

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
December 1, 2001
Spring Lake Heights Elementary School

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the September 22 meeting at Barnegat Light Fire Hall were submitted for approval. Rick Weber made a motion to accept as written. Jim Cope seconded, the motion carried.

Treasures Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts \$7,871.20 total Disbursements \$13,127.07. Checking balance \$8,006.53. Preservation Fund is \$28,126.64; Memorial Fund is \$1,480.58 certificates of deposit \$11,076.41. Ray Vliet moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Bill Geilfuss seconded, the membership approved.

Presidents Report Tom Laverty

It was with great sadness that Tom announced the passing of Jim Goudy on November 5th. Jim was one of the founders of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. He wrote books on the Delaware Bay Lights and was very active with the East Point Lighthouse.

The National Lighthouse Museum is moving along with its restoration. Bids went out for Building #10, the old lamp shop, which will be the major exhibition building. They received a federal grant of \$125,000. They have also secured the Lightship 1-12 and hope to bring it to Staten Island soon.

Dennis Whelan reported that the Harbour Lights tour went very well. They donated about \$600. The Sandy Hook panels that the Society donated are up at the Keepers house.

Lighthouse Challenge 2001 was a great success. Tom wished to thank all the volunteer's for all their hard work and have them mark their calendars for next year. October 19th and 20th will be Challenge 2002.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller as Programs Chair explained the agenda. After today's general meeting Jim Crowely will speak on the Lighthouses of New York Harbor, Hudson River and Long Island. At 2pm a Christmas Social will be held at the Sea Girt Lighthouse.

Future Meetings: March 16th in Atlantic City at the Uptown School Complex will be our next meeting. Tim Harris from Lighthouse Digest will be our guest speaker and will discuss Lost and Endangered Lighthouses. The annual photo contest will be held. And lunch will be available from the Audubon Park 4th of July Committee. The June meeting is on the 29th in Paulsboro at the Tinicum Rear Range Light. NJLHS will be doing an outreach at the Calvert Museum, Festival of Lights on January 19th.

2nd Vice President Bill Volpe - education chair. The educational kit is on sale today; it normally sells for \$29.00. For today's meeting it is only \$20.00

Mary Beth Doherty – membership 386(x2) families 772, 399 single, total 1171. The sign in for today's meeting is 174. Membership renewal forms were mailed.

Rich and Elinor Veit of publicity would like to thank everyone for the clipping that have been coming in. Keep up the good work.

At Abescon Lighthouse the house is now open but is shutting down for January, reopening some time in February

The raffle the committee is in the process of lining up the prizes and applying for the license.

Rick Weber- Lighthouse Challenge 2001 was a great success. Approximately 6000 people participated, 568 completed the whole challenge with a few doing so in one day. 112 people volunteered to work this event on Saturday, 114 for Sunday. The number of volunteer's hour's stands at 2378 with input still needed from Tinicum. Next years Challenge 2003 is the third weekend of October on the 19th and 20th.

Al Smith – reminded everyone of the annual photo contest at our next meeting. He is also looking for volunteers.

Ron and Pat Bando- is now the new Ways and Means Chair.

Joe Guchek – Editor of the Beam

The next deadline for the Beam is January 31st. E-mail Njlhsbeam@prodigy.net or The Beam 16 Labakan Place Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Election of Officers –Candidates for office were unopposed said, Bill Volpe, judge of election. Ray Vliet moved Bill Geilfuss seconded, directing the recording secretary to cast one ballot for the slate. Cindy Mitzen did so after the motion was approved and the following were duly elected: Doreen Lagattuta, Al Smith and Ray Vliet directors, two-year terms, and BJ Smith corresponding secretary, two- year term.

Meeting ended 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary

