

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – December 15, 2012
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West Cape May Fire Hall
732 Broadway
West Cape May, New Jersey

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:40 A.M.. He stated that today's meeting would be the Holiday Social and it is to talk, greet and get to know other members of the society. There will be a basket raffle; thanks to Ann, Karl and company. There will be no formal presentation at today's meeting. Brett reminded all to sign in, get their door prize ticket and their membership renewal forms.

Jim Cope reviewed exits from the room along with restroom locations. He then asked for a moment of silence to remember those killed and affected by the Sandy Hook School, Newtown, Connecticut shooting of December 14, 2012. Brett then asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the September 22, 2012 meeting at Samsel Upper Elementary School, 298 Ernston Road, Parlin, New Jersey. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Karl and seconded by Jim, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Faith's report as of November 30, 2012 is as follows:

Operating Fund	\$ 17,605.35	
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,956.73	
Sandy Hook Fund	\$ 3,173.63	
Preservation Fund	\$ 35,022.27	
Finns Point Fund	<u>\$ 1,354.46</u>	
Operating Account Total	\$60,112.44	
Sandy Hook CD	\$ 15,000.00	matures 9/20/2013
Sandy Hook Donations	<u>\$ 2,365.57</u>	inactive
Total Society Balance	\$ 77,478.01	

Faith reminded all members that if there are any Society related bills or expenses for 2012, they need to be given to Faith no later than January 15, 2013.

First Vice President – Anthony Albence

Due to Anthony's absence, his report from the November 17, 2012 Board Meeting was read and then added to by members in attendance.

Publicity

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society media list is holding steady with approximately 75 media outlets on the list. Our social networking presence on Facebook and Twitter continue to grow. We have 488 Facebook followers as of November 2012. We routinely pick up about 1-2 followers per week. Members were encouraged to "like" our page as we would like to see 500 "likes" by the end of the calendar year. This would be an impressive milestone for the Society.

Outreach

Community Outreach's season has wrapped up in late September with the Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show at Tuckerton. This event was well attended. Special thanks to Mary Catherine Kennedy (the committee's "back bone"), Catherine Clix, Marty Hudsbeth, Sheila Hines, Kathy Lanzim, and Carol Winkie for their participation in the 2012 season. The 2013 Community Outreach events calendar is being compiled and Anthony will complete registration forms as they become available. These events will be posted on the website. Added was that the give-a-ways have been received.

Educational Outreach report was submitted by Bob Gleason, the outgoing coordinator of the group. Bob is stepping down from this position and we are looking for someone to replace him at this time. Bill Volpe is now handling the "day to day" operations of the committee. There are many resources available to speakers. Current numbers seen for 2012 are 364 adults and 159 students. \$500.00 or more was raised in donations. The committee is looking forward to a busy 2013 with two engagements already booked.

A reminder was given to all in attendance (and to all members in general), that there are several positions opened for 2013. If anyone is interested in obtaining a position, please see a Board Member.

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Archives and / or Preservation:

The Wikies (lens cleaners) are back! The Barnegat Museum lens was cleaned. Thank you!

Rich reported that there was no damage to the New Jersey Lighthouses after the "Super Storm Sandy". This is amazing!

There will be a raffle with cash (debit card) prizes for 2013. Tickets will be available at the March meeting, due back at the June meeting and the lucky tickets will be pulled at the September meeting. Prizes will total \$900.00.

Rich reminded all to visit the Cape May Light after the Holiday Social. He also requested a brief Board meeting after lunch.

Board of Director - Doreen Berson

Membership

Bob Gleason gave the membership report: today we have 56 members and 1 guest. There are a total of 161 single memberships and 203 family memberships totaling 567 memberships for 2012.

Hospitality

Today was just coffee. Goodies are to come after lunch.

Challenge

Doreen sited a report from Nancy Coughlin that 462 groups completed the challenge for 2012. Of all that attended, 544 were previous visitors and 73 heard about the challenge on Facebook. Thank you to all of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society members who volunteered during the challenge. Your assistance was much appreciated!

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Ways and Means

Two new t-shirts are in. One is specifically for Finns Point. The other is the New Jersey Lighthouses by Greg D. Greg also has some new prints for sale. The shop at Finns Point has the furniture from the old Sandy Hook Shop. Everything fit in nicely.

Beam

The BEAM was delayed this printing due to location concerns. Howie was thanked for his assistance for putting the meeting information on the website.

Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty

N.E.L.L. (New England Lighthouse Lovers) Liaison

Mary Beth was not present - no report at this time

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

It has been a successful year with 50/50s, door prizes and raffles. Today we have 21 baskets for raffling. Those who donated this year were: Carol and Gene Goch, Rick and Karen Owen, Anne and Karl Fahringer, Al and Betty Smith, Marty Hudsbeth, Michelle Newhaus, Mike and Judy Boucher, Shiela Hinez, and Carol Winkie. Thank you all! Remember all donations are accepted and appreciated. Good luck! (Today's basket raffle brought in \$369.00 and the 50/50 was split with the winner, each receiving \$65.00.)

The ticket for the wine basket located at the membership table was drawn. This ticket was the door prize ticket given to each attendee as they signed in. The winner was Betty Smith. Congratulations, Betty!

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will be meeting in approximately 6 weeks. Please see Jim today, before you leave, to determine amounts per budget line you are working with, if you are on a committee.

Historian

no report at this time

Old & New Business and For the Good of the Society

Finns Point Shop

All paperwork in conjunction with the agreement is in order. The Fish and Wildlife, Supawna Meadows and New Jersey Lighthouse Society have signed all forms and are in agreement. The shop at Finns Point is together and running. The Supawna Meadows group runs the shop. They are selling our old Sandy Hook merchandise at a 50% off sale along with the new t-shirts (Finns Point and New Jersey Lighthouses) and some of their own materials. They have been opened several times since the challenge. The first quarter return should be approximately \$2,000.00 profit for the Society. Now we need to look into consolidating the storage lockers and save money. A very special thank you was given to Al Smith for his help in assembling the shop at Finns Point. The Fresnel lens case in memory of George Naill was built by John Ade. The display was up for the challenge. It is a focal point for the Finns Point museum. Thank you John for your work of art!

Oregon Trip

Mike Boucher was not in attendance, however Brett reported that the trip is SOLD OUT! All who have signed up for the trip should look forward to an adventurous trip.

If you have a future trip idea, please see any of the Board Members.

Elections

Since none of the positions were opposed, Jim motioned that the secretary cast the ballot for all those nominated. Al Smith seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Congratulations to the following members on their 2013-2014 term:

- President – Brett Franks
- First Vice President – Anthony Albence
- Second Vice President – Rich Veit
- Treasurer – Faith Giamboi
- Recording Secretary – Karen Owen
- Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty
- Board of Director – Carol Winkie

2013 Photo Contest

The March 2013 photo contest will be in 4 seasonal categories. Photos should be of single lights, no collages. Each photo should be an 8x10 in landscape form. Each person will be able to submit two entries for each category. Judy Boucher, the photo contest chair person, will be finalizing the contest and the official rules will be posted on the web as well as in the next issue of the Beam.

Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at 12:10. Lunch is on own and the social and raffles will begin at approximately 12:45.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS