

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LIFESPING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
5/11/2021**

PRESENT

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 & Services 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

Rich Davis, AV Coordinator

Lee Gable, Coordinator, Class Managers

Anne Miller, Guest

Called to order at 9:34

- A. Minutes** of April 13, 2021: Colleen made a **motion to approve the Minutes** with a second by Lucy. After discussion of corrections, the **Minutes were approved with corrections.**

B. President's Report and Updates

- a. Library Update: Susan P reported that Jen Russell, Saugerties Library Director is speaking with her staff regarding possible installation of a Hearing Loop. She is also conferring with the New Paltz and Gardiner libraries regarding their experience with the Hearing Loop.

Susan D. reported that she received an e-mail from Tiffany Lydecker, Assistant Director of the Saugerties Public Library, announcing their plans to rent a tent for 9 weeks to serve as an outdoor library and community meeting space. They expect the tent to hold 10-20 people. Their rental policy is not yet formulated. There will be no chairs, masks will be required and users will need to supply their own AV set ups.

- b. Local LLI's Update: Natalee reported that for the fall 2021 semester, all LLIs will be meeting virtually with no in person classes except at Learning in Retirement at Iona College (LIRIC).
 - c. Donation : Susan P reported that Lifespring received a generous donation from Member Mary M. to say thank-you for all that LS has done for her and the community. Susan P and Peg sent a thank-you to Mary on behalf of Lifespring.
 - d. Walking initiative: Maureen H discussed the evolution of this project from a LS challenge to a walking event at the Woodstock Land Conservancy to a simple list of local walking trails with an inspirational introduction by Susan D. to be shared with LS members. Currently, the list includes 18 walking trails with brief descriptions and clickable links to more information at their websites. The plan is to send the list by e-mail to all members and to include information about it in Susan P's remarks at the Annual Meeting. It is a work in progress which still needs a title, and Board approval. Peg volunteered to "run it by" Fred Costello to be sure that this is OK with the Town. Susan P recognized Maureen H, Lee, Laura, Susan D and Colleen for their work on developing this list and introductory materials. The Board agreed to a title of "Walking for Health and Pleasure" and approved the plan for distribution of the list of trails to the membership. It was agreed that this is not to be considered a LS event.
 - e. Leslie has identified some updates that are needed on the LS website. Susan D will inform David Cartmell of what is needed.
- C. Board Reports – See attached Reports submitted and distributed to Members prior to Board Meeting
- D. Old Business
- a. Annual Meeting Planning – Colleen reported that Andy Weintraub is ready to go for his magic show finale. Timing of preceding events in the meeting will be important since he must leave promptly for another engagement. Susan P. noted that the committee has guided her in what to include in her remarks and the Business portion of the Meeting. Rehearsals are planned.
 - b. Election results: Laura, Chair of Nominations, said that 136 votes were cast from a Membership of 242 of whom 162 are currently registered for classes. There were no write in votes. The full slate of candidates was elected unanimously.
 - c. New Members Meeting: Susan D reported on a successful New Members Meeting held virtually on April 27. She described a warm and comfortable

event and offered her thanks to the task force and those who were invited to speak especially Natalee as the emcee. See her attached report for a fuller description and expressions of thanks. Natalee was also encouraged by her experience at the meeting and by the new members' participation. Natalee suggested that we continue these kinds of outreach events beyond our courses to continue to support the engagement of members in the life of Lifespring.

- d. Gift Committee: Peg reported that all retiring board members will receive gift certificates. The Committee also recommends that an indoor tree be donated to the Saugerties Library in honor of the LS Zoom/ Online Taskforce. These gifts are not to exceed \$300. Susan P has consulted with Jen, Director of the Library who is supportive of this donation and has suggested that it be on a movable platform. The recommendation was approved unanimously. The members of the Task Force who were present were surprised and speechless.

E. New Business

- a. Membership Fees: Laura & Peg met with Shane Henneberger, representative of the Saugerties M&T Bank where LS funds are held, about the possibility of accepting credit cards for membership fees. The complications of adding credit card payments in time for our membership and registration deadlines became clear. Laura and Peg recommend that LS continue with payment by check for the coming year. The Catalog will arrive early in summer with a membership form but not a class registration form. Membership application and fees will be separate from course registration. Applicants for membership must print, complete and mail the form with their \$50 check in order to be able to register for classes. Registration will be online and restricted to those who have paid their membership fee. After additional suggestions and discussion, the Board accepted Laura and Peg's recommendation. There will be an opportunity to further explore credit payment options over the coming year.
- b. Events and Services/Hospitality: Susan P requested that we refer to this newly constituted committee as Events and Hospitality rather than Events and Services. Approved by consensus.
- c. Presenter Thank You's: Diane as CC chair recommended that we continue the tradition of offering all presenters of full courses (6 or 4 week) in the Spring term a free membership in Lifespring for the 2021-22 academic year. The CC also recommends that single session presenters and the coordinator in the spring's Healthy You course, the presenters from our

three Winter Presentations, the February min-series, the Natural World course and Andy Weintraub from the Annual Meeting, be offered guest membership for the fall 2021 classes. The Board approved with minimal discussion. The CC will send these thank-yous and invitations.

- d. Other: Leslie asked how she as a Board Member could access LS documents such as By-Laws, etc. Susan D responded that these are located at [www.lifespringsaugerities.com /vault](http://www.lifespringsaugerities.com/vault).

F. Motion to adjourn by Leslie with a second by Susan K.
Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

June 8, 2021 (by Zoom) at 9:30 am

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA: May 11, 2021

A. Minutes (April 13, 2021)

B. President's Report and General Updates:

1. Updates: library
2. Updates: Other LLI's
3. Donation (unsolicited) by member
4. Walking initiative

C Board Reports:

NOTE: Format for the meeting will be changed. We will skip most of the oral reports and focus on specific Old and New Business items. Any questions about items in the Board Reports previously distributed for this meeting will be handled by special request.

D. Old Business

1. Annual Meeting Planning
2. Election results
3. Report on New Members Meeting
4. Gift committee report (Peg)

E. New Business

1. Membership Fees: The mechanics
2. Events and Services/Hospitality
3. Presenter Thank You's
4. Other

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REPORTS FOR MAY 11, 2021 BOARD MEETING

(Note: Blank spaces after a committee indicates that there was no activity and thus nothing to report)

PRESIDENT:

1. Continuing to carry out what Presidents are supposed to do (oversight and nagging).
2. Worked with Coordinators on issues like the Annual Meeting and the new Walking Initiative as well as with the Director of the Saugerties Library re: the hearing loop system for the Library.

Susan Puretz

VICE PRESIDENT:

Vice President has nothing to report; ditto for the Moving Forward Committee.
 Natalee **Rosenstein**

TREASURER:

The updated Budget Worksheet is attached on the **last page** of this report.
 Peg Nau

REGISTRAR and On-line Task Force Report:

Registration and On-line Taskforce Report for Lifespring Board Meeting May 11, 2021

Add/drop and attendance reports for first four weeks of Spring 2021 classes:

	A1	A2	B1	B2
	Opera as Politics	Play's the Thing	Religion	Photo Talks
Regstd March	60	14	48	69
After Add/Drop	65	13	34	80
Week 1	55	13	43	54
Week 2	48	12	26	61
Week 3	52	10	25	58

Week 4	52	11	21	58
Week 5				No Class
Week 6				No Class
Average	51.8	11.5	28.8	57.8

	C1	C2	D1	D2
	Healthy You	Shakespeare	Natural World	Chair Yoga
Regstd March	43	31	64	42
After Add/Drop	46	24	71	39
Week 1	33	25	57	31
Week 2	35	17	47	29
Week 3	34	17	49	28
Week 4	31	15	38	20
Week 5			NO Class	
Week 6			NO Class	
Average	33.3	18.5	47.8	27.0

Out of 163 participants 26 dropped one or more classes by 4/11

17 added one or more classes

Laura Phillips

STANDING COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM:

The list of possible courses for Fall 2021 is as follows:

- Chuck Mishaan - "Roaring 20's and the Arts" (SG/DM)
- Irene Hurst - "Our Women on the Ground" (SP) LIMITED CLASS SIZE

- Michael Simpler - "America's New Global Reality" (SP); prefers late morning
- Nathan Brenowitz - "Baseball" (NR)
- Ed Erde - "Philosophy as a Kaleidoscope" (SP) LIMITED CLASS SIZE
- "Sustainability" - Jack Luskin & Leslie Surprenant (SK)
- Lew Bronstein - "Power Relationships in a Changing Middle East" (SP); starts 10/18; needs Monday
- TBD

Time line: The catalog should go out August 1; the catalog group needs the input by mid June; the CC deadline for finalization of courses is June 1.

There may be a problem with one of the courses previously being considered. A replacement will be investigated. Tai Chi or another movement course is a possibility.

The tentative line-up is:

MONDAY

Chuck Mishaan

Lew Bronstein

Michael Simpler

Ed Erde

WEDNESDAY

Nathan Brenowitz

Irene Hurst

Sustainability

TBD

Diane McDowell

EVENTS and SERVICES nee EVENTS and HOSPITALITY:

Part One:

Events Report—May 2021

1. On April 22, Rich D. and I met on Zoom with Andy Weintraub to discuss the details of his magic show presentation for the Annual Meeting on May 19. He's all set for a 30 minute program. He's excited to do this for Lifespring. I asked him for a picture that we could use for the flyer.
2. I contacted Susan Greenstein to give her the details for the Annual Meeting (schedule/ times) as well as the details for Andy's program so that she could contact Connie Cuttle who would be making a flyer to go out with Susan P.'s announcement/ invitation for the Annual Meeting in early May. The flyer with the picture turned out well. (Connie's choice to incorporate the color red is very appealing.)
3. I sent a thank you to Susan G. and to Connie.

Colleen Greco

Part Two:

Plans being discussed for 100 mile Challenge.

Maureen Huben

MEMBERSHIP:

On April 27th, we held our Zoom variation of the New Members meeting normally held in the Fall semester. We welcomed 14 of our 48 new members. Thanks go to Natalee for being the MC of the event and for moving it along while covering all the salient points and making certain everyone was included in the discussions. Thanks also to Anne Miller for taking over for Colleen as Zoom host (as well as her Anne's role in talking about the Task Force). Thanks also to Colleen who set up the practice session. And, of course, to all of the people from the Board who were our designated speakers (Susan P, Natalee, Maureen H., Lee, Diane, Anne and Susan K).

My impression was that we have a very interesting cohort of new members! Many come from careers in Education, some from the Arts, a retired IBM'er, a medical professional, etc. Many were fairly new to the area. There were a great many favorable comments about their Lifespring experience thus far. The conversation and introductions were very friendly and enthusiastic.

I will be following up with a note to those who attended, thanking them for their participation and encouraging them to seek out ways to become a LS Volunteer if it fits their schedule and interests.

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator

PROGRAM SUPPORT:

Nothing going on! Just wishing for it to start up in the fall!!!

Susan Krompier

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

No report

AD HOC COMMITTEES

AV:

Nothing to report from the AV team.

Rich Davis

CLASS MANAGERS:

We reinstated the class manager job during the Spring semester.

It was decided to have a class manager for each class while classes are held on zoom. Instead of assisting the presenter, the class manager supported the Taskforce with some of their tasks. The class manager greeted and made Lifespring announcements and admitted people to the class.

I had no difficulty recruiting volunteers, including getting new volunteers.

We had a very willing, flexible, and capable group of class managers for this Spring semester.

Lee Gable

PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR:

Lifespring newsletter, *News & Views*

I apologize for being late with the newsletter. It's now with Anna Landewe, who hopefully can get it out in record time, before the end of the semester, or close to that.

Fall Catalog

I am ready and waiting for info to come to me from the curriculum committee.

Flyers

Working with Connie Cuttle, a flyer was prepared for the May 19th annual meeting.

Website

Susan D continues to work with David Cartmell to keep website current.



Happy Spring!

OTHER REPORTS

SEC (SENIOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE)

No additional report
Susan Davis, Chair

ON-LINE TASKFORCE REPORT FOR LIFESPRING BOARD MEETING

There were five Zoom hosts this semester to manage the 8 courses - most had to schedule and manage 2 courses, including prepping the presenter and sending out all the zoom reminders and readings and information from the presenters. There have been no power or zoom interruptions to date (knock on wood). We are becoming more familiar with Zoom and hosting duties each semester; a large portion of the job remains email correspondence.

Those hosting were Colleen Greco, Rich Davis, Carolyn Siewers, Anne Miller and Laura Phillips.

In addition, there was a class manager for each class, recruited by Lee Gable, class manager coordinator. The class managers' duties varied somewhat but most admitted and greeted participants, delivered Lifespring announcements, and introduced presenters.

The managers were Jan Scarey, Laura Phillips, Hildegard Pleva, Susan Krompier, Fran Jacobson, Dolores LaChance, Peggy Ploss, and Sally Colclough, with Lee Gable organizing and substituting as necessary.

Laura Phillips

MOVING FORWARD Committee:

No report

Natalee Rosenstein

ELECTION REPORT FROM THE REGISTRAR/NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating committee report: The email notifying members of the annual elections and nomination procedures went out April 20. There were no additional nominations from members by the deadline of April 28. The Google ballot was sent on May 1, 2021 with a deadline of May 10, 2021.

As of May 6th, 105 members had returned their ballots.

Laura Phillips

