

MINUTES OF THE LIFESPRING ANNUAL MEETING
5/19/2021

At 9:30 a.m. Colleen Greco, Co-Chair of the Events and Hospitality Committee, welcomed all to the 12th Annual Meeting of Lifespring which was also our second virtual annual meeting. There were 61 members of Lifespring present including the following Board Members:

Susan Puretz, President

Natalee Rosenstein, Vice President

Maureen Bybee, Secretary

Peg Nau, Treasurer

Laura Phillips, Registrar & Task Force for Online Learning

Diane McDowell, Member-at-Large and Co-Coordinator Curriculum Committee

Maureen Huben, Member-at-Large and Events & Hospitality Co-Coordinator

Norm Bowie, Member-at-Large

Colleen Greco, Events & Services Co-Coordinator

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator

Susan Krompiew, Program Support Coordinator

Leslie Surprenant, Member-at-Large

Lucy Stagich, Member-at-Large

Colleen reviewed the agenda for the day and introduced, Fred Costello, Town Supervisor for the Town of Saugerties.

Fred Costello spoke to the importance of Lifespring for the Town and neighboring communities especially during a year of pandemic. He offered congratulations to the leadership for and his personal support for the goals of Lifespring as a lifelong learning experience for its members.

BUSINESS MEETING

Susan Puretz, President, opened the business portion of the annual meeting with the President's Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan welcomed our 48 new members and offered greetings to our returning members. Lifespring's membership is now 242. Susan thanked those Lifespring members who inspired the Board with their notes of encouragement during this most challenging and difficult year of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In reviewing the events of the past year, Susan publically thanked all the Board members and committees who rose to the challenge of a year without classrooms, the hospitality room and the comradery of in person meetings.

Lifespring jumped into the world of virtual learning with last year's annual meeting and then moved on to a special summer presentation by Marilou Abramshe , *The Lost Industries of Ulster County- Omnibuses and Trolleys*, four fall 2020 courses, 3 winter presentations, a February mini-series of 4 two-week courses and finally our current 2021 spring semester of 8 courses.

Susan noted that none of this would have been possible without the Online Taskforce, led by Laura Phillips that created and maintained a virtual Lifespring experience on ZOOM. In recognition of their extraordinary commitment including untold hours of unseen work, the LS Board will donate a lemon tree to the Saugerties Library in honor of the Taskforce.

Additionally, Susan recognized the Curriculum Committee led by Diane McDowell, as the "backbone of Lifespring" that found and brought to Lifespring courses and presenters of outstanding quality for our year's virtual learning experiences. Susan gratefully acknowledged Susan Greenstein as the Publications Coordinator whose Newsletters kept us connected to each other and our community and Lee Gable as Coordinator of our Class Managers who happily led our Class Managers back into our virtual classrooms.

Although unable to provide the edible delights of years past, the Events and Hospitality Committee, Co-Chaired by Colleen Greco and Maureen Huben has been instrumental in bringing you this Annual Meeting plus ideas and planning for future events one of which was announced later in the meeting.

She acknowledged the contributions of our Treasurer, Secretary, and Registrar for maintaining the "procedural functions" that keep Lifespring running, Vice-President, Natalee Rosenstein for spearheading both policy and procedural decisions, Susan Davis for keeping us mindful of both old and new members' needs, Susan Krompier who eagerly volunteered for and dove into new assignments, Rich Davis whose AV expertise morphed into an integral role with the Online Task Force and lastly our Members-at-Large, Norm Bowie, Lucy Stagich and Leslie Surprenant who offered time and expertise whenever needed.

With the fall designed as another virtual semester, the Board has set the membership fee at \$50 for the full 2021-22 academic year which begins in August. The fee includes membership, classes by Zoom in the fall and hopefully in person in the Spring, the Winter Presentations and additional special events.

Susan described the Board's deliberations to determine how to go forward with classes in the upcoming semesters. These included regular review of the CDC's COVID guidelines, consultation with other area LLI's, and the Woodstock Jewish Congregation and finally reflection on the safest course of action with constantly changing information. Although we learned much from the experience of virtual learning, we look forward to the time when we can return to in person classes.

Susan announced Walking for Health and Pleasure as a Lifespring incentive encouraging you “to stay active and fit while enjoying yourself.” Details will be sent shortly all Members within the next few weeks.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS BY LAURA

See attached report. On May 1 all members received a ballot with a slate of officers. Ballots were returned and received on May 10 with all the candidates on the proposed slate elected for two year terms beginning August 1, 2021 and ending July 31, 2023.

Vice President - Natalee Rosenstein

Treasurer - Peg Nau

Member at Large - Lucy Stagich

Member at Large - Anne Miller.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Peg Nau presented the YTD Financial Report. See attached. There were no questions.

HONORS FOR RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Susan P noted the retirement of two Board Members, Mary Porter Hall and Norman Bowie.

Mary Porter Hall joined LS with enthusiasm and experience as a Presenter and member of the Curriculum Committee. She became Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee in 2019. She presented course on the Theater which included many talented guest presenters on Broadway themes. We will miss her as a strong force on the CC, acknowledge her work in bringing outstanding courses to LS and hope that she will continue as an active Member of LS.

Norman Bowie, has been a Member-at-large for 4 years. He has served on the Curriculum Committee, the Moving Forward Committee, and the Senior Education Committee. With an academic background in Philosophy and Ethics and avid baseball fandom, he has presented 6 courses for Lifespring. His contributions will be missed.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

With a Memory Board created by Peg Nau displaying their names, we observed a moment of silence for these Members of LS who died in recent years.

Alpha Reed

Rich Phillips

Doug Blair

Herb Rosenfeld

Joan Davis

Deborah Brenner

Harold Lieberman

Dolores Fredericks

Joseph Churnetski
Doris Langling
Herb Sorgen
Jack Grogan
Fran Berke

Robert Ploss
Sara Dressman
Howard Hurst
Gilbert Hales
Helene Katzen

Susan P. closed the BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

COLLEEN INTRODUCED ANDY WIENTRAUB, MAGICIAN AND ECONOMIST EXTRAORDINAIRE as our grand finale.

Magic ensued that included wine, illusions, dots and cards, the economist's vs the artist's view, secrets to a happy marriage, light bulbs, marbles, cups and balls, not to mention hats and rabbits.

The attendees sent many Kudos.

Colleen closed the meeting by thanking Andy, Fred Costello, the Board and our Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Bybee
Secretary



ANNUAL MEETING

May 19 2021

9:30am –

11:00am

Agenda

A. GREETINGS AND WELCOME:

1. General Welcome: Colleen Greco, co-chair Events and Hospitality
2. Greetings: Fred Costello, Saugerties Town Supervisor

B. BUSINESS MEETING

1. President's Report: Looking Back/Looking Forward: A Celebration
2. Elections: Laura Phillips. Chair of the Elections and Nominating Committee
3. Treasurer's Report: Peg Nau, Treasurer
4. Honoring Retiring Board Members
5. Honoring our deceased members:

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMER (10:15- 10:45)

Andy Weintraub, Magician (and Economist) extraordinaire

Lifespring Annual Meeting May 19, 2021
Report of the Elections and Nominating Committee

On March 9, the Lifespring Board of Directors voted to hold the 2021 election of officers and Lifespring Board members electronically, with the results to be announced at the annual meeting.

In accordance with Lifespring by-laws, the nominations committee selected by the Board of Directors proposed a slate of candidates for the open positions. The Lifespring Board approved the slate of nominees, all of whose two-year terms start August 1, 2021 and end July 31, 2023. All Lifespring members were notified that they could present additional nominations via email prior to April 28. No additional nominations were received.

On May 1, electronic ballots were sent to all members and included a photo and brief biography of each candidate on the slate, as well as a place to write-in another candidate for each office. Balloting ended on May 10, 2021.

We are happy to report that 136 members participated in our election. The following slate of nominees was elected unanimously.

Vice President - Natalee Rosenstein
Treasurer - Peg Nau
Member at Large - Lucy Stagich
Member at Large - Anne Miller.

We wish to congratulate our newly elected members and thank all who participated in the election. We hope that if you have suggestions or questions about Lifespring you will contact us through our website: Lifespringsaugerties.com.

Respectfully,

Lifespring Nominating Committee 2021

Laura Phillips, Chair
Susan Davis
Lee Gable
Natalee Rosenstein

LIFESPRING*Annual Membership Meeting: May 19, 2021**Year to Date Financial Report**As of April 30, 2021**Revenue*

<i>Balance brought forward 5/31/20</i>	<i>17,875.00</i>
<i>Interest and Donation</i>	<i>31.03</i>
	<i>17,906.03</i>

Expenses

<i>Website and Zoom Fees</i>	<i>1,155.13</i>
<i>Catalog Design</i>	<i>590.00</i>
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>215.00</i>
<i>Thank You Gifts and Donations</i>	<i>542.57</i>
	<i>2,502.70</i>

<i>Current Balance as of 4/30/2021</i>	<i>15,403.33</i>
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