

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – December 12, 2015
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Mastoris Diner – Restaurant
144 U. S. Route 130
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

President’s Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:38 A.M..

Jim Cope mapped out the facilities and exits. The flag salute was then recited by all. Carol reviewed the day’s events.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the September 26, 2015 held at the West Cape May Fire Company. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy Mitzen and seconded by Alan Jacobson, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer’s Report:

Faith reported:

	as of November 30, 2015
Operating Fund	25,671.86
Memorial Fund	1,655.77
Preservation Fund	31,717.22
Total Society Balance	\$ 59,044.85

First Vice President – Doreen Berson

New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison

Doreen reported that 1,051 participants completed the recent New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge. The winning basket given to someone who completed the challenge included a NJLHS year membership. The visitors for the weekend totaled over 19,000. The Lighthouse Managers would like to see higher numbers, as when the challenge was run by NJLHS. To help make this happen, the suggestion was to change up the souvenirs and t-shirts. The quilt raffle, which was all prior challenge shirts, was won by the daughter-in-law of the gentleman who donated the shirts.

Publicity / Social Media / Website

Howie requested that pictures be sent to him for posting on the website. The Facebook account will be updated in 2016.

Second Vice President – Carol Winkie

Programs

Carol shared the day's events at the beginning of the meeting. Due to speaking challenges (large room with no sound system), she did not review anything else.

Treasurer – Faith Giamboi

Trips

This will be reported on in the presentation by Mike Boucher later.

*Discussed will be future trips: 2016 – Prince Edward Island, 2017 and future – Lake Havasu and more, Chesapeake Bay, St. Lawrence River area, New Orleans and the Mississippi River.

Recording Secretary – Karen Owen

Liaison to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

The next meeting will be on April 9th at the Naval Air Station-Wildwood Aviation Museum, Rio Grande, New Jersey.

Corresponding Secretary – Jayne Swoope

unable to attend / no reports

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Finance Committee

Nothing at this time

Historian

Nothing at this time

New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL) Liaison

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee

Bob Gleason reported membership renewal forms are available for 2016, payment is accepted today.

84 members attended today's meeting.

Door Prize and 50/50

The door prize is a bottle of wine with a lighthouse ornament.

Holiday Auction

Karl was excited to announce that the basket raffle included many baskets and gift cards this year. Tickets will be on sale during lunch.

Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey

Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau

Winnie reported that over 450 people have heard from the Speakers Bureau this year. Alan added that they are still looking for speakers and places to do presentations.

Community Outreach Liaison

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Lauren Ward

Nothing at this time

Ways and Means

Ann Solaequi and Faith announced that there are some marked down items for a blow out sale. They are also looking to purchase some new items. If you have ideas, please see one of them. A free gift will be given with any purchase of \$5 or more.

Brett has a sample of the new logo in embroidery. We will be looking into putting this on hoodies and shirts. Brett is looking for any feedback. Ideas are needed to freshen things up and get up to date.

The BEAM

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Gene Goch

Nothing at this time.

Nominations and Elections

Three Board of Directors positions and the corresponding secretary position is up for re-election. A committee including Joan Stumpf and Cheryl Stumpf presented a slate for elections which was printed in the Beam and on the website. For Corresponding Secretary they would like to nominate Kathy Lanzim. For Board of Directors (3) they are nominating Winnie McKelvey, Karl Fahringer, and Ann Solaequi. Both Jayne Swoope and Jim Cope will be stepping down.

Jim Cope made a motion to have the secretary cast a ballot for all unopposed positions. This motion was seconded by Rick Hodgman and all were in favor.

Old & New Business

- revamping merchandise – as discussed in Ways and Means
- trips – as to be discussed in the presentation today
- National Lighthouse Day – since we have turned the challenge over to the lights, we need to look into stepping up for National Lighthouse Day. An event we, the NJLHS Board, are thinking about is either for the day or the weekend offering free paid climbs for children and an adult. We'd like to see more children get

interested in the lighthouses. We are in the early planning stages of this event. If you are interested in helping out or have ideas, please see Doreen, the head of the committee.

- National Lighthouse Museum – no donation was allotted in the 2015 budget, however for 2016 we will be looking to make a large donation where something might get the NJLHS name. We are also looking into having an upcoming meeting at that location.
- Educational Outreach - We would like to upgrade / refresh our educational kits for the new generation of kids. If you are interested in volunteering on this committee, please see Winnie.
- Photo Contest – All information will be found in the current issue of the Beam. The 2017 calendar will be all lights, not just New Jersey, however the cover will be a New Jersey Light as taken by one of our past winners – the cover contest.
- Recognition Awards – Cindy and Doreen presented this year's awards to two very deserving members. First, Howie Wright received an award for his dedication to our website. Howie has been the webmaster since the NJLHS first had the website. Howie's comment was..."Send Pictures". The second award was given to Jim Cope. Jim received this award for his honesty, hard work and dedication to the society. He is always there, whether it is to give tours, work on budget, describing exits and restroom locations, or serving on the Board for over 12 years. Jim's comment ..."Thank you, Nancy!". The Recognition Committee; Cindy, Doreen and Bob Gleason, are asking for input for next year's awards. If you have any ideas please see one of them.

For the Good of the Society

Faith reported about an exhibit at the New Jersey Museum of Boating, 1800 Bay Avenue, Point Pleasant, New Jersey which was made possible in part by the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. The Society loaned the museum a set of miniature lighthouses and a diorama from our Education Outreach. The museum is open weekly on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. It is best to call before heading out as everyone is a volunteer. [\(732\) 606-7605](tel:7326067605). The exhibit will be available for about 3 months.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M. after a motion by Doreen Berson, seconded by Mike Boucher, and all were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

Dates of General Membership Meetings

Approved 03/19/2016

March 19, 2016

June 25, 2016

September 24, 2016

December 10, 2016