

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – June 27, 2015
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Maurice River Township Elementary School
3593 Route 47
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey 08324

President’s Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:51 A.M.. Jim Cope mapped out the facilities and exits. He also emphasized that all should view the mural of East Point in the hallway. The flag salute was then recited by all. Brett reviewed the day’s events. Prior to the meeting was the visit to East Point Lighthouse where a bald eagle could be seen on a post. For today’s meeting we will have our raffle table, 50/50, door prize and a Harbor Lights auction. Lunch today will only be 45 minutes, instead of the full hour. This is something new we are trying since many feel an hour is not needed. There will also be a speaker today.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the Marcy 28, 2015 meeting at VFW Edison Post 3117. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Al Smith and seconded by Rick Owen, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer’s Report:

Faith sent a report, but due to her absence, Jim Cope, head of the Finance Committee gave the report:

	as of May 31, 2015
Operating Fund	61,019.34
Memorial Fund	1,555.77
Preservation Fund	33,191.52
Total Society Balance	\$ 95,766.63

First Vice President – Doreen Berson

New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison

Doreen has some New Jersey and Maryland Lighthouse Challenge rack cards available. She also has \$5 tickets for the quilt raffle of all 15 years of challenge t-shirts to be raffled off in October 2015.

Publicity / Social Media / Website

Doreen thanked Howie for sprucing up the website. Howie then added that he is always in need of pictures for the website (of lighthouses of course).

Second Vice President – Carol Winkie

Programs

Carol shared that the 2016 calendar winners will be announced at the end of the business meeting today.

She thanked East Point Lighthouse for opening early for our visit today. She also noted that the lighthouse is opened the third Sunday of each month. Also she suggested that all should try to attend the first Saturday in June for Bay Day.

Today's speaker will be Gail Robinson from the Maurice River Historical Society to speak on East Point Light. Carol has placed some articles on East Point on the table for all to review at their leisure. *Carol said she would have had a power point for the meeting, but her power has been out due to a recent storm.

The auction of the Harbor Lights will be held around 2:00 when the speaker is complete. Also be sure to see the mural Jim mentioned earlier.

Carol said that there are still some 2015 calendars that will be for sale for ½ price if interested.

Jim added that the remaining Sandy Hook covers have been reduced to \$1.00.

Brett shared that this school supports East Point Light and this is why we are here today.

Treasurer – Faith Giamboi

Trips

Mike Boucher or Faith were not in attendance.

We are still looking for smaller / shorter trips. If you have any ideas please contact Faith or any of the Board members today.

Faith did send a note that she is paying all bills for the upcoming trip and will be reimbursing Mike for any charges he accrues when they return.

Recording Secretary – Karen Owen

Liaison to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

Karen reminded all that since they are members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society they are also members of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. Their next meeting is in November at Mount Tabor. For more information please see their website: www.lhsnj.org.

Karen was unable to attend the June meeting in Rahway, however Michele and Bob Newhouse were there. They go as representatives of the Historical Society of Florham Park. Michele said that she and Bob attend regularly and encouraged members to go as well.

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Corresponding Secretary – Jayne Swoope
unable to attend / no reports

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Finance Committee

Jim noted that all bills are paid as they come in. Things with the finance and treasurer are status quo.

Jim also thanked the Gleasons for all the work they do with membership and remarked at the amount of donations, above and beyond dues fees, that members have given.

Historian

nothing at this time

New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL) Liaison

Jim reported that he and Nancy were unable to attend the recent meeting, but other members in attendance were able to and reported on the winter hot chocolate event and the Plymouth meeting in May.

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee

Bob Gleason reported that there were 49 attendees today (with 2 youths and 1 guest). 2015 membership numbers are down. There are 116 single memberships and 328 family memberships (counted as 2) totaling 444 members.

Door Prize and 50/50

The door prize, a bottle of wine and poster, tickets were given out at the member sign-in table. (At the conclusion of the day, the ticket was drawn. The number called belonged to Nancy Cope. Congratulations Nancy!)

50/50 tickets will sold throughout the day and the number will be called at the end of the meeting / presentation. (At the conclusion of the day, the ticket was drawn.

Congratulations to Karl Fahringer for winning \$62.00. Today is Karl and Ann's 50th Anniversary. Karl donated the winnings back to the society.)

Gift Prize table will have tickets available throughout the day and numbers will be called at the conclusion of the day. (At the conclusion of the day, 12 ticket numbers were called. Congratulations to all the winners! Winners were Rick Hodgman (2), Winnie McKelvey, Kathleen Eustace, Kay Hutchins (2), Nancy Cope (2), Maurice School Custodian (2), Shelia Hines and Rod Mulligan.)

Holiday Auction

Karl thanked Bill Volpe for the donation of a handmade stained glass lighthouse. He also said that he has donations for an Italian food basket, Chinese food basket, and a fishing basket for the December meeting. He is always looking for more ideas or donations. Please contact Karl if you have any suggestions.

Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey

Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau

Winnie reported that the bureau has spoken to over 400 people this year with four (4) upcoming events to add to that. She thanked Bob, Marilyn, and Al for all their hard work.

Community Outreach Liaison

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Lauren Ward

unable to attend / no reports

Ways and Means

Carol was able to pick up some items for sale today. She will also have 2016 calendars for sale today.

The BEAM

Board of Director – Gene Goch

Gene was asked to look into lighthouse requests for Lake Havasue, Arizona / California. Gene stated that they are not entertaining any new requests for lighthouses at this time.

Old & New Business

- Recently, a tour of 50+ people from the U. S. Lighthouse Society visited Finns Point. Many commented on the display cabinet made by our own John Ade. Thank you, John, for your hard work and craftsmanship.
- Brett was able to get art work professionally framed and will be looking for places to display said pieces on a loan from the society. In the works are a collection of water fowl and lighthouses to be on display at Finns Point.
- Samsel School, through their Maritime Heritage Pennies for Lights program has donated to the society over the past four years. This year the donation was \$250.
- Judy Boucher, through Carol Winkie, has suggested the categories for the 2016 photo contest. They are as follows: lighthouses with flowers, lighthouses at night, lighthouses in sunny skies, lighthouses in bad weather, and 2015 New Jersey Lighthouse Society sponsored trip photos. Betty Smith asked "why are people in the calendar more than once?". This is a valid point and has been spoken about at Board meetings, but we look more to the picture than to the person. This year we tried to make the calendar more diverse with the pictures we were given. Another category was discussed. The discussion included to have non-New Jersey lights and/or not for calendar photos. Bill Volpe asked if there was a "sales profit?" on the calendar. This should justify if the calendar should be the focus of the contest.
- Another member questioned the Memorial and Preservation funds of the Treasurer's report. Brett shared that the Memorial Fund has been used to purchase steps at Tinicum in memory of a member, the display at Finns Point in memory of George Naill, and the upcoming donation to Absecon in Rich Veit's memory. The lighthouses that receive the donations were the "home" or

“favorite” lighthouse of the member. The Preservation Fund is used to help lighthouses, educate people preserve lighthouses and lenses, share artwork with libraries, schools or other, and to give donations on National Lighthouse Day.

For the Good of the Society

Our next meeting will be in Cape May. Location is to be determined at this time. Check the Beam or website for more information. The date is September 26th.

All were encouraged to check out, if not done so already, the article in the Beam by Robert Rodgers.

2016 Calendar

Carol displayed the cover of the 2016 NJLHS calendar. The cover is photos of the pins from the 2008 Challenge. Each calendar page includes the sketches of Greg DiNapoli. Each picture page gives the name of the lighthouse and the year dedicated into service. Calendars will be for sale today for \$12.

The winners are:

January	Robert Rodgers	Absecon
February	Kathleen Eustace	Tucker’s Island
March	Gregory DiNapoli	Cape May
April	Linda Swearingen	Finns Point
May	Robert Rodgers	Twin Lights / Navesink
June	Kathleen Eustace	Barnegat Lightship
July	Carol Goch	Statue of Liberty
August (NJLHS Michigan Trip)	Bill McKelvey Karl Fahringer	Whitefish Point Old Mackinac Point
September	Bill McKelvey	Barnegat
October	Denise McGloan	East Point
November	Bill McKelvey	Sandy Hook
December	Anita Norris	Ship John Shoal

Winners in attendance were presented with their winning photo and a copy of the 2016 calendar. Those who were not in attendance will have their winning photo and calendar mailed to them by Carol.

Doreen thanked Carol for all her hard work and for doing a good job. Everyone applauded.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 P.M. after a motion by Doreen Berson, seconded by Cindy Mitzen, and all were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

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The **Harbor Lights Auction** raised \$90 for the society. (Thank you!) The pieces auctioned off were:

Selkirk, NY Light	won by Kathleen Eustace	for \$25
Dunkirk, NY Light	won by Rod Mulligan	for \$25
Faulkners Island, Connecticut	won by Jim Cope	for \$20
Port Sanilac, Michigan {Society Exclusive piece}	won by John Ade	for \$20