

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – December 8, 2018
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Mastoris Diner
144 U. S. Highway 130
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks convened the meeting at 11:22 AM. Brett immediately expressed his surprise and delight at the membership's response in assembling such an impressive number of baskets for the Holiday Basket Raffle. Big Thanks to ALL who stepped up!

He led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed safety information.

Brett presented the minutes for the June 16, 2018 meeting at Riverview Beach Park and the Minutes of the September 15, 2018 meeting at Surf City Volunteer Fire Company. A motion to approve both sets of minutes was made, seconded and accepted unanimously.

Financial Updates - Treasurer's Report:

Faith reported:

	as of October 31, 2018
Operating Fund	\$7,015.00
Memorial Fund	2,065.77
Preservation Fund	15,823.18
Operating Account Total	\$24,903.95
Trip Account Balance	7,057.15
Total ALL Society Accounts	\$31,961.10

Major expenses since June include National Lighthouse Day associated expenses and THE BEAM.

First Vice President & Programs – Carol Winkie

Carol reviewed the day's program and menu selections. Bob Rodgers has the remaining 2018 Photo Contest Finalist pictures. Please see him if you have not yet picked up your entry. 2019 Calendar is on sale today for only \$10 each, two dollars off the regular price.

NJLHS' 2019 June meeting will be the Thirtieth June meeting of the Society and the beginning of our 30th Year.

East Point Update – Alan Jacobson described the dire situation at East Point Lighthouse where flooding is threatening the structure. The State of New Jersey is working towards a resolution – however the state approval progress is going VERY slowly. NJLHS' assistance is requested to contact our elected state representatives to encourage them to hurry the approval process to completion. Members should contact Alan at A.Jacobson13@comcast.net, who will then provide the appropriate contact information to make the biggest positive impact.

Carol provided each attendee with a pin commemorating the first meeting of the Society in 1990.

Second Vice President & Financial Chairman – Gene Goch

Gene was unable to attend.

Membership – Bob Gleason

Membership stands at 111 Individual members and 132 Family memberships for a paid 2018 membership of 375. 2019 Membership Dues are being collected at the Membership Table and will be deposited in early January, per the Treasurer's request. Renewal forms will be mailed to those not able to attend today's meeting. There are forty-five members attending today's meeting. A quorum requirement of 25 was met.

The Society needs volunteers to take over Membership since the current team is resigning after nine years "in office". Please see any Board Member or Bob/Linda Gleason.

Archivist – Marilyn has located an original of all but two of THE BEAM editions. Missing are #72 & #77, June 2008 and September 2009. If you have one of these please bring it to the next meeting. A big THANK YOU to those who have worked so hard to organize the new Storage Locker and get it into great shape.

Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim

Thanked everyone for all their help in setting up for today's Basket Raffle! Great leadership from Kathleen, Judy & Donna and great work from the Society Members who created baskets to raffle!

Rainy weather lead to the cancellation of several 2018 Outreach Events. However, we had a significant number of new volunteers and Kathy's hopeful that even more people will join once the list of 2019 events is confirmed.

Board Director – Kathleen Eustace

Looking for trip ideas and preparing for 2019 Photo Contest.

Board Director – Loretta Wilkins

Don't forget to buy your 50-50 Tickets.

Ways & Means – Ann Solaequi

Looking for new ideas for 2019. Hopefully have some stuff for March. Calendars available at the Sign-in Table.

Board Director, Educational Outreach – Bob Rodgers

Speakers Bureau year to date completed eleven presentations to 324 attendees and already have five booked for 2019. Bob Gleason is teamed up with Bob Rodgers for a May 2019 presentation. Special THANKS go to Cindy Mitzen, Alan Jacobson & Marilyn Dunning for their 2018 accomplishments. Please contact Bob Rodgers if you are interested in being a presenter.

Please consider contributing pictures and an article sharing your vacation experiences – particularly if they are lighthouse related! THE BEAM is a wonderful newsletter but it's only wonderful if we provide the content that makes it interesting.

Don't forget to pick up any remaining 2018 photo contest entries from Bob.

Board Director – Apryl Roach

2019 Nominating Committee Slate

President	Carol Winkie
1 st Vice-President	Eugene Goch
2 nd Vice-President	Kathleen Eustace
Treasurer	Faith Giamboi (incumbent)
Recording Secretary	(To Be Decided)
Director	Robert Rodgers (incumbent)
Director	Loretta Wilkins (incumbent)
Director	Alan Jacobson (1-year to finish Kathleen Eustace term)

Brett asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made to approve the slate as presented was made and approved unanimously. No Recording Secretary has been identified for 2019.

Apryl asked the slate members to stand and be recognized.

Old Business

Carol reminded all to remember that Gift Memberships make an excellent holiday gift.

New Business

Bill Volpe suggested some type of remembrance for former member Ray Vliet, perhaps giving him a gift membership. This issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Carol described issues that resulted in the delayed delivery of the December BEAM.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Bob Gleason, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

Addendum

Following the regular meeting President Brett Franks announced the awarding of the Mary Catherine Kennedy, NJLHS Volunteer Award to Mike & Judy Boucher. Brett presented the award plaque to Judy. Unfortunately, Mike was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.