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**APPROVED AS AMENDED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LIFESPING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 8, 2022**

PRESENT

Susan Poretz, President
Natalee Rosenstein, Vice-President
Maureen Bybee, Secretary
Peg Nau, Treasurer
Laura Phillips, Registrar & Task Force for Online Learning
Connie Cuttle, Coordinator of Curriculum Committee
Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator
Colleen Greco, Co-Coordinator of Events and Services
Maureen Huben, Member-at-Large and Events & Services Co-Coordinator
Lee Gable, Member-at-Large and Class Managers Coordinator
Diane McDowell, Member-at-Large
Anne Miller, Member-at-Large
Rich Davis, *Ad Hoc* AV Committee, Coordinator

ABSENT

Susan Kompier
Leslie Suprenant

This regularly scheduled virtual meeting of the Board was called to order by Susan P at 9:32 a.m.

- A. Approval of the Minutes for January 11, 2022
 - a. **A MOTION to approve** these minutes was made by Diane and seconded by Anne.
 - b. With no discussion, **MOTION was accepted** unanimously.
- B. President's Report and General Updates:
 - a. We have 122 people on the Interest List who will be invited to apply for membership for 2022-23.
 - b. Anticipating the suggestion from the Moving Forward committee, Susan P has already contacted the WJC and anticipates a meeting their new Executive Director, Rahel Gruenberg later in February.
- C. Reports to the Board
Coordinators of Standing and *Ad Hoc* Committees submitted written reports to the Board Members which have been circulated for review prior to this meeting.
See attached Reports to the Board
- D. New Business

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- a. Diversity Meeting – Natalee reported that a number of regional LLI's will meet in a virtual mini-conference on Feb 23 arranged by Bard LLI to discuss. Connie, Leslie and Natalee will represent Lifespring. Connie has prepared a written report and will provide an oral report to the attendees. Gleanings from the meeting will be reported to the LS Board at our next meeting.
- b. Annual Meeting –
 - i. Susan asked for clarification of the meeting date. Susan Davis noted that the meeting will be May 25.
 - ii. Later in this meeting, Laura recommended that for this year we are limited once more to a virtual annual meeting. Colleen is considering a music group as part of the annual meeting. All members were encouraged to make any recommendations regarding entertainment to Colleen.
- c. By-laws Committee – See report. Laura reminded Board Members of a special meeting on Tues 2/22 at 9:30 for discussion by the entire Board of the proposed changes.
- d. Moving Forward Committee Report –
 - i. Natalee made a **MOTION** with a second by Colleen that the Board authorize the Curriculum Committee to consider starting some Lifespring activities including classes and presentations earlier than the October 10 date so that they could be held outdoors while the weather is still warm enough.
 - a) Discussion followed with compliments to the Committee for their ability to identify possible actions from a sea of concerns. Connie has already followed up on this MFC recommendation by contacting Greg Chorvas at the Cantine Field Pavilion. Susan Davis pointed out that activities earlier in the calendar year might require a change in the date that new members are accepted.
 - b) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - ii. **MOTION** by Natalee with second by Laura that a subcommittee of the Board be established to investigate other possible venues for Lifespring classes and events. (See the attached report for the MFC's concerns and suggestions.)
 - a) Issues were raised as to whether these locations would be substitutes for or in addition to WJC.
 - b) Susan P. noted her concern about maintaining the sense of community that distinguishes LS from other nearby LLI's as we seek alternate sites.

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- c) Natalee pointed out that other LLI's in our area are currently holding in person courses as well as planning for future in person classes.
- d) **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
- iii. Susan P. appointed Connie, Susan D., Diane and Peg as members of the Sub-Committee to research alternate venues with Connie serving as convener.
- iv. Natalee suggested and the Board accepted that the MFC's recommendation to survey the membership be tabled and pursued in the future.
- v. The Events and Hospitality Committee accepted the MFC's recommendation to plan for additional outdoor social events.
- e. Maureen H reported that she has followed up with the Woodstock Conservancy regarding possible nature walks. She is waiting for a response following their recent change in administration and staff.
- f. Laura offered to respond to any questions from Board Members regarding the By-Laws changes prior to the Feb 22 meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Natalee with 2nd by Maureen H. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

March 8, 2022 on Zoom at 9:30 am

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Agenda: February 8, 2022

**Unable to attend:
Susan Krompier
Leslie Surprenant**

A. Minutes: January 11, 2022

**B. President's Report and General Updates:
WJC contact with new Executive Director Rahel Gruenberg**

NOTE: The format will be changed for today's meeting and some items from the Board Reports will be covered under New Business

E. New Business (Looking Forward)

- 1. Diversity Meeting**
- 2. Annual Meeting**
- 3. By-laws committee**
- 4. Moving Committee Report**

**NEXT MEETING:
March 8, 2022 (on zoom) at 9:30 am**

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REPORTS TO THE BOARD**For the February 8, 2022 Lifespring Board Meeting****PRESIDENT:**

I am in awe of and grateful to the Registrar and Task force for the work they have since Covid struck --and are continuing to do. I keep wanting to wave a magic wand to make sure they do not 'BURN-OUT." I am also so impressed with the "happenings" of the Curriculum committee and the important work of the publications committee. As you know, after an interesting "special January bonus" presentation by Rich Davis, we will all be treated to week two of our Feb miniseries the day after our Feb Board meeting and if it is anything like week one ... "the ball has been batted out of the stadium" to use a sport analogy

Because of our open guest policy for these in-between events and the excellent promotional work by Susan D, we have generated a significant number of potential new members signed up for our "interest" list and perhaps for our 2022-2023 year. Things are looking good!!

Susan Puretz

VICE PRESIDENT:

No report

Natalee Rosenstein

TREASURER:

See last page of these reports.

Peg Nau

REGISTRAR and On-line Task Force Report:

The final registration for the Jan 5 Winter Presentation by Frank Almquist on the Ashokan Reservoir was 144. Of those registered, 99 were members and 45 were guests. The actual attendance was 114 plus the presenter - our largest to date.

136 people registered for the two-part Winter Bonus event on the Hamlets of Saugerties on Jan 12 and 19. Of that number, 90 were members and 46 were guests. The actual attendance was 95 on Jan 12 and 85 on Jan 19.

On January 26 I held a How-to-Zoom class for Lifespring members. Seven people signed up and two attended. I will probably not offer a How-to-Zoom course before the April semester since there is little interest.

At the close of registration for the February mini-classes:

Total 148. Of the total, 97 were members and 51 were guests.

The breakdown for the 4 classes was:

A1 Magic of Rocks, Goats and Time 81

A2 Office for the Aging Special Programs 31

B1 Restorative Practices in the Criminal Justice System and the Community 32

B2 A Visit with Jon Bowermaster 89

TASKFORCE:

I had three training meetings during January with volunteers who were interested in helping with the taskforce. Some of them will be assisting during the February mini-courses.

I have purchased 8 Gsuite licenses @ \$6/month each and 7 Zoom licenses @ \$14.99/month each for the taskforce members and trainees. I applied for a tax exemption from Google and I believe we were finally approved later in January. Zoom does not charge tax on its services. I will downgrade some of the Zoom licenses for the month of March, and again for June, July, August and September. The downgraded licenses retain full privileges, except there is a 40 minute time limit per meeting. They can be upgraded almost instantly if needed.

Laura Phillips

STANDING COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM:

The Curriculum Committee has begun flexible planning for the Fall 2022 semester expecting that some courses will be offered on line and hoping to offer in-person courses if conditions allow. Contact with possible presenters includes asking if they are willing/able to present in-person and/or on-line. Our current expectation is that on-line offerings will

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be offered one day and in-person courses on another. We are waiting to hear the outcome of a meeting with the new point person at the WJC regarding use of space. Further, we hope to start some outdoor, in-person courses earlier than October 10th, depending on Board approval of September dates. The committee has created an extensive list of possible courses, and to date has six presenters who have confirmed their willingness to provide a course, two of which are outdoor fitness courses.

Connie Cuttle

EVENTS and Services nee EVENTS and HOSPITALITY:

No report --- (needs clarification of walking tour of Woodstock land conservancy -SP)

Maureen Huben and Colleen Greco

MEMBERSHIP:

I am pleased to report that there has been a good response to the notices about the Lifespring Winter Programming that I have been putting in the Kingston Freeman, Hudson Valley One, and on the Town of Saugerties website. This seems to be a good way for the broader community to learn about Lifespring and perhaps attend an actual class or presentation if they are interested. Having some portion of the LS offering open to guests and “everyone” each year is a good way to advertise. In addition, people are finding their way to a place on the current Interest List...via the website, Lifespring phone, direct referral, the google event/class registration form, and the Lifespring gmail directly. Thanks to Susan Puretz for monitoring the list and writing welcoming and warm responses to those who inquire.

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator

PROGRAM SUPPORT:

I don't have a report and unfortunately will not be joining you as I am in PR!! See you next month!

Susan Krompier

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

No reports

AD HOC COMMITTEES

AV

Nothing to report from AV.
Rich Davis

CLASS MANAGERS:

I don't have a report.

Lee Gable

PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR:

Spring Course Catalog

Editing underway

Lifespring newsletter, *News & Views*

Thanks to the many board members who submitted "stuff" to me for the newsletter. There's lots of great material to work with. Thanks again!!!

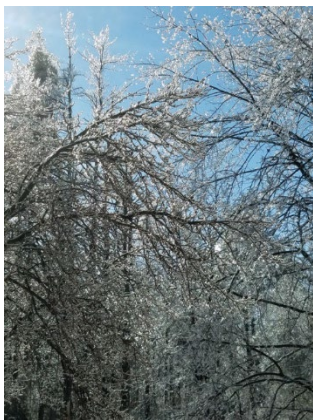
Flyers

Info received from Susan D for March presentation, edited, then created by Connie Cuttle. Will be posted online by Anna Landewe.

Website

Susan D continues to coordinate with David Cartmel in keeping items posted to the vault.

Anna continues to update the "upfront" section of the Welcome page to keep it current. She has "turned on" and "turned off" the registration links as the dates arrive. She is happy to continue in that role, as needed.



Susan Greenstein

OTHER REPORTS

MOVING FORWARD:

REPORT FROM THE MFC MEETING OF 1/24/22

The Moving Forward Committee met on January 24, 2022. In attendance were: Natalee Rosenstein, Susan Davis, Susan Krompner, Peg Nau, Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn, Leslie Surprenant, Colleen Cuttle, Lee Gable, Norm Bowie and Laura Phillips. After extensive discussion the MFC makes the following recommendations and suggestions for the Board to discuss and act on:

1. The Board should consider starting some Lifespring activities including classes and presentations earlier than the October 10 date so that they could be held outdoors while the weather is still warm enough and authorize the Curriculum Committee to implement if possible.
2. The President and other Board members of her choosing should meet with the new WJC director to ensure that she is familiar with Lifespring and that we are being considered in their future plans.
3. A subcommittee of the Board be established to investigate other possible venues for Lifespring classes and events. A list of some possibilities will follow separately. This subcommittee will need to investigate rental fees, accessibility issues, parking, and insurance concerns and report back to the Board.
4. The MFC suggests that another survey be sent to the membership so that we have an up to date idea of members' wishes about attending in person classes.
5. The MFC suggests that the Events and Hospitality Committee consider planning a couple of outdoor social events such as a Bring Your Own lunch or a brunch at Cantine field.

Respectfully submitted by Natalee Rosenstein, Vice President and chair of the Moving Forward Committee

Here is a list of ideas of possible alternative venues for Lifespring classes or events:

OUTDOORS

- WJC grounds
- Pavilions at Cantine Field
- Library grounds

INDOORS

- Mt. Marion elementary school
- Donlan Hall over Firehouse
- St. Mary's school on Cedar St.
- Ulster County Community College
- Senior Center
- Community room at Library
- Orpheum Theater
- Trinity Episcopal church (Natalee has contact info for this)

The subcommittee may have more ideas. Some of the above may be quick “no’s”. All possibilities need to be investigated for appropriateness of space, rental fees, accessibility issues and insurance needs.

SEC (Senior Education Committee)

No report. See the January 2022 minutes for the revised SEC Guidelines.

Susan Davis, Chair

SEC Members: Laura Phillips, Colleen Greco, Fran Jacobson, (awaiting reappointment: Susan Poretz, Susan Davis)

Bylaws Committee Report for Board meeting 2/8/22.

The Bylaws Committee has met and drawn up a list of proposed changes to the bylaws. We know that the world has changed a lot since 2019, and we have suggested changes to reflect some of the new realities and to make it easier for the Board to function smoothly.

It is important for the Lifespring Board to have an opportunity to discuss and give their input before any proposals are finalized and presented for board approval on April 12. Proposed changes will then be voted on by the members in May.

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The Bylaws committee is proposing a Special Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday February 22 at 9:30 am, specifically to discuss the proposed changes. A document with easy-to read comparisons of the existing and proposed bylaws will be sent out to each Board member by the end of this week, Please examine the file we send, and note your questions and comments and bring them to the special meeting on February 22. You can also email your comments and questions to me if you are not going to be able to attend the special meeting.

Laura Phillips, Chair

Maureen Bybee

Susan Davis

Diane McDowell

