

**NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2021**

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**President – Carol Winkie (Beam Editor, Publicity)**

President’s Call to Order – President Winkie convened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with forty-six (46) members present. Carol led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for the members who passed away this year. Special mention was made regarding NJLHS long time board member Karl Fahringer who recently passed away.

Carol asked if the members reviewed the minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on September 18, 2021. Since there were no changes in the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Marilyn Dunning and seconded by Joe Guchek. After one abstention by Apryl Roach, the minutes were accepted by the membership.

**TREASURY REPORT FOR NJLHS General Membership Meeting December 11, 2021**

Faith read the totals as of September 30, 2021:

Operating Fund:	\$ 6,640.92
Memorial Fund:	\$ 2,958.87
Preservation Fund:	<u>\$16,562.48</u>
Operating Account Total:	\$26,162.25
Trip Account:	<u>\$ 7,451.15</u>
Society Balance:	<u>\$33,613.40</u>

Faith indicated that the \$5,000 anonymous gift donation was put into the Preservation Fund to be used by the Society where it is most needed. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report by Rick Hodgman, seconded by Jim Cope and unanimously approved by the membership.

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

Bob indicated that an audit covering the years 2019 and 2020 was conducted at the home of Society President Carol Winkie on November 16, 2021. Audit Committee members in attendance included Donna Bishop (Executive Committee Representative), John Bishop (Board of Directors Representative), and Bob Gleason (General Membership Representative). Also present, Faith Giamboi (Treasurer), and Carol Winkie (Representative from the Finance & Budget Committee).

Bob thanked the members of the Audit Committee for their service. Bob stated that the requirement of two signatures on all checks would be reviewed for future consideration. Bob indicated that the financial records of the Society are in good order and thanked the members of the Audit Committee for reviewing the records of NJLHS.

**Director – John Bishop (Constitution/By-Laws, Audit Committee)**

John reiterated that an Audit was conducted on November 16, 2021, of the Treasurer's books and financial records of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society for the years 2019 and 2020. The Audit Committee concluded that there were no significant adverse issues to report.

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

Kathleen stated that there were currently no trips planned at this time. The deadline for submission to the March 2022 Beam issue is January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Kathleen stated that the photo contest for 2022 will again be held online. New Jersey and all other lighthouses may be entered. It is important that members adhere to the rules of the photo contest including the correct spelling of the lighthouse, name of the person who took the photo and submitting the photo in a timely manner.

**Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Lanzim (Membership, Community Outreach)**

Kathy requested at the meeting that membership renewal forms be reviewed by each member and checked for all accurate information. Kathy has also been receiving renewal forms for 2022 by mail and suggested that a gift membership is a great way to attract new members to the Society. Kathy stated that there were a few calendars for 2022 for sale, and the Howard Worner print "Inlet of the Breakers" was also available for purchase at the meeting at a cost of \$25 each.

**Marilyn Dunning (Archivist/Educational Outreach)**

Marilyn indicated that she and Kathy Lanzim had met at the Society's storage unit to see what inventory is there and what items could be used by the Society or in other capacities. Marilyn also indicated that when she and Alan Jacobson were volunteering at Tinicum on August 7<sup>th</sup> (National Lighthouse Day), where they met Sandy Birch. She is a relative of Captain John Birch, the last lighthouse keeper to reside at Tinicum Light. Marilyn stated that she enjoys researching genealogy and had an interesting conversation with Sandy Birch discussing her family's history and the life of a lightkeeper. Note: Captain Birch retired in 1933 as lightkeeper at Tinicum Light, but the Coast Guard requested the captain to stay as a custodian of the light until 1945.

**Director – Alan Jacobson (Preservation, Educational Outreach)**

Alan was unable to attend the meeting. Marilyn reported that she and Alan are selling the "Inlet of the Breakers" print for the Society to stores located on Long Beach Island. Two prints were sold at a store location on LBI, and they are hoping to sell more prints to gift shops and stores in the area.

Marilyn indicated that she and Alan held two Educational Outreach presentations for 2021, and have another presentation scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Ocean County Library in Toms River.

**Director – Ann Solaequi (Ways & Means)**

Ann has been selling lighthouse items for the Society. Ann has coordinated and labeled all the merchandise boxes for the new person who will be responsible for Ways & Means. Ann will continue to sell merchandise at the March 2022 General Membership Meeting until the Society has a replacement.

**Director – Loretta Wilkins (50/50, Hospitality)**

Loretta was selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the meeting.

**Director – Apryl Roach (Constitution/Bylaw Revision)**

Apryl stated that she is reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws with John Bishop and it is a “work in progress.” The committee is compiling a report with recommended changes for the Board Members to review prior to the next Board meeting in 2022.

**Nominating Committee – Amy High**

President Winkie reported that the slate of officers for a two-year term from 2022-2023 include: Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Lanzim, (Incumbent); Director: Apryl Roach, (Incumbent); and Director: Alan Jacobson (Incumbent). A fourth director position remains open after Ann Solaequi did not accept her nomination. As the three nominees accepted the position and there being no other nominees, Rick Hodgman moved to approve the slate, seconded by Bob Gleason. All approved the motion.

Amy High reported that she has not received any response for the open Director Board Member position. The Society wanted to thank Ann for her previous work as Director.

**New Business**

President Carol Winkie read a letter to the membership that Treasurer, Faith Giamboi is resigning as Treasurer for the New Jersey Lighthouse Society effective December 31, 2021. Faith “will complete all required activity through 12/31/2021 and provide documents to the Board of Directors. Faith “will be certain all outstanding and reoccurring bills are paid through 12/31/2021 and beyond as deemed necessary.” In addition, Faith “will assist the new Treasurer if needed for a smooth transition” and “requests a full audit at the time all documents and supplies are turned over to the new Treasurer.”

Faith stated that she has served as Treasurer for the past twelve years. The membership gave Faith a round of applause and thanked her for her many years of dedicated and committed service to New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. after a motion by Apryl Roach and seconded by Joe Guchek.

All were in favor.

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

Minutes were approved at the General Membership Meeting on March 26, 2022.