

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
March 24, 2006
Surf Side City Fire Hall

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting at 11:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the December 3rd at Sandy Hook were submitted for approval. Becky Colesar made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Al Smith seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-Debbie Megonigal

Debbie read the treasurer's report. Total Receipts \$22,432.20; Total Disbursements \$8,566.92; Total Operating \$50,916.40; Sandy Hook Total Receipts \$3.82; Sandy Hook Total Disbursements \$703.12; Sandy Hook Fund \$15,076.66; Preservation Fund \$23,460.07; Memorial Fund \$1,717.85 and the Sandy Hook Money Market \$1,009.56. Debbie noted that over ten thousand came in from membership and one thousand in donations. Tom added over twenty thousand has gone for the design and display at the Sandy Hook Keepers House. Steve Martorano accepted the Treasurer's Report, Rick Weber seconded, and the membership approved.

Finance Chair Jim Cope

Jim presented the NJLHS 2006 budget. Jim thanked everyone who helped by getting their reports in on time and the board who helped balance the budget which is unusual in the state of New Jersey. The budget came in at \$89,810.00. This is the line item budget the full budget with Sandy Hook and Preservation included is well over \$100,000 which will require a certified audit this year. The vote was all for; none against, the budget passed.

Recognition Program Bill Volpe

Tom showed a video, produced by his son Matt Laverty, of those who were to be presented the founders award; Jack Granger, in memory; Jim Gowdy, in memory; Kim Ruth; Rebecca Colesar; Louis Colesar; Nancy Craven; George Feirer; Patricia Feirer; Barbara Gowdy, in memory; Nancy Hackney; Richard Hellenebrecht; Joan Lange; Nancy Matthews; Helen Mountney; Carl Nelson; Barbara Nelson; Elaine Ryan; and Johanna Trowbridge.

Bill Volpe thanked those who helped on the committee; Mary Beth Doherty, Cindy Mitzen and Al Smith.

The second group to be recognized received the Keepers Award. These individuals were nominated by the membership for their many outstanding achievements. Annette Colt; Herb Colt, in memory; Rosemary Dixon; Carol DiNapoli; Debbie Megonigal; Harry Megonigal, in memory; Ruth Martorano; Steve Martorano; Al Smith Betty Smith; Elinor Viet; Rich Viet; Joan Walton; Rick Weber.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller as Programs Chair

Yvonne introduced Alex Butdrum, volunteer coordinator of the Barnegat Light, and Karen Lawson of the Barnegat Historic Society, home of the Barnegat first order Fresnel lens. Karen informed us of the museums hours and parking. Alex also welcomed us and invited us to the new interruptive center and told us of the volunteer opportunities there.

Programs

- June 24, our summer meeting will be held at Fort Wadsworth, Battery Weed light. There will be a tent at the Carriage House where lunch can be purchased.
- September 30th the meeting will be at the Township building with a visit to East Point Lighthouse.
- December 2nd Cape May fire hall will be the place for our meeting, the social is still being worked on.

Outreach

Help is needed at the Island Beach state park out reach. Also if anyone is not going on the Lake Champlain trip and could work the Tuckerton outreach that weekend it would be a big help, September 23 & 24.

Trips- Betty Smith

- Summer of 2006 to Lake Champlain is sold out. The next payment is now due.
- May, bus trip to the Little Red Lighthouse is sold out.

Photo Contest: Cindy Mitzen

Cindy asked that members cast their ballots during lunch. Ballots will be handed out at the end of the business meeting.

Membership: Mary Beth Doherty 2nd Vice President

- Membership 247 (x2) families 504; 247 single; total 751.
- In attendance 167 members and guests.

Beam

Mary Beth thanked her committee, Mike and Judy Boucher, John and Michelle Ozment, Anthony Albence, Barbara Pepe, and Faith Giamboi. The first issue of the Beam under the newly formed committee chaired by Mary Beth was out on time, and had a lot of great new features.

Lighthouse Challenge 2006-Doreen Lagattuta

- This years Challenge is October 14 & 15.
- Night climbs will be added this year at Sandy Hook, Abescon, Cape May and possibly Tincum. Open till 8pm on Saturday night.
- Long Island's Challenge is May 20 & 21.
- Maryland's Challenge September 16 & 17.
- Next Challenge Committee meeting June 10th
- Please sign up to volunteer with Brett. Get a Receipt.

Sandy Hook – Al Smith

- The rededication of the Sandy Hooks Keepers house is June 10th at 1pm.
- Volunteers are needed, please sign up.
- 10 year celebration dinner October 28th. The society has been giving tours at Sandy Hook for that long. Time sure flies. Get together of past and present volunteers, more information to follow in the Beam.

Tom announced that every so often the board feels we have a member deserving of lifetime membership. And the board feels that person is Kim Ruth. Tom asked the membership for this motion and Joe Guckeck did so with Mary Beth Doherty seconding. The motion carried with sound approval.

Steve Martorano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Debbie Megonigal seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen,
Recording Secretary