

NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
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Medford Memorial Community Center
 21 South Main Street
 Medford, New Jersey 08055

President – Carol Winkie (Beam Editor, Publicity)

President’s Call to Order - President Winkie convened the meeting at 11:07 a.m. with twenty-eight members present and two guests. Carol led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Since the meeting location needed to be relocated from the VFW in Edison, NJ due to flooding, Kathleen Eustace (1st Vice President) worked diligently to secure a new location which was much appreciated by the Society. The Medford Memorial Community Center provided a wonderful historic venue. Kathleen reviewed the housekeeping requirements for the meeting. Kathleen thanked Donna Bishop (Hospitality) for obtaining the coffee and donuts, and Amy High and Linda Swearingen for providing other treats.

Carol asked if the members reviewed the minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on June 26, 2021. Member Bill Volpe commented that the Operating, Memorial, Preservation, and Trip Accounts are in non-interest-bearing accounts. Carol indicated that the Board would review the accounts for future consideration. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Alan Jacobson, seconded by Bill Volpe, and accepted unanimously by the membership.

Treasurer’s Report – Faith Giamboi

TREASURY REPORT FOR NJLHS General Membership Meeting September 18, 2021

| | <u>As of March 31, 2021</u> | <u>As of June 30, 2021</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Operating Fund | \$ 9,293.95 | \$ 8,936.55 |
| Memorial Fund | \$ 2,878.87 | \$ 2,903.87 |
| Preservation Fund | \$ 11,562.46 | \$ 16,562.46 |
| | \$ 23,735.28 | \$ 28,402.88 |
| TRIP ACCOUNT | \$ 7,051.15 | \$ 7,451.15 |
| SOCIETY BALANCE | \$ 30,786.43 | \$ 35,854.03 |

Faith indicated that the Preservation Fund has an increase of \$5,000 from a gift donation from an anonymous donor. Carol commented that the donor wanted the funds to be used by the Society where most needed. Faith stated that a \$400 outstanding check from 2018 was added back into the Trip Account.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report by John Bishop, seconded by Joe Guchek and unanimously approved by the membership.

First Vice President – Kathleen Eustace (Beam Design, Zoom, Trip, Photo Contest, Social Media)

Kathleen and Carol announced the New Jersey Lighthouse Society 2022 calendar winners. Members who were present at the meeting and whose photos appear in the calendar each received a calendar and certificate for their achievement. The cost to purchase a calendar is \$15 each.

Second Vice President – Robert Rodgers (Finance & Budget, Audit)

Bob indicated that the budget that was discussed at the June membership meeting had a typo listing the years as 2019-2021, which were the years that the budgeted amount covered for the website. The information listed on the budget was correct and only the years should be changed to 2021-2023.

Bob indicated that membership dues for 2022 would be \$30 a year for individual members and \$35 per year for family membership. Bob also spoke about giving a gift membership to family or friends.

Bob stated that an Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2021, to audit the financial records for the fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Members participating included himself, Faith Giamboi, Carol Winkie, John Bishop and Bob Gleason.

A discussion was held concerning ways to reduce budget expenses. Doreen Berson commented that to help reduce costs the Society could have “The Beam” printed in black and white instead of all color pages. Bob Rodgers indicated that “The Beam” is the Society’s largest expense item. Carol Winkie mentioned that the cost to have “The Beam” printed is approximately \$600 each quarter. Another suggestion to lower expenses was to mail “The Beam” not just as a non-profit organization, but also consider obtaining a New Jersey State mailing discount permit that may reduce costs. Carol indicated the Society would research these cost saving programs.

Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Lanzim (Membership, Community Outreach)

Kathy, with the assistance of members Bob and Linda Gleason, participated at the Beach Plum Festival at Island Beach State Park on September 12th. Merchandise sales totaled \$55 and donations for the Society totaled \$29. Bob Gleason commented that it was wonderful to be able to speak to the public about lighthouses again and their importance. The other Outreach event this year is the Decoy Festival at Tuckerton, September 25th and 26th. Sign-up sheets for volunteers were available at the meeting.

Kathy indicated that there are currently 271 members in the Society, consisting of 73 Individual, 97 Family, and four lifetime memberships. Thirty-two memberships did not renew for 2021. Kathy has received feedback that the first dues increase in 18 years has not deterred members from renewing their membership. Kathy suggested giving a gift membership is a good idea.

Kathy spoke about the passing of members Ray and Ilse Vliet this year. Their daughter and Son-in-Law, who are also members of NJLHS, made a kind gesture to donate books and memorabilia to the Society for the gift auction from their parents’ collection to go to the Society’s area of most need.

There was also a raffle held at the meeting from members Joan and Gordon Bell who donated a lighthouse dish service for eight with the proceeds to go to the Society where most needed.

Kathy presented the print titled “Inlet of the Breakers” of Barnegat Lighthouse by the late artist Howard Worner to the membership. The NJLHS received a large quantity of prints which are available for sale at a cost of \$25 per print.

Kathy discussed the December meeting and luncheon that is being held at Mastoris Diner and Restaurant in Bordentown, NJ. The cost of the luncheon is \$27 per person. Kathy asked the membership to gather items to make baskets for the auction. Lighthouse items, lottery tickets, or homemade items are greatly appreciated. This auction raffle generates between \$500 and \$700 for the Society.

Director – Alan Jacobson (Preservation, Educational Outreach)

Alan provided the following report: “This year we observed National Lighthouse Day at four lighthouses, Absecon, Cape May, Sandy Hook and Tinicum.” National Lighthouse Day is always observed on August 7th. This year it was a Saturday. “The times varied per lighthouse. This year’s celebration included our *Junior Lighthouse Keepers* program as we have done for the past years. Each child received a certificate with their name and the name of the specific lighthouses as well as a copy of the NJLHS Activities Booklet. Over 130 Junior Lighthouse Keeper certificates were awarded. We did not have the adult raffle this year.”

Alan stated, “I want to thank Patty & John Ade, Loretta Wilkins and Marilyn Dunning who volunteered at the various lighthouses for their help in making this year another success.”

Marilyn Dunning (Archivist/Educational Outreach) Marilyn could not attend the meeting. Alan Jacobson reported the Educational Outreach Presentations for 2021: Sayreville Historical Society, Sayreville, October 14; NJ Maritime Museum, Beach Haven, November 5; and Ocean County Library, Toms River, December 17. Presentations scheduled for 2022: Avalon History Center, Avalon, January 8; Medford Leas Resident Association, Medford, January 22; Southampton Historical Society, Vincentown, April 4; and Sand Dollar Garden Club, Seaside Park, April 14.

Alan reported: “Only three of the organizations originally booked for 2020 were willing to reschedule now. Avalon History Center and Sand Dollar Club were new requests and the NJ Maritime Museum and Ocean County Library, Toms River are repeats from previous years.

“These presentations are based on the ability to hold a meeting indoors with no masks required for either presenters or attendees. We continue to monitor any change in restrictions and make decisions accordingly with each event coordinator as their date approaches.

“Educational Outreach is looking for new presenters who would like to speak about lighthouses at locations around the state using a Power Point presentation and a display table. If you are interested, please contact Alan Jacobson or Marilyn Dunning and we will work with you to learn how the program is structured and help prepare you for a fun and rewarding experience.”

A discussion was held about the NJLHS membership trifold application and if the applications are given out at events where the Society participates. Since membership applications are at the events, it was suggested that presenters write on the application a statement “How did you hear about us?” It was also recommended that presenters print the name of the event to track where membership applications are being received from.

Director – Apryl Roach (Constitution/By-Laws)

Apryl was unable to attend the membership meeting.

Director – John Bishop (Constitution/By-Laws)

Carol requested that Director John Bishop provide a report regarding the review of the NJLHS Constitution/By-Laws. John stated that recommendations will be presented to the Board for review and feedback. Any changes, additions and clarifications will be introduced to the general membership in accordance with the Society's current *Constitution and By-Laws*.

Director – Loretta Wilkins (50/50, Hospitality)

Loretta indicated that she is selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the meeting and working the gift table raffle.

Director – Ann Solaequi (Ways and Means)

Ann was selling shirts, hats, jackets, and other lighthouse items at the meeting. In addition, member John Ade designed and made metal lighthouse ornaments for sale. The lighthouse ornaments were made from the previous roof of Sandy Hook Lighthouse. The ornaments are a popular item, with all sales from the ornaments donated to NJLHS.

Old and New Business

Nominating Committee – Amy High

Amy reported that there were three Directors and one Corresponding Secretary position terms ending December 2021. Amy asked each of the board members if they would continue their service for a two-year term from 2022 through 2023. Alan Jacobson and Apryl Roach agreed to accept a two-year term nomination for Director (2022-2023). Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Lanzim, also agreed to run for a two-year term (2022-2023). Kathy also indicated that she would withdraw if someone else would want to fill her position. Ann Solaequi declined to run for another two-year term as Director.

President Carol Winkie asked if any member wanted to consider a position on the Board to please let her know before the December 2021 membership meeting.

There was a discussion held with Doreen Berson, Carol Winkie and members about the Lighthouse Challenge for 2021, which will take place this year on October 16th and 17th. Participants will be able to climb some lighthouses. The current web site for the challenge is: lighthousechallengenj.com. The souvenir this year is a folder with a picture of each site displayed. At each lighthouse, a sticker will be given to complete the folder.

Kathleen Eustace stated that "The Beam" deadline is October 25th for articles. Kathleen also asked members to think about and provide any trip ideas for the future. She also requested any photo contest ideas for the Board to discuss at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Donna Bishop, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

Minutes were approved at the General Membership Meeting on December 11, 2021.