

**LIFESPRING  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AGENDA: April 14, 2020 Zoom Board Meeting**

1. Minutes: Approval of DRAFT Minutes of March 10, 2020
2. President's Report and General Updates:  
Since everyone has received an email copy, the President's Report and Reports #3-8 listed below will be skipped unless a Board member has a question about a particular report.
3. SEC Chair Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Report from Registrar
6. Reports from Committee Coordinators
  - a. Curriculum Committee
  - b. Events & Services Committee
  - c. Membership Committee
  - d. Program Support Committee
7. Reports from Ad Hoc Committee Coordinators
  - a. Class Managers
  - b. AV
  - c. Publications:
8. 8. Report from Moving Forward Committee
9. 9. Old Business
  - a. Gifts: What to do about the outstanding gifts to Town workers, WJC folks, Buildings & Grounds people, retiring Board members. (Marilyn & Marjory)
10. 10. New Business
  - a. The two "r's"-- tuition refunds and rent
  - b. Annual Meeting and Elections scheduled for June 4th Discussion of electronic voting in lieu of the Annual meeting
  - c. Systematic communication with LS members plus special initiatives.
  - d. 2020-2021 Year (e.g. Recruiting new members, and a later deadline for registering )
  - e. Things to think about but too early to decide ....
    - i. What if we have to cancel our season?
    - ii. How we operate post corona (e.g. Capacity of classrooms),
    - iii. Wisdom of Winter Presentations?
    - iv. Coordination with other LLI's, the Town, and Library as we look ahead?
    - v. What guidelines should we anticipate for group gatherings, particularly as the fall/winter season approaches?
  - f. Other
11. **NEXT MEETING:**  
May 12, 2020 (by Zoom or in Person)

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Susan P. at 9:37 a.m. using Zoom video conferencing.

Present:

Susan Puretz, President

Natalee Rosenstein, Vice President

Maureen Bybee, Secretary

Peg Nau, Treasurer

Laura Phillips, Registrar

Mary Porter Hall, Curriculum Co-Coordinator

Colleen Greco, Events and Services Co- Coordinator

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator

Susan Krompier, Program Support Coordinator

Norman Bowie, Member-at-Large

Maureen Huben, Member-at-large and Events and Services Co-Coordinator

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

Lucy Stagich, Member-at-Large

Lee Gable, Class Managers Coordinator

Rich Davis, A/V Coordinator

Susan Greenstein, Publications Coordinator

1. Minutes: Approval of DRAFT Minutes of March 10, 2020  
**Motion to approve Minutes** of March 10 by Diane with second by Maureen  
**Carried unanimously.**
2. President's Report and General Updates by Susan P. (Attached)  
Susan P. noted that since everyone has received an email copy, the President's Report and Reports #3-8 listed below will only be discussed if a Board member has a question about a particular report.  
  
Susan P. requested that Board Members please keep working on and submitting to her their edits to the Coordinator's Handbook.
3. SEC Chair Report: No report and no questions.
4. Treasurer's Report (Attached) No questions.
5. Report from Registrar (Attached) No questions.
6. Reports from Committee Coordinators
  - a. Curriculum Committee (Attached) No questions.
  - b. Events & Services Committee (Attached) No questions

- c. Membership Committee (Attached) No questions.
  - d. Program Support Committee (Attached) No questions.
7. Reports from Ad Hoc Committee Coordinators
- a. Class Managers (Attached) No questions.
  - b. AV (Attached) No questions.
  - c. Publications (Attached) No questions.
8. Report from Moving Forward Committee (Attached) No questions.
9. Old Business
- a. Gifts: What to do about the outstanding gifts to Town workers, WJC folks, Buildings & Grounds people, retiring Board members. (Marilyn & Marjory)

**Motion** by Laura with second by Susan K that the Gift to Town of Saugerties (\$1000.00 approved at Feb 12, 2020 board meeting) be distributed as soon as feasible.

**Motion carried** with one No vote.

**Motion** by Laura with second by Lucy that the Gift committee be empowered to determine what gifts are appropriate for the Town workers, WJC folks, Buildings & Grounds people, and retiring Board members., taking into consideration safe distancing recommendations and that they bring their recommendations to the May board meeting for approval. Said gifts to be distributed as soon as feasible. The Gift committee will designate the amount and type, of group gift for town employees, if recommended. They will recommend the list of recipients and amount of individual gifts or gift cards for the WJC staff (and Saugerties town staff, if any).

**Motion carried** unanimously.

It is noted that the Gift Committee is chaired by Peg with Lucy, Susan K. and Karen Reynolds as members.

**Motion** by Laura with second by Natalee that in recognition of retiring board members Marilyn Wakefield and Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn and given the probability that there will not be a physical annual meeting, that we ask the executive committee to compose tributes to be included with an email to members. Further that the Gift committee should determine the appropriate thank you gifts and bring their proposal to the Board to be approved. Gifts to be distributed close to the time of email tributes.

**Motion carried** unanimously.

Natalee, as Vice-President, served as chair of the meeting while Laura assisted Susan P. with technical problems with the Zoom application.

**MOTION** by Natalee second by Colleen that former Board members Roberta Gavner and Marjory Greenburg-Vaughn who were voted Jump Starter status at Lifespring Board meeting, February 11, 2020 be presented with the awards electronically or by US mail.

**MOTION carried** unanimously.

Susan P. returned to the meeting and resumed duties as Chair.

#### 10. New Business

- a. Annual Meeting and Elections scheduled for June 3rd  
Discussion of electronic voting in lieu of the Annual meeting

**MOTION** by Laura with second by Norm that that Lifespring cancel the annual meeting scheduled for June 3 2020 at the WJC. Instead, the officer reports, proposed budget, and slate of officers will be sent to members via email. Members will be invited to make additional officer nominations and ask questions about the reports via email. The vote for the proposed budget and slate of officers, including any additional nominations will take place 30 days after the officer reports are emailed, but no later than July 31, 2020, via an electronic ballot that will be sent to each Lifespring member.

**Discussion:** If approved, Natalee volunteers to collect appropriate information from nominees regarding their Lifespring activities to be distributed to members as part of the voting process.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**MOTION** by Natalee with second by Laura that the Board present to the Lifespring Members the following slate of nominees for open positions on the Board.

President: Susan Poretz  
Secretary: Maureen Bybee  
Three Members-at-large:  
1. Maureen Huben  
2. Diane McDowell  
3. Leslie Surprenant.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously

**MOTION** by Maureen H with second by Colleen that Laura Phillips be authorized to spend up to \$14.95 per month for a Lifespring subscription to a virtual meeting platform.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- b. The two “r’s”-- refunds and rent

**Tuition refunds:** Susan P described actions by other local LLIs including full refunds, partial refunds, refunds by request only, option for member to convert spring fee to a donation, and credit toward fall semester. The question of whether and how to address tuition refunds remained unresolved with discussion to continue for resolution at next Board meeting.

**Rent:** Susan P. reported that according to Town Attorney, our rent obligation is not clear since we have no actual contract with WJC. It is “probably safe to say that we have no legal obligation” to the WJC. Susan P suggested a token donation to WJC as a show of good faith. Review of our actual expenses to date indicated this was possible in the spirit of shared concerns and repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**MOTION** by Laura with second by Norm that Lifespring donate \$1,000.00 to WJC.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- c. Systematic communication with LS members plus special initiatives.

Susan D expressed particular concerns about keeping the Lifespring sense of community alive. She is looking at efforts by other LLIs as well as planning some communications to the membership in addition to the upcoming publication of our newsletter. She requested that any ideas from Board Members be shared with her.

The Board supports Susan D’s outreach to our membership and agrees that she should continue with her planned communications pending review by the Executive Committee before sending.

- d. 2020-2021 Year (e.g. Recruiting new members, and a later deadline for registering )

Laura reported that the deadline for registration could be pushed back to allow more time to know what the fall of 2020 will look like in terms of COVID19 and for the Board to consider alternate methods of learning for the future.

- e. Things to think about but too early to decide ....
- i. What if we have to cancel our season?
  - ii. How we operate post corona (e.g. capacity of classrooms),
  - iii. Wisdom of Winter Presentations?

- iv. Coordination with other LLI's, the Town, and Library as we look ahead?
- v. What guidelines should we anticipate for group gatherings, particularly as the fall/winter season approaches?

Amidst general agreement that we could not decide the answers to any of these questions without more information, a discussion followed. Natalee spoke to our responsibility as a Board to actively consider these questions and develop plans including the idea of a separate meeting before the next scheduled Board Meeting to specifically examine these issues. Later, Laura reiterated this suggestion.

Susan P noted that the Curriculum Committee had invited the spring 2020 presenters to send through Lifespring any materials they might want to share with the students in their cancelled/postponed classes. Laura has heard from only four presenters about this. She will contact them all again with a clear deadline if they wish distribution of any materials or can suggest any ways for us to maintain learning centered contact with our members.

An article by Bette Ann Moskowitz, a spring 2020 presenter, was published in the Sunday NY Times. Ms. Moskowitz has told Mary this could be shared with her students and also told Susan D. that it could be shared with the entire Lifespring membership. Laura made a pdf of the article to make it easier to access. Susan D. may include it as part of her efforts to maintain community with the membership. We agreed that spring presenters would also receive a copy.

Susan G. asked that Board members send her contributions for the upcoming newsletter e.g. thoughts, pictures, "what I'm doing while staying at home," anything thought provoking, uplifting, amusing, etc.

Laura encouraged Lee to consult with her daughter (a business education professional) about platforms that might work for us if we move to online classes for the fall 2020 semester.

#### **11. NEXT MEETING:**

May 12, 2020 (by Zoom or in Person)

**MOTION** to adjourn by Laura with second by Susan K.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. Meeting ended at 11:07a.m.

## **Reports for April 14, 2020 Board Meeting**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR APRIL 14, 2020 ZOOM BOARD MEETING**

To save time, so that at this Zoom meeting we can have discussions about some important issues, I herewith submit my President's report as a written update to my activity since our March 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

As you know, at the March meeting we asked the Executive Committee to monitor the corona pandemic and to alert the Board "if a decision to close or alter the spring session needs to be made prior to our next scheduled Board meeting." (See item\*1 that follows)

After considerable angst, several days later, the Executive Committee voted to recommend canceling the semester and asked the Board for its concurrence and I then sent an email out asking for a vote on the motion to the entire Board (See item \*2 that follows.)

It passed with only 2 Negatives and 1 abstention. (See item \*3 that follows.)

Subsequently the proposed email regarding the semester's cancellation that was presented to the Board at the March meeting was sent out to all members and presenters. (See item\*4 that follows.)

I sent separate notes to the SEC (See items \*5a and \*5b), the Town Board (See item \*6), and the WJC (item \*7) notifying them of the semester cancellation.

I also checked with Supervisor Costello re: our financial obligation to the WJC. He responded, after checking with town lawyer, that we PROBABLY are not responsible for our rent. To date we have not sent them any money for our cancellation.

Additionally, and more recently, after consultation with several board members including Mary and Diane, co-curriculum committee coordinators, a letter was sent out by Laura to all Spring 2020 presenters (item\*8) inviting them to communicate with their class members. To date, several presenters have replied and things are in progress.

We are in uncharted waters and so while it is good to be able to tread water and stay afloat, we will continue to explore how to be both a community and a lifetime learning institution during covid-19.

One more one:

I did not put this on the agenda (probably too embarrassed), but this might be an ideal time (now that we have some time to look at and possibly revise) and to submit your coordinator's handbook instructions (if you have not done so) to me.

And I promise that I (and some Board volunteers) will FINALLY get this project done. I further, promise that once they have been reviewed/edited they will be printed and distributed to all Board members.

Susan Poretz, April 11, 2020

Addenda Attached

**\*1 Email to Exec Committee re cancellation**

On 3/13/2020 6:49 PM, Susan Poretz wrote:

Hi Executive Committee:

We are the first step in deciding upon closure of Lifespring for the spring semester and while our semester does not start till 5 weeks from now, our members probably want to know sooner rather than later.

We can go forward in one of three ways....

1. We can meet in the next few days to discuss face to face (but hopefully at a safe distance) and clarify any questions that you may have  
Or
2. If you think you have made a decision but have some unanswered questions but do not want to meet in person, we can discuss by email  
Or
3. If you think you have made a decision and do **not** need further input, we can take an email vote.

Please let me know your choice and based on that I will proceed with this first step.

Once the Exec committee has made a decision, the next step would be to notify the Board for their input and vote.

And then the Membership.

Ciao, Susan

PS There are some issues that we do not yet have answers e.g. what is our financial obligation to the WJC

PPS We do know three of the four LLI's in the area (Bard, Vassar and New Paltz) have cancelled. Marist LLI was meeting today to discuss and reach a decision --no word yet on the decision.



**\*2 Note to Board asking to vote on cancellation recommendation**

On 3/14/2020 11:33 AM, Susan Puretz wrote:

Morning All:

As fast as the Corona virus is spreading, Lifespring's board is acting faster.

As discussed at the March 10th board meeting, it was decided that the Executive Committee (pres/vice-pres/sect/treasure/and one appointee--Susan D) should be monitoring the health emergency and if necessary come up with a decision about going forward with the spring 2020 semester.

The Executive Committee has been having an extensive dialogue via email. Included in the discussion were the following:

1. Our sister LLI's (Bard, Vassar, and New Paltz) have cancelled. Marist LLI which does not start till April 7th had a meeting of their Board yesterday (Friday) to decide --I have not yet found out the results.
2. Because we have some lead time (our semester does not start until April 22nd) we might adopt a wait and see position. In opposition to that view it was mentioned that people and presenters need to be informed as soon as possible.
3. The WJC at this time is continuing to conduct religious services and I believe (and am in the process of confirming) that their Tuesday school classes are continuing to meet.

There was more back and forth and if you want to get more info, I am sure that one of the Exec Committee can provide that. btw: I am forwarding in a separate email, the latest info on gatherings sent to me today by a Town Board member.

Ultimately, a vote was taken by email and by a vote of 4-1 it was decided to recommend *cancellation of our Spring Semester now.*

As a result, I am submitting the following motion for your vote (either in favor or not in favor).

**Motion: The Executive Committee of Lifespring's Board has recommended with a vote of 4-1, to cancel the Spring 2020 Lifespring Semester.**

Please rsvp to this email indicating whether you are voting in favor (or approval of the recommendation) or against (i.e., not in favor of the recommendation).

Further info:

Depending upon the vote of the Board, I and Natalee (as VP), Susan D (as membership), and Laura (as Registrar) will send out a note to the membership and our presenters.

There is much to be discussed if we do cancel the semester and I am hopeful that we will be able to meet on April 14th (our next scheduled Board meeting) to further discuss these issues. I will forward the latest regulations about meetings that came to me today from a Saugerties Town Board member.

I am including the Coordinators of our three ad-hoc committees (AV, Class Managers, and Catalog) because although they are not technically on the Board, I believe that although they cannot vote, they should be up to date on this momentous decision.

In healthy solidarity,

Susan

p.s. I think/hope I am covering everything ... but please feel free to contact me or the other Executive Board members.

### **\*3 Note with Board vote on cancellation**

On 3/15/2020 12:44 PM, Susan Puretz wrote:

Morning All;

Final vote count:

To cancel the spring 2020 semester = 10 votes

To not cancel = 2 votes

Abstain = 1 vote

All eligible have voted.

Further actions:

A letter is being worked on that will be sent to all members and presenters;

The WJC will be contacted;

The Supervisor and Town Board will be notified;

The SEC will be notified;

The website will be altered to reflect the cancellation of classes for the spring 2020

If you think that any other actions need to be taken....please do not hesitate to contact me.

In solidarity,

Susan

**\*4 Note sent to Members and Presenters announcing cancellation**

On 3/16/2020 5:15 AM, LifespringSaugerties wrote:

Hello Lifespring:

I am sure this announcement is not going to surprise you.

Due to the concerns and uncertainty we are all experiencing surrounding the corona virus (COVID-19), the Board of Directors of Lifespring, after much deliberation, has decided to cancel the Spring 2020 semester of Lifespring courses.

Although we were not scheduled to begin classes until April 22nd, the Board believes that it is not prudent or feasible to delay a decision. Note, too, that all of the other Hudson Valley Lifelong Learning institutes have cancelled their spring programs. Additionally, the sources that we are consulting indicate that the duration of the strategy of "social distancing" will, most likely, continue for an extended period of time.

Over the next few weeks, we will discuss ways in which we might be able to reinforce our sense of the Lifespring Community during this time, and it is our hope that at least some of the wonderful courses that we had scheduled for this Spring term will be offered in another semester.

We acknowledge the tremendous amount of work and effort that has gone into planning and preparing for this term and, while we are all very disappointed, we are also dedicated to the health and safety of Lifespring members and to the larger community in which we live.

We are sorry to send this disappointing news, but we are confident that this is the wise and prudent decision at this challenging time.

Susan Puretz, President

Natalee Rosenstein, Vice President

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator

Laura Phillips, Registrar

**\*5 SEC notes**

**\*5a SEC**

On 3/15/2020 10:45 PM, Susan Puretz wrote:

Dear SEC members and Leanne:

I will be sending out a note to the membership shortly with the announcement that our spring 2020 semester is being cancelled. That decision was not arrived at lightly and happened with a lot of due consideration and concern by the Lifespring Board.

I will send a formal letter to the SEC as well as to the Town Supervisor, Town Board and the WJC but thought I would give you some advance notice.

I am sure that you are not surprised by our decision.

Ciao,

Susan

**\*5b SEC**

On 3/16/2020 5:53 AM, LifespringSaugerties wrote:

To: Senior Education Commission

For your information.

After much consideration, the Lifespring Board has decided to cancel our Spring 2020 semester.

While I know Lifespring was not scheduled to start until April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the factors that made us decide to cancel at this time are:

- the current emergency proclamations about cancelling meetings with over 50 people;

- the space that our members would be occupying in the classrooms at the WJC – i.e. cheek to jowl;

- the fact that our membership is composed primarily of those fitting the profile of the most at risk group; and finally

- the prediction that right now we are only at the beginning of the viral event.

Those factors left us with very little choice.

We will be constantly monitoring the situation and if possible, might do something in June to bring together the Lifespring community.

We have notified by email the membership, the Presenters, and the WJC –where we hold our classes ((see attached letters).

With deep regrets about the necessity of cancelling Lifespring's classes at this time, I remain

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz, President

Attachments: Letter to the Lifespring Membership and Letter to the WJC

**\*6 Town Board note**

On 3/16/2020 5:49 AM, LifespringSaugerties wrote:

To: Supervisor Fred Costello and the Saugerties Town Board

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Sincerely,

Susan Poretz, President

Attachments: letters to the Lifespring Membership and the WJC

**\*7 WJC note**

On 3/16/2020 5:28 AM, LifespringSaugerties wrote:

Andrew, Dee, and Jonathan:

After much consideration, the Lifespring Board has decided to cancel our Spring 2020 semester and with it our use of the WJC.

While I know we are not scheduled to start until April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the factors that made us decide to cancel at this time are:

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Sincerely,

Susan Poretz, Lifespring President

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Phone: 845 246 2800 x452

Chronogram article about Lifespring:

<http://www.chronogram.com/issue/2009/9/Whole+Living/Springing-to-Life>

## **\*8 Note to spring 2020 presenters re contact with class members**

Hello

On behalf of Lifespring, we thank you profusely for agreeing to reschedule your course to the Spring of 2021.

Our commitment at Lifespring is to “Community” and “Learning,” both of which have been derailed by the current health crisis. Several members of the Lifespring Board are seeking ways to help our members stay connected. In an initiative to match these unprecedented times, we have decided to reach out to you as a presenter of a now cancelled spring term course to offer you an option to communicate with the people who had signed up to take your class.

This is an opportunity to connect with your class members via an email about anything related to the content of your class that you might want to share. It would NOT be any material that you would be presenting as part of your course in Spring 2021.

Because of the wide variety of the courses slated for the spring term, there is no one formula for what kind of information you might consider. For example, you might see a timely article about your topic printed now in a paper or magazine that won't be timely in a year. A course in literature might include a topical reading list, while a course in exploring the natural world could highlight some of the things to look for as spring unfolds in our area (even in your own backyard). An art class could include some examples and critiques of the art form while a course on contemporary issues, world events, etc. might present a representative sampling of the kinds of topics and issues that would have been covered in a physical class.

If you would like to participate, we would forward your message to members of your class without sharing your email address, unless you request us to do that. However, if you do not have any specific information to share with your students, please do not feel obligated to respond to this suggestion.

If you are interested in participating in this shared learning opportunity, please send your response to [LIFESPRING.REGISTRAR@gmail.com](mailto:LIFESPRING.REGISTRAR@gmail.com) and Laura Phillips, the Registrar, will see that it reaches the class members. If you have any suggestions, questions or special requests, please let us know.

Two quick caveats:

1. Please make certain that any website suggested for further perusal is safe and does not require the viewer to provide any personal information,
2. Although we are experimenting with video conferencing for some of our committee meetings, we have decided not to pursue this option for member/presenter interactions at this time.

We thank you again for agreeing to be a critical and fundamental participant in our Lifespring Community. We hope you will join us in this experimental initiative.

Susan Poretz, President  
Natalee Rosenstein, Vice-President  
Laura Phillips, Registrar  
Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator  
Mary Porter Hall co-chair, Curriculum Committee  
Diane McDowall co-chair, Curriculum Committee

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD FOR APRIL 14, 2020 MEETING**

### **TREASURER:**

No need to update the Treasurer's Report as no activity this month.

BANK BALANCE March 31, 2020: \$20,085.98

The updated Budget Worksheet is attached on page 18 of the Minutes.

Peg Nau

### **REGISTRAR:**

Welcome packets with confirmation letters were printed but they were NOT mailed as scheduled Thursday March 12. Although it was not yet official, it seemed likely that the semester would be cancelled and I didn't want to waste the postage. I also did not send out the emails to presenters with attendance lists that I had mentioned in my March report.

Re: water bottles for presenters Spring semester: I cancelled the order I had put in for (96) 1621-82 Laguna silver water bottles with Promo Managers. The total quoted was \$507 plus tax and I had just submitted our tax exemption to have the tax removed. They will have our order on file when we are ready to go ahead, #12157.

I have tested both Zoom and Google Meet with all Board members and everyone seems to be up to speed with both for future Board meetings.

On April 6 I sent an email to presenters scheduled for Spring 2020 on behalf of the Curriculum Committee coordinators and the Lifespring Board, asking if they would like to communicate any supplemental material to those who signed up for their class. So far four have responded favorably and will think about items they might want to share. I will forward their responses to participants via group email, just as I would have with any class reading assignments during an in-person semester. We don't expect this will be appropriate for all classes and or that all presenters will feel comfortable doing this.

Laura Phillips, Registrar

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **CURRICULUM:**

The Curriculum Committee has finished the schedule for the Fall 2020 semester, and the catalogue materials are now in the hands of Susan Greenstein's editing elves. Nearly all of our Spring 2020 presenters have agreed to teach their courses in Spring 2021 - just one negative, and two who need more time before they can commit. Course lists are attached (see pages 5 and 6)

Mary Porter Hall  
Diane McDowell  
Co-coordinators

### **EVENTS and SERVICES:**

1. Maureen went to the WJC and inventoried all of the Service supplies so Fran could shop for paper supplies at Sam's based on the numbers.
2. Fran inventoried the supply closet at Town Hall.
3. We received word from Jack Ostmark, the lead singer of the Four Reasons, that they would be happy to be our entertainment for the Annual Meeting June 3. I sent him a thank you response and included an explanation of our plan to suspend the semester.

Colleen and Maureen

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Through joint efforts, I am advocating that we think creatively about a systematic way to stay in touch with our members, particularly over the next few months. We are fortunate to have a Newsletter scheduled for sometime in April. In addition, we may be sending out information about our annual meeting (or substitute). Would periodic updates be helpful or simple staying in touch messages? All thoughts welcome.

I am also beginning to think about publicity and timing for PR to attract new members for the 2020/21 year. I suspect that most of this will wait until June so that we can time the announcements with the catalog release and have a better handle on the COVID-19 situation as it relates to Lifespring.

Susan Davis

### **PROGRAM SUPPORT:**

I too have nothing to report.  
Susan Krompner



## AD HOC COMMITTEES

### AV:

Here are the highlights for our AV work for the month prior to the April 2020 BOD meeting. Not much happening as the spring semester was cancelled on March 15.

- Reached out to our past team members to confirm their continued support. Got positive replies from all and team of John D, Dave C, John T, Bob F, and Jim M were ready and planning to go.
- Provided Peg with a budgetary estimate for AV expenses anticipated for 2020.
- Spent some time looking into the current candidate applications for video conferencing

Rich Davis

[richdavis@earthlink.net](mailto:richdavis@earthlink.net)

### CLASS MANAGERS:

I have nothing to report at this time.

Lee Gable

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### From Susan Greenstein

##### **Lifespring newsletter, *News & Views***

The newsletter will be a shortened version, leaving out some features that are no longer appropriate. To be included are: Poetry Place, Photo Op, short “musings” by several board members, President’s Message, Book Review, etc.

I’ve been operating in a state of extreme weirdness, as I’m sure we all have, but/yet I’m trying to get an online edition to go up either by the end of April or the beginning of May.

Mea Culpa that I’ve been out of commission for a while, brainwise (and remain so).

##### **Fall Catalog**

Mary Porter Hall has sent me the blurbs and bios. Ellie Siegel volunteered to do editing work, and I think it’s a good idea to take her up on it, in the spirit of finding “new” people to take on tasks that others have performed for many years. I am writing to Marv Beach and Sandy Ostoyich to thank them for their past editing. This is assuming that Ellie still “wants the job.”

##### **Flyers**

No flyers in the works as of now.

##### **Website**

David Cartmell continues to keep the website updated with direction from Susan Davis.

### MOVING FORWARD:

Nothing to report on from the MFC.

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LIFESPRING BUDGET PROPOSAL  
4/14/2020

	BUDGET 2019/2020	ACTUAL AS OF FEB 2020	BUDGET 2020/2021	
REVENUE				
MEMBER FEES	\$ 14,480.00	\$14,220.00	\$ 14,800.00	
HOSPITALITY DONATIONS	\$ 610.00	\$405.55		
INTEREST	\$ 3.00	\$3.20	\$ 3.00	
	\$ 15,093.00	\$14,628.75	\$ 14,803.00	
EXPENSES				
FACILITY RENTAL	\$ 5,400.00	\$2,700.00		\$ 5,400.00
HOSPITALITY	\$ 2,500.00	\$1,241.27		\$ 2,500.00
LIFESPRING DONATIONS	\$ 2,500.00	\$0.00		\$ 1,500.00
CATALOG & PRINTING	\$ 1,000.00	\$460.00		\$ 1,200.00
NEWSLETTER	\$ 500.00	\$180.00		\$ 500.00
WEBSITE	\$ 150.00	\$0.00		\$ 150.00
AUDIO/VIDEO	\$ 250.00	\$480.60		\$ 250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 350.00	\$504.07		\$ 350.00
ANNUAL MEETING	\$ 700.00	\$28.27		\$ 700.00
LIBRARY SETUP	\$ 200.00	\$0.00		\$ 1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 200.00	\$217.43		\$ 500.00
	\$ 13,750.00	\$ 5,811.64	\$ 14,803.00	\$ 14,250.00
	\$ (13,750.00)		\$ (14,250.00)	
	\$ 1,343.00 Budget Surplus		\$ 553.00	

**Spring 2020 Presenters to hopefully become Spring 2021 Presenters**  
**a/o April 1**

A1:	Opera as Politics: Chuck Mishaan.	Susan Greenstein	YES
A2	Writing Haiku: Priscilla H. Lignori	Mary Porter Hall	Not
	heard back		
A3	Gender Fluidity: Alice Radosh	Diane McDowell	NO
A4	Ecological Exploration: Leslie Surprenant	Natalie Rosenstein	YES
A5	What's So Funny: Hester Mundis	Mary Porter Hall	YES
B1	Photo-Journalism: Gary Miller	Susan Greenstein	YES
B2	Off the Beaten Track	Susan Puretz	YES
B3	The Places We Come From: Bette Ann Moskowitz	Mary Porter Hall	YES
B4	Gentle Chair Yoga: Susan Blacker	Diane McDowell	YES
B5	Local Authors: Irene Rivera Hurst	Susan Greenstein	YES
C1	Lost Industries: Marilou Abramshe	Susan Davis	YES
C2	End of Life: Al Konigsberg	Susan Puretz	?
C3	Musician Within: Nathan Brenowitz	Susan Puretz	YES
	C4 Economics: Andy Weintraub, Laura Ebert	Susan Puretz	
		YES but maybe Not Linda	
C5	Drawing: Eleanor Siegel	Mary Porter Hall	YES
	(Bonus The Plays the Thing: Prudence Garcia-Renart	Susan Puretz	Fall 2020)
	(Now set as a Bonus for Fall 2020)		
Bonus	Five Rambles: Bette Schoen-Rene	Susan Puretz	YES

**Lifespring Fall 2020 Courses. Updated April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

A1	Arts to Politics	Gary Bischoff	Susan Puret
A2	Magic Tricks for the Family	Andy Weintraub	Susan Puret
A3	Our Women on the Ground	Irene Rivera Hurst	Susan Greenstein
A4	Authoritarianism and the Arts	Chuck Mishaan	Susan Greenstein
A5	Tai Chi: Basic Movements for Healing and Brain Health	Roberta Gavner	Diane McDowell
B1	b.1876 – d.1929	Donn Avallone	Annette Zwickler
B2	Religion – An Academic Perspective	Joey Hickok	Susan Puret
B3	Hands-On Art	Lucette Runsdorf, Ann Morris And Peg Nau	Mary Porter Hall
B4	Shakespeare: Sweet and Bad, the Dark and the Light	Rosemary Deen	Susan Greenstein
B5	A Brief History of Time	Bill Tuel	Annette Zwickler
C1	Dealing with Medical Care	Norman Bowie/ Carolyn Siewers	Carolyn Siewers
C2	Expanding the Narrative of Ulster County	Geoff Miller	Susan Puret
C3	Six Short Experiential Exercises on Photographing Your World	Lauren Piperno	Annette Zwickler
C4	Spoken Yiddish for Beginners	Rachel Weitz	Susan Puret
C5	The Problem with Plastic	Dr. Patrick DeHaven, Dr. Megan Ferguson Dr. Jennifer Phillips, Amanda LaValle Mary McNarmara	Jouette Bassler
Bonus Course: The Play's the Thing		Prudence Garcia-Renart	Susan Puret.