

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING of
LIFESPRING BOARD of DIRECTORS
February 6, 2024**

PRESENT

Susan Poretz, President
Natalee Rosenstein, Vice-President
Maureen Bybee, Secretary
Peg Nau, Treasurer
Laura Phillips, Registrar & Task Force for Online Learning
Connie Cuttle, Curriculum Committee Coordinator
Prudence Garcia Renart, Events Committee Coordinator
Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator
Maureen Huben, Hospitality Coordinator
Betty Schoen-Rene Member-at-Large
Diane McDowell, Member-at-Large
Anne Miller, Member-at-Large
Lydia Edelhaus, Member-at-Large
Rich Davis, AV Coordinator
Leeanne Thornton, Saugerties Town Board Liaison to the Senior Education Commission
Colleen Greco, Member of Lifespring and the Senior Education Commission
Fran Jacobson, Member of Lifespring and the Senior Education Commission

ABSENT

Betsy Mills, Program Support Co-Coordinator
Leslie Surprenant, Member-at-Large

This Special Meeting of the Board was called to order online by Susan P at 9:31 a.m.

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Susan P called for suggestions of or volunteers for the Nominating Committee
Anne volunteered and agreed to chair the committee. Laura, Susan D and
Connie volunteered as members of the Committee.

B. Discussion of Proposed By-Laws

Natalee as chair of the Bylaws Committee led the discussion. These revisions to the Bylaws are proposed to the Board in order to make them conform to the new leadership structure which the Board previously approved. Natalee outlined the major changes. The offices of President and Vice-President will be replaced by an Executive Leadership Committee. The Committee is appointed by the Board. The Committee will select a Leader and Assistant Leader of the Committee. The Committee will assume the responsibilities previously held by the President. The Board remains responsible for the policies and direction of Lifespring as an organization. Article 6 of the proposed Bylaws details the responsibilities of the

Executive Leadership Committee. Other changes include addition of a 6th Member-at-Large and a change in the name of the Program Support Committee to the Onsite Program Support.

The following suggestions for changes to the proposed Bylaws were heard and accepted by the Board:

1. In Article V, Section 1- Board of Directors Membership, change “immediate past president” to “the current President” “will serve as an advisor to the Board as a non-voting *Ex Officio* member.”
2. In Article VI, Section 4 *Executive Leader Committee Decision Making Process*, strike “at the meeting”.

Betty, Maureen H, Anne noted with thanks to the Committee that the Bylaws were clear, concise, held together, thanks to committee.

Natalee reviewed the transition process and timeline if the Bylaws are approved.

Additional Board members including Susan P, Susan D., Lydia, Prudence, Peg, Diane, Natalee, and Betty expressed their reservations, thoughts, opinions, hopes and the need for the proposed changes.

Members of the Board unanimously applauded Susan P. and the recent article about her impending retirement in the latest edition of Hudson Valley One.

A vote on the Bylaws will take place at our scheduled meeting on Feb 13.

A **MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by Laura with a second by Diane. The **MOTION was accepted** unanimously.

Susan P adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Maureen G. Bybee,
Secretary

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Board Meeting

February 13, 2024 (on zoom) at 9:30 am

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PS: Please read the email from Maureen Bybee of January 29th 2024 (at 9:47pm)

Subject: From Natalee for Your Review and Discussion at the Feb 6 Special Meeting of the Lifespring Board