

New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Meeting  
March 24, 2001  
Audubon Park New Jersey, Fire Hall

**President Tom Laverty** called the meeting to order at 11:15am. The minutes of the December 2, 2000 meeting at West Cape May were submitted and accepted as written.

**Treasurer Debbie Megonigal** presented a quarterly financial report showing a balance as of January 1, 2001 of \$30,046.99. We received \$4,271.86, had disbursements of \$12,592.99, and have a checking balance of \$16,527.53. The Preservation Fund is \$17,941.35, Memorial Fund \$1,441.21 and certificate of deposit is \$10,664.13. Al Smith moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Ray Vliet seconded; the membership approved.

**Director Bill Volpe**, chairman of the Budget Committee, submitted the proposed budget for 2001. The largest proposed increase is educational expense for the Lighthouse Challenge 2001 at \$7,000. Educational outreach received a \$5,000.00 grant from the board for further development of the outreach program to educate the children of our state on the history and importance of our lighthouses. Coming from committee no second needed. All accepted.

#### **President's Report** Tom Laverty

- Tom thanked Al Smith for arranging our meeting at the Audubon Park Fire Hall. The facilities were great with lots of room to display the photo's submitted for the photo contest.
- E-Mail was received from Cabo Rojo, a lighthouse in south west Puerto Rico. They are looking to restore this lighthouse that the Coast Guard has turned over to their town. If anyone is interested, the letter can be viewed on our web site.
- Mail was also received from the Hamilton House, Clifton, North Jersey. They will be doing a show featuring lighthouse art, oils and watercolors etc. May 6-12<sup>th</sup>. This letter will also be posted on the web site.
- April 8 will be a meeting of the National Lighthouse Committee to work out their executive board and the finical advisory board positions. Tom will keep us updated with their progress.
- Barry Wood will try and work out the details for visits October 3 for a group visiting New Jersey before a Harbour Lights Reunion in Baltimore. Harbour Lights has donated a large amount of various items to use in our raffles. Their support of our organization is deeply appreciated.
- Jim Goudy, one of the founding members is still hospitalized at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia. It was reported back to Tom , that Jim was able to eat a pretzel just the other day.

## **Officer and Committee Reports**

**Vice President Yvonne Miller** explained the days agenda and announced that the Tincum Lighthouse would be open 2 to 4pm for the society.

- The summer meeting in June is on the grounds of Twin Lights. Members are requested to park at the high school. Monmouth Beach Life Center will be available for us to visit.
- September's meeting is in the works and the December meeting will be a Christmas social at the Sea Girt Lighthouse.
- The Cheseapeake Bay boat trip has 58 confirmed with 8 on hold. 80 people are needed for the trip to go. The trip is expected to fill.
- August 25 will be the one day trip to visit lighthouses on the Hudson River.
- North Carolina 6 night, 7 day is still in the works
- Raffle – The quilt was pictured, it is 91 by 91 inches square. The out side edge pattern is called Storms at Sea. Over 600 raffle mailers were sent out.
- Out Reach at Beach Point June 2 and East Point is the first Saturday of August.

**Mary Beth Doherty** – membership – 327 families, 298 singles, total 952. Sign in count was 185, although Tom's head count was around 230.

**Joe Guchek**, the new editor of the Beam, announced the dead line for the next issue is May 13.

**Rich and Elinor Veit** of publicity asked that anyone who would like to, mail in contacts for your local paper to them. Also, since the society can not afford a clipping service, any time you see an article about us to clip it and send it to them also.

**Al Smith for Rick Weber** NJLHS Challenge 2001 be be the weekend of October 13 and 14. Some lights will have extended hours. Volunteers are needed for this event. Volunteers are also needed at Sandy Hook and other lights around the state.

Steve Martorano moved adjournment, Tom Sliwa seconded. The meeting ended at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Recording secretary  
Cindy Mitzen

### **Betty and Al Smith - Photo Contest**

During lunch votes were cast for the 188 photos submitted. Kodak Ambassadors Ed Mathisen and Ted Skeen gave a presentation on taking better photos. The winners were: Best of Show - Jan Koennecke, N.J. large – 1 Linda Pierson, 2 Cam Koblish, 3 Jan Koennecke, HM Lynn A Giacomucci. N.J. small – 1 Jodi Kearns, 2 Cindy Mitzen, 3 Judy McCann, HM Helen Hoover and Darren Kearns. Other Lights large - 1 Mark Anderson, 2 Doreen Lagatutta, 3 Joseph Guchek, HM Howard H. Wright, Cindy Mitzen, Ken Munech, and Marty Koblish. Other Lights small - 1 Jodi Kearns, 2 Kenneth Bowden, 3 Heather Martin, HM Rick Martin and Howard H. Wright. The Winners Circle – 1 Jim Wolfrum, 2 Steve Casler, 3 Carol Reily, HM Bill Volpe.