

LIFESPRING Saugerties Adult Learning Community
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 24, 2020

The Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for June 3, 2020 was postponed until this June 24, 2020 online meeting due to the restrictions on large gatherings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Annual Membership Meeting was presented in Webinar Format on the Zoom platform with 59 registered attendees and panelists attending. The Agenda is attached. (Attachment 1)

Colleen Greco, Co-Chair of the Annual Meeting Task Force, welcomed all of our online attendees at 10:00 a.m. Her remarks included acknowledgement of the challenges Lifespring and its members are facing in the time of the COVID pandemic. She recognized the attendees' spirit of adventure, strength and commitment to learning as they joined together in this new format. She introduced Fred Costello, Superintendent of the Town of Saugerties.

Fred Costello, welcomed all the attendees and congratulated Lifespring on 11 years of noteworthy growth and achievement. He shared his pride in the affiliation between the Town and the Lifespring learning community.

Susan Poretz, President of the Lifespring Board of Directors, offered her reflections on the origins and achievements of Lifespring over the past 11 years. With humor and deep concern, she addressed the challenges facing us as a learning community through those 11 years and especially now in these uncertain times. Susan encouraged all of us to rejoice in the Lifespring community and to join in our new adventures as an online learning program until we can once again meet in person.

The Business portion of the Meeting followed with Natalee Rosenstein, Vice-President of the Board and Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee presenting the results of the recent online elections for the Board of Directors. With 113 members voting, all nominees were elected unanimously for the following Board positions: Susan Poretz as President, Maureen Bybee as Secretary, Diane McDowell as Member-at-large, Maureen Huben as Member-at-Large and Leslie Suprenant as Member-at-Large. Their terms of office are for two years.

The Treasurer's Report was also presented by Natalee Rosenstein in the absence of Peg Nau, Treasurer. The report is attached. (Attachment 2) Natalee elaborated on the categories of expenses included in the costs of running Lifespring.

Maureen Bybee, newly elected Secretary of the Board, hosted a Question and Answer segment that afforded attendees the opportunity to ask questions. Question topics included information about classes in the fall, membership fees, the admission of new members, and

offers to assist. Many attendees offered congratulations to the Board and the Online Learning Task Force for the quality of this webinar experience and the courage to tackle online learning in the fall. Questions that were not answered live were answered by private text messages during the remainder of the meeting.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting.

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator, provided heartfelt recognition of the contributions by all of Lifespring's volunteers. This recognition included a complete listing of all the volunteers and the various committees on which they served during the past year. Susan also reminded everyone that volunteers, "the heart and the essence of the Lifespring experience," are always needed with instructions for volunteering.

Susan Puretz as President recognized two retiring board members, Marilyn Wakefield and Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn for their contributions to Lifespring as members, volunteers and Members of the Board over their many years of service.

The meeting ended with a recorded video presentation of *Catskill Park* a film produced by Catskill Mountainkeeper, one of Lifespring's Presenters for the fall 2019 semester. The story of the Catskill Park reminded us of our good fortune to live in such a precious space of natural beauty which needs our vigilance and commitment to preserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Bybee
Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



LIFESPRING
Saugerties Adult Learning Community

ANNUAL MEETING (on-line)

June 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. Welcome by Colleen Greco, Co-Chair of Annual Meeting Committee
2. Greetings from Fred Costello, Saugerties Town Supervisor
3. A Recap: Looking Back/Looking Forward by Susan Puretz, President

BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Elections: Natalee Rosenstein, Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee
- B. Treasurer's Report: Peg Nau, Treasurer

RECOGNITIONS

- A. Volunteers: Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator
- B. Retirees: Susan Puretz, President

WRAP-UP (and a surprise that will take about 15 minutes of your time)

ATTACHMENT 2

LIFESPRING
Annual Membership Meeting
Year to Date Treasurer's Report
June 24, 2020
By Peg Nau

Revenue

Balance brought forward 5/29/2019	13,064	
Income Fall 2019		15,087
Income Spring 2020	0	
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Expenses

Expenses Fall 2019	8,020	
Expenses Spring 2020		2,256
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		10,276

CURRENT BALANCE 5/31/2020 17,875