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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LIFESPING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 14, 2024**

PRESENT

Susan Puretz, President
Maureen Bybee, Secretary
Peg Nau, Treasurer
Laura Phillips, Registrar & Task Force for Online Learning
Connie Cuttle, Curriculum Committee Coordinator
Prudence Garcia Renart, Events Committee Coordinator
Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator
Maureen Huben, Hospitality Coordinator
Betty Schoen-Rene Member-at-Large
Diane McDowell, Member-at-Large (Retiring)
Anne Miller, Publications Coordinator
Natalee Rosenstein, Member-at-Large
Leslie Surprenant, Member-at-Large
Lydia Edelhaus, Member-at-Large
Roz Abramov, Member-at-Large
Miriam Kragness, Member-at-Large
Rich Davis, AV Coordinator
Leeanne Thornton, Saugerties Town Board Liaison to the Senior Education Commission

ABSENT

Betsy Mills, Program Support Co-Coordinator

This regularly scheduled online meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Susan P at 9:31 a.m.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2024
A **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of April 9 as circulated prior to this meeting was made by Laura Phillips with a second by Anne.
Without discussion, **the Minutes were approved** unanimously with Roz and Miriam, our newest members, abstaining.

- B. President's Report and General Updates See attached report
Susan P. welcomed our two new Board Members, Miriam Kragness and Roz Abramov. Susan also thanked all members of the Board for the privilege of working with them over the past year.

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C. Old Business

Annual Meeting – Prudence. Meeting is all set with 77 registered. Prudence reviewed the agenda including the timing of each piece. The agenda will be printed and published for all at the Meeting. Prudence will send all Board Members information on their required arrival time. Questions regarding any part of the agenda should be sent to Prudence. Prudence extended her gratitude and compliments to all who are serving on the Events Committee.

D. New Business

- a. Selection of Members of the Executive Leadership Committee – Susan P requested that Laura serve as facilitator of this part of the meeting. After reading the description of the ELC in the Bylaws, Laura called for volunteers. Natalee, Maureen, Leslie, Peg, and Anne volunteered. Each volunteer introduced themselves and described their experience with Lifespring and their interest in serving.
A MOTION TO APPROVE these volunteers as members of the ELC was made by Lydia with a second by Maureen H. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED** unanimously. The members of the ELC are Natalee Rosenstein, Maureen Bybee, Leslie Surprenant, Anne Miller and Peg Nau.
- b. Membership Fee – **A MOTION** was made by Natalee with a second by Leslie that membership fee remain \$80 for 2024-2025 year. Following discussion, the **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.
- c. Other
Anne Miller reported that she is working on updating the Lifespring website. She asked the Board to weigh in on the question of whether to publish the cost of membership on the website. Discussion followed. The Board supported publication without objection.
- d. Natalee requested a moment of recognition for our Presenters at the Annual Meeting.
- e. Laura thanked Susan P for her service to Lifespring. Applause followed.
- f. **LAURA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.** By enthusiastic response, the MOTION was approved.
- g. Susan P. adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Maureen G. Bybee,
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2024 (on zoom) at 9:30

ADDENDUM: MEETING OF THE ELC

Following the adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting, the newly selected members of the Executive Leadership Committee met online to select the Leader and Assistant Leader of the ELC. The meeting was facilitated by Maureen Bybee.

Following calls to nominate others or volunteer yourself, Natalee Rosenstein was selected as Leader of the ELC and Leslie Surprenant was selected as Assistant Leader.

Future meetings were set for May 30 and June 6.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 14, 2024

- A. Minutes: April 9, 2024**
- B. President's Report and General Updates:**
- C. Old Business**
 - a. Annual Meeting
- D. New Business (Looking Forward)**
 - a. Selection of 5 member Committee
 - b. Membership Fee

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**REPORTS TO THE LIFESPING BOARD MEETING
for May 14, 2024**

PRESIDENT:

My final Report as EI PresidenteAll I have to say is it has been an ABSOLUTE pleasure working with all of you over the past 15 years. I hope you do not hold me to this promise --but I promise you that I will be watching over you in the upcoming months and years.

Susan Puretz

VICE PRESIDENT:

No report.

Natalee

TREASURER:

TREASURER'S REPORT April 2024				
INCOME			Balance Forward	\$18,801.94
Date	Amt Rec'd	Received From	Notes	
4/30/2024	\$43.74	Interest	Interest	
Monthly Income	\$43.74			
EXPENSE	Amt	Payee		
4/5/2024	\$125.82	1425 Maureen Huben	Hospitality	
4/5/2024	\$193.94	1426 Laura Phillips	Zoom and Google	
4/5/2024	\$23.32	1427 Laura Phillips	Hospitality	
4/16/2024	\$144.44	1429 Maureen Huben	Hospitality	
4/24/2024	\$73.90	1430 Maureen Huben	Hospitality	
4/24/2024	\$26.99	1431 Susan Krompier	Office Supplies	
Monthly Expense	\$588.41			
			Ending Balance	\$18,257.27

Peg Nau, Treasurer

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REGISTRAR AND TASKFORCE COORDINATOR:Registration and Taskforce Report for Lifespring Board Meeting May 14, 2024

Here are the official numbers registered AFTER add drop ended April 13, 2024. Numbers changed after that, especially for the outdoor courses. I will have the final attendance statistics for the June 11 meeting.

Spring Rambles 20 (wait list 10)

Sage Age Day Camp 9

Pickleball 12 - I am unsure of those participating – I think it is 10

Film Noir – 31

A1 Jazz 43

A2 Local History Update 48

A3 Yoga cancelled

A4 Exploring Astronomy 17

B1 Casting your Ballot 33

B2 Getting the Best Health Care 17

B3 Economics and Magic 23

C1 - The Play's the Thing 8

C2 - Tai Chi 11

C3 - Mah Jongg 10

C4 - Arts & Culture - 1940s 35

C5 - Preventing Cybercrime 16

D1 - Hellman's Heroines 19 (Lou cancelled after week 3 – class continued informally)

D2 - The 14th Amendment 13

D3 - Introduction to Bioethics 8

D4 - Exploring Historic Architecture 21

D5 - Best Short Stories of 2023 17

Taskforce report as of May 7, 2024

Partial Attendance Report – figures for week 6 not included.

Course Name	REG	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 15	Apr 29	May 6
A1 Jazz	43	32	28	31	29	26
A2 Local History	48	39	35	32	37	35
A3 Yoga cancelled	COURSE CANCELED					
A4 Astronomy	17	15	13	13	8	10

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B1 Casting your Ballot	33	28	24	25	27	25
B2 Best Health Care	17	12	9	10	9	Four Week
B3 Economics and Magic	23	20	16	Cancelled	15	16

STANDING COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM:

May 14, 2024

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the members of the committee, the schedule for Fall 2024 is complete. Three Winter Presentations are in place as are three outdoor classes. The addition of an outdoor course may be forthcoming in the next week. We have scheduled seven online courses and nine in person courses and are in the process of confirming the date for the Welcome to Fall 2024 Concert at the WJC.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cuttle

EVENTS:

Everything is on track for the annual meeting on May 22. The board already has the agenda. I will set the stage once elections, etc. are completed.

Warmly,
Prudence

HOSPITALITY:

Hospitality Committee: Fran Jacobsen, Kathie Mock and I have fed the "masses between classes". They are two of the best volunteers I have ever seen. Plans are being worked on to provide refreshments for the Annual Meeting.

Maureen H.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Coordinator Report: The Interest List of potential new members continues to grow. An email will go out to the Interest List sometime in June with basic information about the upcoming catalog release, the opportunity to enroll as a LS member, and the dates for the fall semester, including registration dates. A similar note should also go to all current members encouraging them to renew their memberships by following the instructions that will be in the Fall catalog due out on or about August 1st. Both groups will be emailed a copy of the catalog when it is available.

Susan Davis, Membership Coordinator

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PROGRAM SUPPORT:

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Except for a slight glitch the first day, all seems to have gone relatively smoothly in terms of room and presenter's accommodations. Signs were consistently up and readable.

As always the WJC were gracious and available as needed.

Respectfully (if not a bit late!) submitted,
Susan Krompfer

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Leslie Surprenant - I've enjoyed my meeting and interacting with new members, particularly on the spring rambles. There is such a wealth of experience and knowledge our members bring. I'm gently probing to learn who may be willing to contribute to our learning and in what way.

Anne Miller – No Report (See Publications)

Diane McDowell – No report.

Lydia Edelhaus – No Report (See Class Managers)

AD HOC COMMITTEES**AV :**

The AV Team continued supporting 3 classes during the Spring semester of Lifespring. In addition to the mics and sound system in the Sanctuary, large screen TV's are being used in Chuck Mishaan's and Rivka Tadjer's classes and the Zoweetek Voice amplifier is working well for Bill Rhoads' walking tours.

Rich Davis
richdavis@earthlink.net

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CLASS MANAGERS:

Class Managers were great during the Spring session and were communicative with me and with their Presenters. I worked for a week with the Pickleball Presenter and the Class Manager to assist in trying to fill the class when there was a kind of mass retreat before opening day, and got a replacement CM for Lou Trapani's course so the existing CM could actually continue leading the course. It all worked out in the end.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Edelhaus

PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR:

No report.

Anne Miller

ADDITIONAL REPORTS**SENIOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Town of Saugerties Senior Education Commission for Lifespring, I am pleased to submit the revised guidelines that were unanimously approved at our meeting of April 12, 2024. These guidelines, as well as the meeting notes, are posted on the Town of Saugerties Website and on file with the Town. Please feel welcome to ask any questions going forward.

Susan Davis, Chair
Senior Education Commission for Lifespring

REVISED SENIOR EDUCATION COMMISSION GUIDELINES – April 12, 2024

In order to ensure the continued success and high level of achievement that Lifespring has attained, the Senior Education Commission of the Town of Saugerties assigns the responsibility for the smooth and continuing operation of Lifespring to the members of the Lifespring Board of Directors from May 14, 2024, through December 31, 2024, or until such time as the amended bylaws that have been approved by the Lifespring membership as of March 20, 2024, and are effective as of May 14, 2024 are again amended and approved by the Lifespring membership.

1. This will include the electing of officers, members-at-large, and appointing Committee Coordinators (full and ad hoc) as outlined in the Lifespring Bylaws amended and approved on March 20, 2024.
2. The Lifespring Board will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of Lifespring.

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3. Policies and procedures as established by the Lifespring Board shall remain in effect.
4. The Lifespring Board of Directors will keep the Senior Education Commission informed of the status and operation of Lifespring by providing the Commission and the Town Board Liaison with copies of the minutes of all official Board meetings, Lifespring catalogs, etc.
5. The Senior Education Commission reserves the right to review and approve any proposed Bylaw changes, to approve any increase in membership fees, and to act as the interface between Lifespring and the Liaison from the Saugerties Town Board, and/or the Town Supervisor and Town Board.
6. The Commission reserves the right to review the use of any new or additional town services.
7. The Commission reserves the right to remove any Lifespring officer for cause.
8. Vacancies on the Lifespring Board will be filled according to the process outlined in their Bylaws. This revised agreement will be in effect May 14, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Approved by the members of the Senior Education Commission April 12, 2024.

Susan Davis, Chair (term ending 12/31/2025)

Susan Puretz (term ending 12/31/2025)

Laura Phillips (term ending 12/31/2026)

Fran Jacobson (term ending 12/31/2027)

Colleen Greco (term ending 12/31/2024)