

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LIFESPING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
on May 10, 2022  
as Approved and Amended**

**PRESENT**

Susan Puretz, 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  
Susan Krompiew, Program Support 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  
Leeanne Thornton, Lifespring Member and Saugerties Town Board Liaison to the Senior Education Commission  
Rich Davis, *Ad Hoc* AV Committee, Coordinator  
Fran Jacobson, Member

**ABSENT**

Leslie Surprenant, Member-at-Large

This regularly scheduled electronic meeting of the Lifespring Board of Directors was called to order by Susan P. at 9:39 a.m. on May 10, 2022.

- I. Approval of the Minutes of April 12, 2022
  - a. **MOTION TO ACCEPT** by Susan K with a second by Colleen
  - b. Without discussion, MOTION APPROVED unanimously.
  
- II. President's Report and General Updates:
  - a. Susan P described a psychologically challenging and hectic month. See attached report for further details.
  - b. For example, it was decided that completed waivers of liability collected by instructors will be given Laura for storage at Town Hall for a period of years.
  - c. Lineman Institute is unavailable for rent.
  
- III. Old Business
  - a. Natalee provided a description of the second meeting with Rahel of the WJC regarding rental of their space. It was a positive meeting that confirmed LS's usage for the fall of 2022. LS will have access to the full classroom wing, social hall, lobby, and Sanctuary where folding doors may

be used. We will not be able to have an afternoon session on Wednesdays. Rent for the semester will be \$3,300.00 which is the amount scheduled for 2022 through 2023 as part of the previous rent agreement. We are not negotiating a new agreement at this time. LS must agree to abide by WJC policy in place at the time of classes. Currently, this would be that everyone is masked, has proof of 2 vaccines, and must maintain 6 feet social distancing. This policy is reviewed regularly by WJC and could be different in the fall. In lieu of afternoon classes, WJC offered an additional 3.5 hours any day of the week other than Wednesday without change in rental agreement cost. It is now likely that WJC would continue to be available for us for an additional year. The plan is to begin their preschool program in the fall of 2024. Rahel also affirmed that longer term usage with necessary modifications after the WJC school begins remain open.

- i. Natalee asked Laura to describe room availability using 6 foot social distancing. See information in the attached Curriculum Committee report.
  - ii. Discussion of restrictions on hospitality activities followed. Natalee will follow up with Rahel regarding wearing masks if eating and whether presenters must also be masked.
  - iii. **MOTION** by Natalee with a second by Connie that the LS Board agrees to follow the WJC Covid policies that will be in effect when we use the building. Without further discussion, **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
- b. Annual Meeting update – see attached report  
Note that entertainment will be provided by the middle school students' percussion ensemble of St. David's school in NYC. The Meeting is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Publicity and announcements are ready and scheduled for distribution. Rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for May 20.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Program for the fall -- Connie reported from the Curriculum Committee on the many challenges that they are facing. Significant Coordination between Taskforce Hosts, Presenters and CC was required and in the end successful. The juggling of many factors resulted in 5 in-person classes and two zoom classes on Wednesdays. See attached report for details of courses to be offered. Although disappointed that the Woodstock Land Conservancy is unable to host nature walks in October as planned, it is possible that there may be some walks through the Esopus Conservancy.

Board members acknowledged the outstanding work of the CC in creating a fall 2022 semester that is available to as many members as possible.

- b. Proposal to the Board from Leslie Surprenant and Betty Schoen-Rene
  - i. Betty and I would like to offer a "hospitality room" after the last ramble. FYI, the last ramble is at Ramshorn and we thought it would be nice for those of the group who would like to do so, to go to the riverfront park and enjoy snack and beverage and socialization (picnic tables or gazebo, depending on weather.) It would honor that we have been able to convene in person for the first time in 2 years!
  - ii. **MOTION** by Laura with second by Colleen that Betty and Leslie be authorized to invite the members of their ramble classes to have a snack, beverages and socialization after their final class. They are also approved for a total budget of up to \$40 for this event.  
**MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.
- c. Membership fee. Susan appointed an *Ad Hoc* Budget Committee to make budget recommendations for the coming year which will include proposals for the membership fee for the 2022-2023 year. Peg Nau will chair, Susan D, Susan K and Laura were appointed as members. The Committee was asked to report to the Board by the June meeting.
- d. Susan P appointed an *Ad Hoc* committee to develop a Lifespring vaccination and masking protocol for consideration by the Board. These members volunteered and were appointed: Susan K, Connie, Lee, Natalee and Susan D. Connie will serve as chair of this *Ad Hoc* Covid Protocol Committee.
- e. Natalee announced plans for the Moving Forward Committee to meet in June to brainstorm what we might be able to do to maintain community if in-person classes become impossible and to consider ½ year memberships.
- f. Laura reported that she has sent the e-mail ballot for both board elections and bylaws approval to the membership.
- g. Anne suggested considering tours of local historic sites for the Moving Forward, Events and Services and Curriculum Committees.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Laura with second by Anne. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** without discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.  
Maureen G. Bybee,  
Secretary

## **AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 10, 2022**

### **A. Minutes: April 12, 2022**

### **B. President's Report and General Updates:**

A psychologically challenging month

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

### **D. Old Business**

1. WJC update
2. Annual Meeting update

### **E. New Business (Looking Forward)**

1. Program for the Fall -- Connie
2. Proposal from Leslie Surprenant and Betty Schoen-Rene  
Betty and I would like to offer a "hospitality room" after the last ramble. FYI, the last ramble is at Ramshorn and we thought it would be nice for those of the group who would like to do so, to go to the riverfront park and enjoy snack and beverage and socialization (picnic tables or gazebo, depending on weather.) It would honor that we have been able to convene in person for the first time in 2 years!

So here's our proposal:

Board approve funds (up to \$40 ~ \$2 pp) for "hospitality room" for ramblers after their last ramble to purchase beverage, snacks, ingredients for Carolyn to make something, napkins, cups, etc.

3. Membership fee for the 2022-2023 year
4. Appointment of ad hoc committee for a vaccination and masking protocol.

**NEXT MEETING:**

June 14, 2022 (on zoom) at 9:30 am

**REPORTS TO THE BOARD  
for May 10, 2022 Lifespring Board Meeting**

**PRESIDENT:**

A psychologically challenging month: So many things seemed to be happening at warp speed, thus there would be recovery from one thing only to have another “issue” to be resolved pop up.

Several things: Much of the May agenda addresses the various “issues” that were handled and once again, I repeat what I wrote last month re: The Task Force, to wit:

“I am in awe of the prodigious work of Laura and the Task Force as they burn the midnight oil to keep Lifespring afloat on Zoom.”

I also must share with you what you already have discovered yourselves....the quality of our course offerings – and thus I add kudos to the cc for their hard work this past year and into next Fall.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Puretz, President (but not for life).

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

No report  
Natalee Rosenstein

**TREASURER:**

See final page of these reports  
Peg Nau

**REGISTRAR and On-line Task Force Report:**

Here are the attendance figures through May 4, 2022

Course Name	Registered	4/4/2022-4/6/2022	4/11/2022-4/13/2022	4/25/2022-4/27/2022	5/2-2022-5/4/2022
A1 Come Doo-wop with Me	41	35	28	36	31
A2 Artificial Intelligence Updated	17	14	16	13	14
A3 Opera as Politics-Diversity	27	23	25	22	23
Total for A period	85	72	69	71	68
B1 Understanding and Navigating Diversity	16	15	13	11	10
B2 Literature and Philosophy	26	25	24	23	22
B3 Zentangle Art	12	10	10	9	9
Total for B period	54	50	47	43	41
C1 Economic Issues	28	24	23	23	23
D1 Becoming Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt	55	42	47	42	41
D2 Music, Poetry and Dance	43	38	33	26	27
Total for D period	98	80	80	68	68
E1 Four Spring Rambles	20	N/A	N/A	15	12

Treasurer Peg Nau spoke with Fred Costello and Leanne Thornton and we were given the go-ahead to work with town treasurer Julie Dunn to set up credit card payments for membership for 2022-23. Peg and I met with Julie and then completed the financial information in the Square website that Anna had set up for us. We met with Anna on May 5 to talk about the options for the website. She estimated it would take about three hours to set this up.

Laura Phillips



## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **CURRICULUM:**

The Curriculum Committee has in place two outdoor courses to begin in September 2022. Unfortunately, the Woodstock Land Conservancy was unable to offer a walking course for the Fall Semester due to a special event they are hosting in October.

Because there are three experienced members of the Task Force available to host courses on Mondays, we have a limit of three courses per time period. Five Zoom courses are scheduled on Mondays. Because of an unanticipated need to change a time slot for one Zoom presenter and because the fourth experienced Task Force host is available on Wednesdays, we were able to make the time change by moving a presenter from Monday to Wednesday on Zoom. We scheduled a second Zoom course on Wednesday in the other time slot given the opportunity to increase available “seats” on Wednesdays.

We are offering five in-person courses on Wednesdays. (**Note:** Three of the five classes are able to switch to Zoom should Covid conditions in the fall warrant such a change.) At this time, the WJC’s Covid safety requirements include: everyone’s wearing a mask at all times in the building, proof of two vaccinations, and 6 ft. social distancing.

The impact of the social distancing requirement on in-person classes is significant. On April 15th, Laura provided Connie with a chart for each room laying out the number of participants per room with either 3ft or 6ft social distancing. Below is the capacity of each room at 6ft social distancing.

Room	Capacity
Rooms 1, 2, 5 and 9	9
Rooms 3 & 4	26
Social Hall	30
Sanctuary*	20

\*We are assuming 20 and will follow up with Laura to ascertain the exact number.

<b>Wednesday In-Person Plus</b>				
<b>Course</b>	<b># Instructors</b>	<b># Participants</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
One Stroke Painting	1	8	9:30	1
Rethinking the Ground Rules: A Creative Writing Workshop for Those of a Certain Age*	4	16	9:30	3/4
Best American Short Stories of 2021: A Shared Inquiry Perspective*	1	25	9:30	Social Hall
Sports, Society and Culture	1	25	9:30	Zoom
The Places We Come From, the Stories We Tell: A Memoir Writing Workshop*	1	10	11:30	¾
Theater History	1	50	11:30	Social Hall and Sanctuary
Shakespeare's Othello	1	30	11:30	Zoom

\*Courses able to switch to Zoom if necessary.

Connie Cuttle

### **EVENTS and Services nee EVENTS and HOSPITALITY:**

Everything you wanted to know about the Events and Hospitality committees but were afraid to ask.....

Because of all classes being online, the Hospitality committee has nothing to report at this time. However, in coordination with the Events Committee, the following is our report:

### **-Annual Meeting**

Phyllis Clark contacted St. David's school in NYC. John Francis works with a group of middle school students who play classical music using marimbas and other instruments. They are willing to entertain us for our yearly meeting. It will be approximately 20 minutes in length. It was decided the meeting will begin at 9:30am and this group will begin at 10:30am. Phyllis has sent a short video of their performance if anyone is interested.

### **-Guided Nature Walks**

Woodstock Land Conservancy will provide 2 nature walks at Thorn Preserve. May 13, 2022 at 10:00am and June 9, 2022 at 10:00am. Unfortunately, they cannot provide additional walks this year due to their schedules.

I contacted Leeanne Thornton from the Esopus Land Conservancy and she is checking to see if they can provide 2-3 guided tours in September 2022. I expect to hear back from her shortly.

Colleen and Maureen H.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

The Membership function of Lifespring is starting to get more active with thoughts and plans for how to attract and take in new and returning members for the Fall'22/Spring '23 LS year. We are working out the details of the Membership enrollment process that will be outlined and clarified in the upcoming Fall catalog, on the website, and in targeted messages to members, current and prior, as well as to those on the interest list and probably through some more general PR. The plan is to make the payment of the membership fee by credit card a part of the membership enrollment process. People will also be able to pay for their membership and become members by individual arrangement with Peg Nau, although credit card payment and on-line enrollment is strongly preferred.

The process for gathering documentation from members and insuring adherence to the Lifespring COVID policies and protocols for in-person, indoor classes is still to be worked out.

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator

### **PROGRAM SUPPORT:**

No report  
Susan Krompier

### **MEMBERS AT LARGE:**

My MAL report: No MAL-specific activities to report.

I have been recruited to the curriculum committee and am co-leading the spring rambles with Betty SchoenRene and the first 2 have gone very well and participants are giving us very positive feedback.

Leslie Surprenant

**AV**

I have nothing to report.

Rich Davis

**CLASS MANAGERS:**

I have nothing to report.

Lee Gable

**PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR:**

**Fall Course Catalog**

Discussions have begun; I'm meeting on Zoom with Connie Cuttle to discuss.

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

To be published by the end of this week (week of 5/9)

**Flyers**

No flyers at this time.

**Website**

Updates continue as needed. Susan Davis continues to liaison with Davis Cartmell.



Spring Continues Apace

From Susan Greenstein

***OTHER REPORTS***

**MOVING FORWARD:**

No report

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

**SEC (Senior Education Committee)**

No report Susan Davis, SEC Chair

