

New Jersey Lighthouse Society General Meeting
September 21, 1997
Aboard the *Cape May Whale Watcher* on Delaware Bay

President Tom Lavery called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Debbie Megonigal moved, Cordy Calesar seconded, that the minutes of the June 28, 1997, meeting at Liberty State Park be approved. The minutes were accepted.

The membership approved the quarterly report presented by Treasurer Debbie Megonigal, showing receipts of \$4262.93, disbursements of \$5823.74 and a balance on hand of \$5166.11. Debbie noted that donations of \$957.30 had been received at Sandy Hook Lighthouse on tour days from April through September.

Program Chairperson Yvonne Miller thanked the boat captain and crew for "giving 150%" to make the trip/meeting and luncheon enjoyable. There had been a great deal of confusion because of the change in dates, but "we got the better deal," she said. The December 6 meeting will be held at the Henry Hudson Regional High School in Highlands; members will have an opportunity to visit Conover Beacon, and the new owners of Chapel Hill Light have expressed a willingness to allow access to their property for photographs. Yvonne has been in contact with the New York Harbor lighthouse group about a joint meeting in Staten Island in March, 1998.

The Nominations Committee (Jim and Nancy Cope, Bill Volpe, Bill Geilfuss and Steve Swiencki) presented the following slate of officers for 1998: for three Director positions-- Al Smith, Bill Volpe and Ray Vleit; for Corresponding Secretary--Rich Hellenbrecht. Loretta Wilkins moved, Nancy Matthews seconded, the nomination of Betty Smith for Corresponding Secretary; her nomination was accepted. Debbie Megonigal then moved, Rich Veit seconded, that nominations be closed; motion was approved. The election will take place at the December 6, 1997, meeting. Absentee ballots will be mailed with the next issue of *The Beam*.

The 50-50 raffle of \$157.50 was won by Dorothy Max, guest of Carolyn Ortiz.

Winners of the T-shirt and sweatshirt contest were: Farthest Away Lighthouse, Bill Geilfuss for his shirt from Alaska; Best Hand-Crafted, Joe and Donna Kelly for their lighthouse vests; Most Unusual, Judy Swiencki for her NY Islanders shirt and cap.

Joan Walton moved adjournment; Elinor Veit seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Swiencki, Recording Secretary