

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – June 22, 2019
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Uptown School Complex, Multi-Purpose Cafeteria
323 Madison Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

Call to Order

President Carol Winkie convened the meeting at 11:17 am and welcomed the membership and guests.

Minutes from Prior General Meeting

Copies of the General Membership Meeting from March 23, 2019 were not available for review. Disposition of the minutes was postponed until the September meeting.

Treasurer - Faith Giamboi

First Quarter	As of March 31, 2019
Operating Fund	13,146.44
Memorial Fund	2,065.77
Preservation Fund	12,981.75
Operating Account Total	\$ 28,193.96
Trip Account Balance	7,051.15
Total: ALL Society Accounts	\$ 35,245.11

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Judy Boucher, seconded by Elinor Veit, and approved.

First Vice President, Programs, & Financial – Gene Goch

No report.

Second Vice President & Trips – Kathleen Eustace

Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted in the success of the 2020 calendar photo contest held at the March meeting. The categories for the 2021 contest will include: Atlantic Coast, Maine to Florida; West Coast, including Hawaii and Alaska; Non-United States; and Great Lakes. Lightships will be included according to where they are located. Further details will be posted on the Society website in the coming months.

An afternoon Classic Lighthouse group cruise (Lights and Sights) is planned for members and non-members on **Saturday, August 24, Cross Sound Ferry, 2 Ferry Street, New London, Connecticut**. The boat leaves the dock at 2:15 pm, participants should arrive no later than 1:45. The trip runs approximately 2 hours. Purchase your own ticket online for \$30. More details and instructions for participating are on the Society website. Don't forget your Lighthouse passport.

Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim

There are 41 members and 2 guests attending the meeting today. Membership status: 97 Singles, 108 Families (counted as 2), 35 Organizations, and 4 Life members. **Total: 368.**

Upcoming Outreach Events:

Whitesbog Blueberry Festival, Browns Mills, 6/23; Ocean County Antiques Faire, 8/31, Toms River; Island Heights Plum Festival, 9/8; Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair, Monmouth Battlefield, 9/14 (day of September general membership meeting); Lighthouse Point Fest, National Lighthouse Museum, Staten Island, 9/28; Ocean County Decoy Show, Tuckerton, 9/28-29. Further details about each event and more opportunities are on the NJLHS website.

Friends of Delaware Bay are participating in the 5-hour Moonlight Cruise, 8/3, Higbee's Marina, Fortescue. Details are on the Society website for joining this group.

Board Director & Education Outreach – Bob Rodgers

We have 17 events in the works this year, 6 completed, 8 scheduled, 3 in progress. Bob asked members to suggest groups that might want a presentation and if any members are interested in becoming speakers, please contact him.

During the lunch break today between the meeting and the program, the Society will hold a Silent Auction to sell Harbor Lights miniatures donated by Bill and Ann Volpe. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Society. The lighthouses are displayed on the table with a card for meeting attendees to record their bids. Each piece has a minimum bid amount listed. The auction will close before the afternoon program and the winner of each item will be determined before the program ends.

Bob thanked Mike McGowan for his Beam article on 'Please Remove Your Shoes'. Members are encouraged to write articles about trips or lighthouse topics for upcoming Beam issues.

Board Director & Hospitality – Loretta Wilkins

President Winkie thanked Loretta for her work on organizing the hospitality and 50/50. Loretta reminded members that donations of coffee and donuts for general membership meetings would be greatly appreciated.

Board Director & Ways and Means – Ann Solaequi

The \$5 table is very popular and is bringing in funds. There are still several items available in that table section. Ann has increased the inventory of hats, golf shirts, men's tees and men's socks.

Board Director & Preservation – Alan Jacobson

All land-based lighthouses will be participating in National Lighthouse Day on either Sunday, 8/4 or Wednesday, 8/7. The Junior Lighthouse Keeper program will be available again to children, including certificates and stickers. This year, instead of awarding a T-shirt to the adult raffle winner, the prize will be a 1-year membership in NJLHS. Two volunteers are needed at each lighthouse. A sign-in poster is available at this meeting for members to record name, address, and where they would like to volunteer. A packet of materials will be delivered to each worker prior to the day they are scheduled.

Alan is working on the relationship with the Lighthouse Managers group. Besides National Lighthouse Day and the Challenge each year, there are many other ways that the society supports and markets information about all the lighthouses around the state.

He also continues efforts to find lighthouses in NJ and around the country who are in need of financial assistance for preservation.

Archivist – Marilyn Dunning

An article about NJ lighthouses which includes quotes from NJLHS President Carol Winkie has been published in the May issue of Princeton magazine. A copy of the article is available at the meeting. Carol and Marilyn will communicate with the magazine to acquire a link for further viewing. If possible, the link will be posted on the NJLHS website.

Bill and Ann Volpe have donated the last 2 missing issues needed to complete the permanent collection of NJLHS Beams. At least one printed copy of each issue, from August 1990 to December 2018 inclusive, is preserved in an archival sheet within an archival binder within an archival box in the storage unit.

Marilyn is continuing to review the Beam issues and meeting minutes to develop an historic timeline, an historic highlights timeline, and a record of all those who served as Officers and Directors over the last 30 years.

President Winkie had a binder available with historic issues from the early years and reported that Finns Point is developing a display documenting the first 10 years of the Challenge.

President Carol Winkie - Lighthouse Challenge

Manasquan Life-Saving Station has been added to the 2019 Lighthouse Challenge scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20. The Society has provided much participation to the individual lighthouses in the time following the first 10 years when the Society managed the event. Those who want to volunteer for this year can do so by contacting each lighthouse directly.

Gene asked members who are volunteering during the Challenge to wear NJLHS regalia so that Society volunteerism can be acknowledged.

A motion to adjourn was made by Winnie McKelvey, seconded by Bob Rodgers, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn S. Dunning
NJLHS Archivist
Volunteering as Recording Secretary by appointment of the President