



Meeting Minutes: Founding Members • August 28, 2025 Williamstown Youth Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Founding Members Present in Person: Alicia (Peach) Holden, Barbara Barrows, Beth Traver Adolphus, Debbie Kleiner, Ed Limoges, Joan Ulrich, Joanne Buck, Leslie Limoges, Linda Gromadski, Mya Fleming, Noelle Murphy, Peggy Fritz, Sheri Klein, and Werner Gertje.

Progress Report - The LoveNotes, Inc. is officially a **501(c)(3) charitable organization!** • Leslie Limoges has secured **rehearsal space** at the Williamstown Youth Center for The LoveNotes every Monday and Thursday evening through June 2026. Leslie has also met with the **Bennington Theater** to discuss an additional rehearsal location. • **Expenses** have been incurred for legal fees, insurance, music, a website and more. Those expenses are viewable on the [Google Doc spreadsheet](#) compiled by Peach. Some **donations** have also been received to help cover these expenses. Once the general membership has approved a slate of directors and officers, the Chair and Treasurer will open an official **bank account**. • Leslie has obtained an **EIN** (Employer Identification Number) for The LoveNotes, Inc. which is 39-4005080, as well as the required general and professional **liability insurance**.

Organization Bylaws - Barbara Barrows drafted bylaws for the new organization, and the members went through them word by word. (This took awhile. Thanks to everyone for their patience with minutiae.) Clarifications and corrections were suggested and accepted, and the edited version is available at www.the-lovenotes.org/About. **The general membership will be asked to approve these bylaws at the Sept. 4 rehearsal, so please read them.**

Interim Board and Officers - To move forward with decisions and permissions, those members present at the meeting were termed to be **the Interim Board of Directors**. The bylaws require four officers to be elected by the Board to conduct business on behalf of The LoveNotes. The Interim Board appointed these Interim Officers, whose names will be presented to the general membership for voting and approval at the Sept. 4 rehearsal:

Chair of the Board: Leslie Limoges (motion Debbie, second Peach) ; **Vice Chair of the Board: Werner Gertje** (motion Sheri, second Leslie and Joanie)); **Treasurer: Debbie Kleiner** (motion Leslie, second Peach); **Secretary: Barbara Barrows** (motion Peggy, second Beth)

Please let Barbara know whether or not you want to be on the Board by the morning of Sept. 4 so your name can be included on (or erased off - no pressure) the ballot!

Membership Fees - Membership fees were discussed, as minimal expenses will probably be several thousand dollars a year. Since The LoveNotes is now a nonprofit organization, consensus was to suggest goodwill donations in amounts chosen by the donor.

The meeting was officially ended at 8:10 pm. Thank you to all who participated!