She also said there is a possible Bible Study being considered here at The Moorings.

There was a discussion about the ambulance service, the cost, the service provided by whom and our responsibility as citizens accepting the services after having paid the appropriate fee.

There were questions about refusing treatment even though a nurse responding to the call decides we should be transported to the hospital—especially regarding those in Assisted Living and Memory Care.

The importance of giving Kristie Harris our information regarding responsible parties in case of an emergency and end of life desires was reinforced.

There was a discussion regarding Springpoint's affordable housing clinics for hearing and various other medical screenings for their residents.

All attendees were informed that Pam is aware of what we are asking and will be able to respond to these requests as soon as there is enough staff for her to do so.

There was a discussion regarding Springpoint at Home residents being given access to the waiting list to become residents at The Moorings.

WOODSHOP COMMITTEE: Richard Thomas reported that the Shop now has bins for storage.

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE: Ed Steiner reported that a meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for January 10, 2024 at 2:30 pm. The main agenda item is the draft piece on Demystifying Assisted Living. Committee members are encouraged to review the document that was distributed at the last meeting and to read the articles by Gil Kaufman that have been published in the most recent two issues of the Newsletter.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: No report

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Gil Kaufman reported that the Committee met on November 15, 2023. Following are 5 of the 15 items covered that are the most interesting:

1. Thermostat – A new thermostat has been placed in the auditorium and seems to be making a big difference. We hope you agree.
2. Brightview Issues – Brightview now has an entirely new working crew on our campus and Terry is monitoring them carefully. Sussex Tree is also assisting with landscaping updates, with pruning being one focus the past eight weeks.

3. Drainage Behind Cottages 19-22 – Work is to get underway shortly to eliminate the drainage problems behind several cottages on the West Side of Friends Way. The long low spot where water from irrigation and rain collects is to be improved.
4. Growth Around Pond? – Residents continue to question the nature and height of growth around the pond, feeling that it diminishes scenic quality. Sussex Tree has been asked to evaluate that situation. They have reported that the growth is considered positive for the protection of the sides of the pond from erosion. We will have a more definitive report shortly.
5. Roofing Repair – We are getting bids for new roofing.

AREA REPORT, HEALTH CENTER – Gil Kaufman reported: AL 29 of 30, 97% Celia Perge to Skilled Nursing and
SH 15 of 15, 100% Pat Bock to hospital
SK 30 of 40, 75%

AREA REPORT, West Wing, 1st floor – Peg Partlow reported no change

AREA REPORT, West Wing 2nd floor – Linda T. reported no change

AREA REPORT, East Wing, 1st floor - Mary Lou Poffenberger reported that Patricia Petka moved into Apartment 141; no vacancies

AREA REPORT, East Wing 2nd floor – Diane Bair reported that Monica Rieder moved into Apartment 226; two vacancies

AREA REPORT, Cottages 1-24 –Mildred Wiedmann reported one vacancy

AREA REPORT, Cottages 25-48 – Carol Bishop reported no change

OPEN FORUM: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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