

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ALL RESIDENTS MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Don Smith

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Please remember to turn off your phone.

OPENING REMARKS: Don Smith

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY: Jane Bretnall

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Carol Lader

TREASURER: Tom Reed

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

Tom Reed

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Larry

Myers

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

COMMITTEE: Larry Myers

TRUSTEE: Jim McMullen

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jim

McMullen

FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP : Jim

McMullen

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Jane Lord

DEI COMMITTEE: Jane Lord

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Peg Partlow

DINING COMMITTEE: Bob Porta

GIFT SHOP: Diane Bair

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Judy Burgess

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Franz

Portman

WELLNESS COMMITTEE: Gail

Bourassa

WOODSHOP COMMITTEE: Richard

Thomas

RESIDENT LIFE COMMITTEE: Ed

Steiner

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Ed Steiner

BUILDING AND PROPERTY

COMMITTEE: Gil Kaufman

AREA REPORTS

HEALTH CENTER - Gil Kaufman

WEST WING

1st FLOOR - Peg Partlow

2nd FLOOR - Linda Trzyzewski

EAST WING

1ST FLOOR - Mary Lou Poffenberger

2nd FLOOR - Diane Bair

COTTAGES

1-24 - Carol Lader

25-48 - Carol Bishop

OPEN FORUM: Questions From The Floor

ADJOURNMENT

Opening Remarks

Results of my two meetings with Annette regarding the recent resident's concerns:

Gazebo and Memory Walkway

- Hopefully, the Gazebo and Memory Walkway will remain near their current location.
- Should the Gazebo or Memory Walkway need to be relocated, Annette's suggestion is to create a garden on the east side of the flagpole in front of the building, a place of dedication for the memorial bricks, and a new gazebo. Regardless of where the Memory Walkway lands (along with the memorial bricks) it will be recreated and incorporated with thought and design per Mr. Midgett's instruction.
- Shuffleboard courts will remain practically where they are now.
- Two new shuffleboard courts will be installed at the conclusion of the expansion.
- If necessary, temporary courts will be constructed so the shuffleboard season can continue during the expansion.
- A bocce ball court will be added in the same area.
- Between the shuffleboard courts and the bocce ball court a covered pavilion with seating will be constructed.

Concern was expressed about how these courts can be safely installed on a slope.

The pickleball courts are still being researched.

- The Development Team is aware of the potential injuries associated with pickleball.
- Case Law is being looked at regarding lawsuits concerning noise pollution.
- Low-noise paddles, low-noise pickleball court construction, and low-noise pickle balls would be used.

A comment indicated that noise reducing equipment would not make quiet players.

- The pickleball courts will be fenced with a locking mechanism used. There will be no lights. A six-foot berm with trees will be constructed to the rear of the courts.
- Although the Springpoint Development Team feels residents have asked good questions, they are still interested in including Pickleball for Marketing reasons.

I sent Annette copies of comments I received recently regarding the expansion on April 15. The comments primarily focused on the pickleball and bocce ball courts. I tried to eliminate comments on issues already asked and answered. Upon request, a copy of this letter is available to the residents.

Because of recent experience, Annette requested that if an IL resident is approached unsolicited by a family member with complaints, the resident should refer the family member to James or herself and also let one of them know of the incident.

A lengthy discussion of this issue concluded that residents are not obligated to report complaints from visitors. However, Don stated he feels it is important to relay complaints to the Director of Resident Services or the Executive Director since concerns verbalized publicly by non-residents might negatively impact The Moorings' reputation.

To request a work order either call or email. Emails can be easily sent through the Community App. Bud prefers emails so that residents have a written record.

Secretary's Report

March Minutes were posted in the mailroom and library. Email corrections or put in my cubby.
Jane Bretnall

Corresponding Secretary's Report

For the month of **March** there were 20 cards distributed

- 3 condolence cards
- 7 get well cards
- 10 birthday cards

Reminders:

- If anyone wants to be certain TMALRA sent a card to a resident - check with me after the meeting.
- If you would like to get a personal card to a resident in Skilled Nursing or Safe Harbor, take it to the Concierge front desk and it will be delivered.

Carol Lader

Treasurer's Report

The March Treasurer's report has been uploaded to the TMALRA website.

- Diane will cover the gift shop.
- In addition, in March we received the \$500 donation from Springpoint Choice to support our activities. The expenses in March included \$48 for magnetic sheets for refrigerator magnets, \$58 to Finelie to fix a website problem, and \$113 to fix the shuffleboard storage cabinet.
- At the end of the month, our operating balance was a little over \$30,000 and we have \$2,250 for next year's Employee Appreciation campaign.
- A Board motion was made, seconded and approved to add sufficient funds to the activity budget to reduce the cost for the Christmas gala to \$25/person. Depending on the number of residents attending the gala the cost to TMALRA will be in the vicinity of \$2000 or perhaps a little more. No reduction in the activities budget is made as a result of this approval.

Tom Reed

Communication Committee Report

No Report. Tom Reed

Assistant Treasurer's Report

No Report. Larry Myers

Employee Appreciation Committee Report

No Report. Larry Myers

Springpoint Board Trustee Report

Items of interest from the Springpoint LPC Boards of Trustees, 3/21/2024

- Dining Service: Management is vitally interested in having high quality dining service on a consistent basis. They believe Compass will be better able to achieve this goal.

They are looking to adopt plans similar to our Declining Balance plan. I have discussed our plan with Monroe Village folks and they want to implement our plan.

- Workforce: Springpoint (SP) is looking to bring in foreign labor. The most interesting point is bringing in Canadian nurses.
- Information Technology: SP will be implementing multifactor authentication. This is aimed at upgrading computer system security.

They are considering a new system for dining for all LPC's.

- 2023 Financial: Across all 8 LPC's revenue was on budget. Operating expenses, in aggregate, were slightly over budget, but the Moorings and 3 others were under budget. Operating margin came in at 20%, slightly below budget of 23%.

Jim McMullen

Nominating Committee Report

No Report. Jim McMullen

Financial Working Group Report

No Report. Meeting at the end of this month. Jim McMullen

Bylaws Committee Report

No report. Jane Lord

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Report

No report. Jane Lord

Activity Committee Report

As there was no Activities Meeting in March, I will give you an overview of what fun things are coming up for the rest of April with a peek into early May.

- On April 18th, at 9 AM the Cadbury Cruisers are off to Assateague Island for a visit to their Nature Center and a hunt for the ponies! We will take our bus around the island, stopping where the views are spectacular and then we will head home with a stop for lunch in West Ocean City Maryland at Ropewalk, a popular restaurant on the water. We hope to be home by 3. There are still 2 seats available.
- On Saturday, the 20th, there is a FREE concert at Epworth church – Mispillion Performance of the Washington Saxophone Quartet. There are still a few seats available on the bus, which will leave at 2:15 for this 3 PM performance.
- Dinner out at Fager's Island in Ocean City is booked – double booked, as the restaurant will allow 20 guests without a venue charge, and Rick, our transportation coordinator has arranged for two buses – so just a wait list remains if you want to take your chances that someone might drop out at the last minute.

On to May...

- On May 3rd there is a special happy hour planned for you! Joe Baione, a vibraphonist that was at the Moorings a couple of months ago and performed to a very small audience in the afternoon, has agreed to come back to entertain our happy hour group. I have explained to Joe that there will be wine and snacks and birthday cake along with chocolate! And he is excited to join us. I heard Joe when he was here before and enjoyed him and wished more of you could have heard his wonderful “jazz” interpretations of standards we all know. So, because it is the Activities Committee’s mission – mine especially – that those of you who do not or cannot participate in out of the building fun, we will bring it to you. Please make an effort to attend Happy Hour on May 3rd and enjoy this special activity we have planned for you. Don Smith will be leading the singing this month, as I am going to be in Virginia in my assigned grandmother of the bride seat for a rehearsal dinner celebrating the next day’s wedding in Fredericksburg. This is a bummer for me in a way, as May is my birthday month, so sing loud and proud with Don and enjoy Joe Baione’s musical talent.
- May 5th is a concert scheduled at Epworth at 3PM presented by the Southern Delaware Choral which as it’s in the beginning of the month, I wanted to emphasize as there is a short window for sign-ups. This is a wonderful group that many of us have enjoyed previously.
- Remember to look at your May “Calendar of Fun”, where lunches for men and women, dinner out for all, concerts, Clear Space, a trip to the Dickinson Plantation in Dover, etc., etc. will be highlighted. Sign up on the app or see the concierge.

Even though the TMALRA board has agreed to pay part of the cost of each meal for the Christmas Gala on Dec. 19th at the Lewes Yacht Club, the menu choices will remain the same. The activity committee is hoping that 65 residents will participate.

And again, if any of you have anything you might think the Activities Committee might pursue, please leave a note in my cubby No. 105 – or better still, join us at our next meeting, April 23rd in the Welcome Room.

Peg Partlow

Dining Committee Reports

No Report. Bob Porta

President of Morrisons will be here on Thursday.

Joe Shaffer is our Compass Contact.

The new Dining Director, Creighton Spencer, starts April 29th.

Several Residents commented that meals are getting better.

Buy The Sea Gift Shop Report

March 2024:

Cash	\$170.00
Charges	\$283.80
Bingo	\$52.50
Total Income	\$506.30
Less Expenses	\$111.03

So, total income for the shop is \$395.27.

Thank you for all the donations and buyers.

Diane Bair

Library Committee Report

Our Library has been receiving many DVDs, some from the Program Committee, and we have run out of shelf space for these contributions. The current bookcase where these DVDs are kept has five fixed shelves. These shelves are not able to be adjusted or moved as the edges have been grooved into the side boards of the bookshelves. Five members of the committee met to come up with ideas to deal with this problem and thought the only way was to have a new shelf built to hold more DVDs. We thought that one of the maintenance men might be able to build us one - a moonlighting job. I spoke with Bud, our Maintenance chief. He preferred to do the job in-house. We went up to the library so he could see the problem. According to my calculations the existing shelf system is able to hold about 120 DVDs. A shelf system of a different design could hold 224 DVDs. Bud doesn't have any idea of the cost of the lumber for this job, so it is still in the idea stage.

We will also be collecting and putting into a binder copies of all our newsletters, The Free Press, from the beginning, when Pat O'Hanlon was editor. We may have to have assistance from some of you if we find gaps in our collection.

Our next library meeting is Tuesday, April 16, at 4:00p.m.

Judy Burgess

Reminder: May 7th at 7:00 PM is Author's Night.

Program Committee Report

- The March 19 Program by David Bleil, Inside Passage of Alaska was well attended.
- Tomorrow's Night Program, "On River Pilots", will be equally interesting! Especially since the Bridge collapse in Baltimore on March 26.
- For our May 21 Program Night, the CAMP Rehoboth Ensemble is lined up.
- As always, Friday is Movie Night here in the Auditorium.

Franz Portman

Wellness Committee Reports

Talk presented by Ann DeLazaro, Director of Provider Services for Delaware Hospice.

1. Stressed the importance of:
 - Communication between the patient and the physician, remembering it is your right to question.
 - The importance of having an Advance Directive in place.
 - Conversations among family members so the patient's desires are known.
2. Hospice and Palliative Care are like comparing apples and oranges. Hospice offers comfort. Palliative is curative. The goal of Hospice is to keep the patient at home and comfortable until the end of life. There is no time limit to hospice care. Example, Jimmy Carter.
3. Palliative Care is curative, for those who benefit from Support Services, more than direct care. Examples are Parkinson's Disease, Early Dementia. This is a team effort. Hospital and Social Worker assists family and friends. A nurse acts as a buffer between care giver and patient. An example would be for a patient with Parkinson's Disease. They begin with Palliative Care. Also true of early Dementia.
4. Anyone may make a referral to Hospice.
5. There is an in-patient facility in Milford and one in Wilmington. May be utilized when more care than is possible to be offered at home. Patient will be returned to home when possible, and comfort care will be continued. This includes medication to alleviate pain, and spiritual comfort as desired.
6. An admission nurse is the first to assess the patient, who is scored according to need. The higher the score, the more appropriate for Hospice. This may include patients with lung issues, heart disease, cancer, multiple sclerosis, etc.
7. Some patients graduate from Hospice, this is termed "revoke status". They may return when needed. There is no time limit to Hospice.
8. Delaware Hospice is the only Hospice Program in Delaware that has A program specifically for children, "Katybug". where the Nurse Practitioners, nurses and Social Workers are specifically trained to work with children.
9. Delaware Hospice is a non-profit facility. There is no charge for Hospice.

Gail Bourassa

Several Residents commented on the excellent job Gail is doing with this committee. Hopefully the tours of Health Care will be finished in May.

Woodshop Report

No Report. Richard Thomas

Resident Life Committee Report

No Report. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 15 at 1:30pm.

Ed Steiner

Safety Committee Report

No Report. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 23. Persons who have issues they believe should be addressed by that committee should contact Bunny Guerrin or Ed Steiner.

Ed Steiner

Building and Property Committee Report

In my report of the February 20th B&PC meeting last month, I had an incomplete report on one subject, the work planned on the cottage downspouts. After reviewing it with Bud Hirschmann, I can tell you the focus of the work will be on removing the problem of rainwater flowing onto concrete surfaces where it can freeze and provide dangerous conditions. An attempt will be made to reroute the water in the overhead gutters away from the paved areas to other corners of the cottages where it can runoff in grassy areas. Where that is not able to be done, the downspout's runoff will be run through the concrete and out underground to the grassy areas. So, the problem will be alleviated one way or the other.

Gil Kaufman

Residents are concerned about the height of the grass.

Concern about the landscaping around the ponds was answered with the fact neither residents or The Moorings can work in these areas without incurring a fine.

Area Representatives Report

First Floor East – Move-in: 4/30 Ruth Bernstein 138. In process 139. Mary Lou Poffenberger

First Floor West – No change. Peg Partlow

Second Floor East – Move-ins: June Sullivan, 231; soon Edith Cross, 225; Middle of April, Ann Lynn & Bill Martin, 239. Diane Bair

Second Floor West – 219 Sarah “Sally” Norton moving in April 25th. Linda Trzyewski

Cottages 1-24 No change. Carol Lader

Cottages 25-48 No change. Carol Bishop

Health Care Census:

2/26/2024

Gil Kaufman

<u>Area</u>	<u>Space</u>	<u>Occupied</u>	<u>Census</u>	<u>Status Change</u>
Assisted Living	30	26	87%	Decrease by 3
Safe Harbor	15	14	93%	Increase by 1
Skilled Nursing	40	34	85%	No change
Hospitalized		1		

Recent Changes:

Susan Burris AL to SN

Genevieve McGee passed

Donna Bloomquist in Hospital

Gil Kaufman

67 Residents attended the meeting.

Jane Bretnall, Secretary