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**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting – September 22, 2012**

Samsel Upper Elementary School
298 Ernston Road
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President’s Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:52 A.M.. He advised all in attendance that the students from Samsel School were the ones who presented their own “Pennies for Preservation” to the Educational Outreach Committee. Today the New Jersey Lighthouse Society was going to present them with something in their gym in the at 1:15 P.M..

All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Cope reported Emergency Exits and restrooms. He said that if there were alarms sounding, members were to leave the building and not return until told they can.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen submitted the minutes from the June 30, 2012 meeting at Pennsville, New Jersey. Minutes were approved by Rick Hodgman and Marybeth Doherty. All were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer’s Report:

Jim Cope presented Faith's treasurer's report since she was unable to attend.

Operating Fund	\$ 13,222.15
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,931.73
Sandy Hook Fund	\$ 3,725.63
Finns Point Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Preservation Funds	<u>\$ 19,875.62</u>
Operating Account Total	\$ 41,255.13
Preservation 13month CD	\$ 15,000.00
Sandy Hook 2yr. CD	\$ 15,000.00
Sandy Hook Donations	\$ 2,365.57 (inactive)
Society Balance Total	\$ 73,620.70

Faith notes that the majority of the balance in the Sandy Hook Fund was transferred to the Operating Fund.

The Finns Point Fund has been set up in anticipation of the new gift shop opening. \$1,000.00 came from the Preservation Fund as “seed” money. \$500.00 was a donation by Mary Beth Doherty from her company’s bonus check in memory of George Naill.

First Vice President – Anthony Albence

Due to Anthony's absence, the report was read by Brett.

Publicity:

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society media list is holding steady with approximately on 70 media outlets on the list. Our social networking presence on Facebook and Twitter continues to grow. We are approaching 450 followers on Facebook. We routinely pick up about 1-2 followers per week. Also, our Facebook updates continue to be automatically forwarded to our Twitter feed.

Audit:

The annual audit of the treasurer's books was held immediately following the June 30, 2012 General Membership Meeting at Riverview Park in Pennsville and was opened to the general membership. The committee membership included Chair / Board Executive Committee Representative, Anthony Albence, Board Member Representative Doreen Berson, and General Membership Representative Sue Mazza. The committee reviewed randomly selected transactions and researched them from beginning to end, examining all supporting documentation. The audit was completed successfully, and all was found to be in order. Anthony submitted a written committee report for the Society's files. The entire committee agreed wholeheartedly that Faith is doing an outstanding job as Treasurer and commended her on her work.

Community Outreach:

The 2012 season is approaching a wrap-up. An updated events listing is posted on the NJLHS website. Special thanks were given to Mary Catherine Kennedy for being the "back bone" for the committee, as well as, all other volunteers.

Highlights:

- Thanks to Faith for making us aware of the opportunity to purchase some additional giveaways (pens) with the Society's name and website. The price was very competitive and service provided through the ordering process was good.
- We will be replenishing other giveaway supplies in the fall.

Mary Catherine then reported that this year 6 events were cancelled due to weather or downsizing. Events that the committee attended included Point Pleasant in April, Island Beach in May, Island Heights in June, National Lighthouse Day at Hereford in August and the Decoy and Hunting Show at Tuckerton in September.

Volunteers are always needed!

Education Outreach / Speakers Bureau:

Bob Gleason, the outgoing chair, prepared a written report for the committee. The report included the presentations given by Bill, Bob and Faith to 303 adults and 159 students (462 in total) over the year. "It's been a fun year!", Bob reported.

Thanks were given to all on the Educational Outreach Team for their work. As mentioned at the last General Membership Meeting, Bob is stepping down and we are looking for a coordinator of this committee. There are many resources and tools available. If interested, please contact Anthony or other Board member. We need other speakers to keep up the interest of the new generation and to continue "our" love of lighthouses. It's an amazing feeling! The committee is willing to work or help anyone who wants to try. There are projectors and presentations already together.

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Nothing is to be done solo. We are willing to work with anyone who wants to give it a shot. Let's see what happens today and we'll go from there. More people are needed to shoulder the burden. Mary Catherine added that she also goes to gated communities in her area and gives presentations.

A special thanks was given to Bob for his service. "It was much appreciated!"

The point of today's meeting being held in this school was the Educational Outreach program. Bob and Bill gave a talk here at Samsel and were presented with a check for \$270.00 from the 4th graders. We are here to thank them for their gift.

Website:

Howie reported that some parts are still under construction.

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Archives and/or Preservation:

Rich stated that there will be no raffle this year since we started too late. In order to have one next year, the state needs to know which city we will be having our drawing in in advance. This is hard to know

Barnegat and Cape May Museums are requesting assistance in cleaning the lights. We need to do this in the next couple weeks before the Challenge. It will be either a Saturday or Sunday, exact date to be pinpointed when all schedules are checked. If interested speak to Rich after the meeting.

Board of Director – Doreen Berson

Membership:

Doreen reported that there are currently 196(392*) Family Memberships and 158 Single Memberships purchased. *Family Memberships each count as 2 (no matter how many persons are in the family) for a Total Membership of 550. This number is up by 25 from our last meeting. For today's meeting there were a total of 53 member attendees with 2 guests, totaling 55. Quorum was met.

New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison:

Doreen reported that Challenge posters are available. Challenge t-shirts will be for sale early this year at certain lights prior to the challenge. Volunteers are still needed at Finns Point. Other locations seem to be doing well. If interested in volunteering, see Doreen. New this year will be a gift drawing at each location and a special drawing for those who complete the challenge.

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Ways & Means:

Carol reported that she will not be selling 2013 calendars this year and reminded membership of the 2014 calendars which will be Society published with member photos.

New t-shirt with the designs of member Greg DiNapoli will be for sale during the Challenge at Finns Point. T-shirts that are being looked at are going to hopefully be

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made in America, but it is very hard to get shirts made here. But the committee is doing their best and working with the company.

16 oz. tumblers with Barnegat Lighthouse are for sale. They were purchased from Bed, Bath, and Beyond for \$12, so we need at least \$12 to cover our cost. They are made in America.

Ways and Means table will be closing at 1:00 P.M. today so all can participate in the presentation.

Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty

N.E.L.L. (New England Lighthouse Lovers) Liaison: No report at this time.

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

Holiday Basket Raffle for the December meeting is in need of donations. It is the Board's hope that the December 15th meeting will be held in the Absecon Area.

The 50/50, Raffle, and Door Prizes will be at 1:00 P.M. before moving to the gym for the presentation.

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Historian: nothing at this time

Old & New Business and For the Good of the Society:

THE BEAM:

Deadline will be November 15th.

Trips:

Haunted Lights Tour will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from around 4:30 P.M. until about 9:00 P.M.. The tour will include travel to three lights, no climbing will be allowed due to time. Ghost / haunted stories will be shared at each light and on the trip. Lights to be visited include Cape May, Absecon, and Hereford. (Note: Absecon and Cape May are offering their own Ghostly Tours.) The NJLHS Tour will cost \$35.00 per person which includes a t-shirt for participants. Sign up on the website.

Oregon Lighthouse Trip is scheduled for June 21-27, 2013. Those interested need to arrive in Portland, Oregon by June 21st. The bus tour begins on Saturday the 22nd. The trip includes 5-day motor coach, all hotels (6 nights), all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), and entrance fees to all attractions. The cost for a couple (2 sharing a room) will be \$1,700.00 and single \$1,150.00. If interested see Mike Boucher. 21 have already signed up and 40 are needed to make the trip a "go". Those interested in arriving earlier or staying later, the hotel has offered the same price rate for any additional days.

Finns Point:

A small gift shop is going into the Finns Point Keepers House. We will be supplying our Sandy Hook merchandise in addition to the NJ Lights Shirt Carol spoke about along with a Finns Point Shirt. These will be pushed during the upcoming challenge. We are working with the Friends of Supawna Meadows group. They are hoping to have the

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light opened at least once a month for climbing as well. We are also working with the Federal Fish and Wildlife. This branch is better to work with, but it still takes time. There is a presentation case in the process of being built to house the Fresnel lens and other items found there for the light. These will be in memory of George Naill.

2013 March Photo Contest

Photos of the New Jersey Lights will only be accepted. This year will only be photos; no other art forms will be accepted. The 12 best will be made into a 2014 NJLHS Calendar. Venue for this event is still being decided. Photos need to be of all times, weather, and season. Photos do not need to be recent. No photo shopping of pictures are accepted. Photos should be 8x10 horizontal. Concerns were that the best photos might be of all the same light. Brett said that rules are still being ironed out and will be posted.

Nominating Committee

Bob Gleason presented for the Nominating Committee which include members Ann Fahringer, Carol Naill, and Bill Volpe. The slate includes:

- Brett Franks for President
- Anthony Albence for 1st Vice President
- Rich Viet for 2nd Vice President
- Faith Giamboi for Treasurer
- Karen Stumpf-Owen for Recording Secretary
- Mary Beth Doherty for Director
- Carol Winkie for Director

The floor was opened for other nominations. Being none, the floor was closed and will re-open at the December meeting before elections.

Donations to the Society

Recently a long time historian, Jack Slavon, passed away. His wife donated his collection of lighthouse to the Society. From this collection, a Lenox lighthouse shelf with 24 individual lights will be presented to the Samsel School today. This collection was greatly appreciated and Jack will be missed.

Adjournment:

Adjournment from the general meeting was called at 12:40 P.M. by Mary Beth Doherty and seconded by Rick Hodgman. All were in favor of this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen J. Stumpf-Owen
Recording Secretary