

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society**  
**General Membership Meeting – December 10, 2016**  
**www.njlhs.org**

Mastoris Diner  
144 U. S. Highway 130  
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

**President’s Call to Order**

President Brett Franks welcomed all attendees to the meeting and wished them “Happy Holidays”.

Brett thanked Bill McKelvey and his Nomination committee for their hard work. The slate was read and the floor opened. No new nominations were made and the floor was closed. Being no opposed positions, the secretary will cast a lone ballot. Motion was made by Cindy Mitzen and seconded by Apryl Roach. All were in favor of this motion. Congratulations to the 2017-2018 elected Board members:

President	Brett Franks
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Carol Winkie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Gene Goch
Treasurer	Faith Giamboi
Recording Secretary	Bob Gleason
Director	Bob Rodgers
Director	Loretta Wilkins

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**Minutes from Prior General Meetings**

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the September 24, 2016 held at the Henry Hudson Regional School in Highlands, New Jersey. A motion to accept the minutes made by Doreen Berson and seconded by Alan Jacobson, all were in favor.

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**Financial Updates**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Faith reported:

	as of November 30, 2016
Operating Fund	11,345.08
Memorial Fund	1,765.77
Preservation Fund	27,430.04
<b>Society Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 40,540.89</b>
Trip Account Balance	18,492.29
<b>Total Of ALL Accounts</b>	<b>\$59,033.18</b>

Faith reported that major spending:

- August
  - \$1,430.90 for National Lighthouse Day take-a-ways
  - donations of \$250 to each of the eleven lights totaling \$2,750.00.
- September
  - Insurance Policy payment \$1,796.00
- October
  - Beam publication \$1,606.08
  - Tax Preparation to Accountant \$1,035.00
- November

- Challenge donation as budgeted \$3,000.00
- Challenge Coloring Book publication \$1,500.00

Major expenses from the Operating Fund total \$13,117.98

The trip account has paid all the bills accrued from the recent Prince Edward Island trip. The balance in the Trip Account is the deposits for the upcoming 2017 trip.

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### **First Vice President – Doreen Berson**

Doreen is stepping down after 15 years on the Board. Attendees gave Doreen a round of applause. Doreen then read a tribute to Laura Portée who passed on November 27, 2016. Laura and Doreen were the initiators of the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge and many other projects. Brett asked for all to pause for a moment of silence in memory of all those lost this year.

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### **Second Vice President – Carol Winkie**

#### **Programs**

Carol thanked Doreen and Karen for their service to the Board and gave each a poinsettia plant. She also mentioned the newest and youngest member to the society. Erin Riley Bruno was born to family members Denise McGloan and Paul Bruno on August 7<sup>th</sup> - National Lighthouse Day. Carol presented a certificate to Denise citing Erin as a “Junior Lighthouse Keeper”. Today, as a gift to all members, please take an ornament from the cake table, Carol continued. The March meeting will be held at the VFW Edison Post 3117, 55 National Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817. The meeting will hold the photo contest. Please check the Beam or online for the rules. Joe Guchek will need a head count for those who are interested in ordering a lunch of a hot dog, chips, and a drink which will be available at a cost.

Carol then mentioned the coloring book that was for sale during the NJ Lighthouse Challenge. Brett then thanked Mike for the artwork he provided to the book. Since our focus on education was decreased with the schools needing to spend more time on Common Core Standards, we need to keep stirring the like/love of lighthouses in young ones. This coloring book is considered an educational project and it was decided that \$1,500.00 will be given to supplement the cost of the book towards the purchaser – instead of \$2 per book the Lights will charge \$1. This book is a great way to get the New Jersey Lights to children putting the book in more hands with the ability to purchase at the lower price. \*\*Note: The book was sold for \$2 during the NJ Lighthouse Challenge at participating lighthouses. We need to get more children involved. We, as a society, are always looking for people, ideas and help. If you have any ideas or would like to help in any way, please see a Board member. Brett continued by welcoming our new archivist – Marilyn Dunning.

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### **Treasurer – Faith Giamboi**

#### **Trips**

*Faith and Mike will give their reports after the meeting during the presentation period.*

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### **Recording Secretary – Karen Owen**

#### **Liaison to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey**

Karen reported that with her dealings with the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, she recommends that we do not continue our membership with this group. The group is more for those societies that have brick and mortar locations. She had also spoken to the other Board members about this and other members who are involved with the League of Historical Societies and they were all in agreement.

Karen thanked Carol for the plant and wished Bob Gleason the best as he will be taking over this position in 2017.

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**Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Lanzim**

Kathy reported that many thank you cards have been received from the NJ Lighthouses who received donations from National Lighthouse Day. She also said that she sent a letter to Marc Kemp, Tinicum. There were many concerns about the football games taking place during the recent New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge. Marc was asked to speak to “the powers that be” to relocate the games for that day. A sympathy card was sent to the Portee family, as well.

Kathy stated that the web mail has many offers of donations of items. Since we do not have a location to store these items, Kathy has been forwarding these emails to the National Lighthouse Museum.

Kathy assisted in getting merchandise to Sea Girt’s gift shop. They were sold items at our cost and they will sell the items at their location.

Kathy had a table at the Beach Plum Festival at no charge. She is looking to do this again next year to increase our appearance and have an outreach. If you are interested in assisting Kathy, please see her. Brett thanked Kathy for initiating this event.

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**Board of Director – Karl Fahringer****Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee**

Bob Gleason reported that there were 89 members in attendance. He reminded that the membership renewal forms were available and could be handed in today.

**Door Prize and 50/50**

Bob also reminded all to be sure they had a door prize ticket.

**Holiday Auction**

Karl thanked all for their donations to the holiday basket raffle. There were many companies such as Dunkin Donuts, Long Horn Steakhouse, Star Bucks, Olive Garden, Applebee’s, Quaker Steak and Lube, Jersey Mikes and more that donated this year along with donations from our own society members. Brett thanked Karl for his and Ann’s hard work in obtaining all the donations.

Karl expressed concerns with other donations. He asked that size be kept to a minimum. He does not have much area to store items at his home.

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**Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey****Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau**

Winnie reported a successful year where the bureau spoke to 400 people and received donations of \$1,000.00. Marilyn mentioned that the miniatures from the storage unit have been used as raffle items at the speaking locations. They have been very popular.

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**Board of Director – Lauren Ward****The BEAM**

unable to attend

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**Board of Director – Gene Goch****Finance Committee**

Gene wished all a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

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**Board of Director – Anne Solaequi**

Ann was unable to attend the meeting but Faith gave a report.

Faith said that if anyone wanted any merchandise, they should contact Ann through the website. She has hoodies, jackets, and more.

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**Old & New Business**

Michele Newhouse questioned how things were going at East Point. Brett shared that things are doing well. The retaining wall has been installed. Carol shared that it is her hope that the June meeting will be in that area. Brett also said that we may also host a "Lighthouse" Yard Sale. Brett shared that we all have those items that are still in good condition, but are taking up space. The Board is looking into holding a yard sale of their items as well as offering general members to have a table of their wares for sale. This is in the works since licensing and government requirements need to be met.

A member stated that Absecon Light has a new Passport Book stamp available.

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### **For the Good of the Society**

Winnie shared that the speakers' bureau is always looking for new locations and speakers. If anyone knows of locations or would like to be a speaker, please see Winnie.

Faith added that if there is a project we are always in need of members willing to work. The more hands available make it easier to share the load. Brett added that it becomes fun! Days go quickly when you share your interests and you might acquire a new friend.

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### **Adjournment**

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 A.M. after a motion by Faith Giamboi, seconded by Joe Guchek, and all were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

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### **Dates of General Membership Meetings**

March 18, 2017 (VFW Edison – photo contest – lunch available for cost)

June 17, 2017 (possible in the East Point area with a tentative "Lighthouse" Yard Sale)

September 16, 2017

December 9, 2017