

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
October 2, 2004
Lewes Presbyterian Fellowship Hall,
Lewes Delaware

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting at 11:07 am with the pledge of allegiance. He then announced that Bob Trapani of the Delaware Bay & River Lighthouse Foundation will be our guest speaker today. The scheduled speaker Neil Hurley of the U.S. Coast Guard was transferred and unable to attend.

The minutes of the June 19th meeting at Abescon Lighthouse were submitted for approval. Joe Guchek, Editor of the Beam, brought to the secretary's attention that the addresses for the Beam are incorrect. The correct information is, The Beam E-mail address: njlhsbeam@optonline.net and mailing address PO Box 4582 Highland Park, NJ 08904-4582. Bob Hudspeth made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Joe Guchek seconded the motion passed.

Treasures Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts \$7906.92; total Disbursements \$13,917.82; Checking balance \$28,703.21; Preservation Fund is \$15,625.80; Memorial Fund is \$1,691.45 Money Market \$10,977.70. Sandy Hook Fund total receipts \$7,391.81; total disbursements \$2,990.46; balance \$16,184.83. Pat Baddock acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Anthony Albence seconded, and the membership approved.

Presidents Report Tom Laverty

- The National Lighthouse Museum on Staten Island is moving along very slowly. They are searching for funds; money is one of the major issues at this time.
- The Keepers House at Sandy Hook is ready to start up again, now that their busy summer period is over. Code approval for the sprinkler system has been the major problem. There is a meeting planned with the designer for the exhibition for the keepers house. We will be working with the Sandy Hook Foundation to pay for the exhibits that will cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000.
- Barnegat has a new exhibit we gave \$5000 to help finance. We will have a plaque thanking us for our contribution.
- The board is looking for people to take on the chairperson responsibilities for various committees which are publicity, preservation raffle, and finance.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller as Programs Chair Programs thanked Joe and Carol Guchek for arranging this meeting, and Renard and Marie Petronzio for helping arrange the boat trip. Yvonne explained the various activities in the area and has directions to these activities available. The guest speaker today is not only Bob Trapani, but representatives of the Lightship Overfalls who will tell us about their ship and their organization.

Programs

- December 4th the meeting will be held at St. Rose High School Cafeteria, Belmar New Jersey. The Holiday Social will be held at 2pm at the Sea Girt Lighthouse.
- March 13, 2005 will be the spring meeting and Photo Contest. This will be held at the North Wildwood Fire House.
- June 25, 2005 picnic meeting and the annual preservation raffle drawing will be held at Kingland Park, Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. The Tarrytown Lighthouse will be opened.
- September 25, 2005 we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Tinicum Lighthouse in Paulsboro, N.J.
- December's meeting place is not determined yet.

Outreach

- Outreach has been great this year. This success is due to the many volunteers who spent the time to spread the word about the NJLHS and our lighthouse Challenge. Bob and Marion of ways and means have done an outstanding job; Dixie Amento has done a great job, along with a host of others.

Trips

- Betty reported that 35 people have signed up for the bus trip to Maine. 48 people are needed to run the trip, the bus maximum is 53. A deposit of \$100 is needed to hold your seat.
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2nd Vice President – Education -Bill Volpe

- The Speakers Bureau continues to grow; Elinor Veit recently spoke to a group of about 125 retired teachers.
- Bill Geilfuss was thanked for stepping in while Bill Volpe was on vacation.
- Anyone interested in speaking please see Bill.

Membership- Mary Beth Doherty

- Membership: 312(x2) families 624; 364 single; total 988. The sign in for today's meeting is 89.
- Early December the new registrations will be mailed out.

Publicity -Rich and Elinor Veit

- 87 mailings announcing this meeting were sent out.
- 410 contacts were sent out for the Challenge.
- 2 radio stations called.
- Elinor reminded everyone that our best advertising is our members.
- At Abescon Lighthouse a lot will be going on during the Challenge; hot dog vendor, actors on Sunday, an artist from Scaasis to mention a few.
- After 4 years as raffle chairperson Rich is stepping down.

Lighthouse Challenge 2004-Doreen Lagattuta

- The 5th Annual New Jersey Challenge is almost here and on September 11th the regional and site coordinators meet, receiving information and materials needed for that weekend.
- Barbara Pepe, volunteer coordinator is still in need of volunteers at East Point on Sunday and Sea Girt on Saturday afternoon.
- Mike Boucher has been working on the t-shirts this year. They will be sold during the Challenge weekend for \$15.00. The sites selling t-shirts are: Sandy Hook, Barnegat, Hereford, Cape May, and Tinicum. Mike will distribute the t-shirts to site coordinators at the end of the meeting.
- We are selling commemorative pins at the same sites as the t-shirts. The price is \$3.00.
- Cindy Mitzen worked with Harbour Lights on producing the souvenir cards. We want to thank Harbour Lights for donating the cards this year. Cindy will coordinate distribution with the site coordinators.
- Elinor and Rich Veit have been working hard on Publicity. Tom Laverty will be interviewed on the radio station "Oldies 100" out of Manahawkin on October 15. (Ask Tom the time).
- Reminder to all site coordinators to send their materials with the Challenge report to Doreen as soon as possible after the Challenge so she can prepare a report for the Board Meeting the week after the Challenge.
- Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard behind the scenes and all the volunteers who will be giving of their time during the Challenge weekend-we couldn't do this event without you! Pray for good weather.

Photo Contest –Cindy Mitzen

- Cindy asked for volunteers to sign up at the next meeting to help with the photo contest.
- Members were reminded of this year's categories
 - New Jersey lighthouses any size.
 - National/International
 - Lighthouses with flowers
 - New Jersey lighthouse collage
 - Winner's Circle

Ways and Means-Bob and Marion Hudspeth

- Enough recipes have been collected for the cookbook. It should be available by the March meeting.
- They have more new items. Come back and take a look.
- Happy Birthday Marion.

Newsletter-Joe Guchek – Editor of the Beam

- Joe thanked all the members for their input.
- The next deadline for the Beam is October 16th.
- E-mail any articles to njhlsbeam@optonline.net or mail to The Beam PO Box 4582 Highland Park, NJ 08904-4582

Nominating Committee

Betty Smith chairperson and committee member Elinor Veit, Bill Volpe, and Marion Hudspeth made the following nominations for a two year term;

- Tom Laverty President
- Yvonne Miller 1st Vice President
- Mary Beth Doherty 2nd Vice President
- Cindy Mitzen Secretary
- Debbie Megonigal Treasure
- Bill Volpe Director

Rich Veit made the nomination from the floor for Brett Franks to fill the other Director vacancy. These nominations were accepted by the members and the nominations were closed.

Becky Colesar made a motion to adjourn the meeting Mary Beth Doherty seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary