

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
June 23, 2001
Twin Lights of Navesink

President Tom Laverty called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Tom informed the group where shelter was available in case the weather became severe. The minutes of the March 24th meeting at Audubon Park were submitted for approval. Ray Vliet made a motion to accept as written. Becky Colesar seconded, the motion carried.

Vice President Yvonne Miller introduced the women who helped create the quilt. Joan Walton came up with the idea of a quilt and was the coordinator and leader. Only two women who worked on the quilt were not members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

Mae Barringer, member of the Berry Basket Quilt Guild, quilted the Hereford Inlet block. Virginia Freas, NJLHS member, quilted Barnegat Lighthouse and Storms at Sea blocks. Charlotte Hagmaier, member of the Berry Basket Guild, quilted the Mariner's Compass. Robin Harker, NJLHS member quilted, Sea Grit Lighthouse and Storm at Sea blocks. Deborah Megonigal, member NJLHS, helped with Storms at Sea and was Quality control. B.J. Raymond, member NJLHS, quilted the Absecon Lighthouse block. Joan Smarrito, member NJLHS, quilted Twin Lights of Navesink Lighthouse and Storms at Seas blocks. Kathleen Stout, member NJLHS, quilted the Cape May Lighthouse block. Elisa Vliet, member NJLHS, quilted the Sandy Hook Lighthouse block. Trish Wylupek, member of NJLHS and new to quilting, helped with the Storms at Sea boarder.

Special acknowledgement to Robin Harker and Virginia Freas for offering their homes, where the second phase of the quilt, the Storms at Sea, was completed. A very special thanks extended to Virginia and Walter Freas, whose livingroom was completely consumed with a 92 inch square quilting frame upon which the quilt was hand crafted.

Treasures Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts since March \$2,145.84. Total Disbursements \$21,567.77. Checking balance \$15,114.56. Preservation Fund is \$25,070.93, Memorial Fund is \$1,446.63 certificates of deposit \$10,664.13. Grace Schumocher moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Elinore Strunk seconded, the membership approved.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller explained the days agenda and announced that the Monmouth Beach Lifesaving Station will be open to us, between 2 and 4 p.m. Food is available.

Our September 22 meeting will be at the Barnegat Fire Hall. The lighthouse will be open and Yvonne is trying to get the Barnegat Historical Society to open their museum. Instead of a speaker she is trying to set up an authors day.

December 1st at Spring Lake Height Elementary School with speaker Jim Crowley, followed at 2 p.m. with a holiday social at the Sea Girt lighthouse.

Carol DiNapoli - announced that the August 25th Hudson River Trip is half full. The North Carolina trip is still in the works.

Mary Beth Doherty – membership 351(x2) families 702, 335 single, total 1037. The sign in for today's meeting is 172.

Rich and Elinor Veit of publicity asked that anyone who would like, to mail in contacts to your local paper to them, along with a contact person.

At Abescon Lighthouse there will be a special dance performance. The ship Half Moon docked at Gardner's Basin will be open for tours tomorrow. The Keepers house should be open within a month.

Rick Weber – NJLHS Challenge 2001 will be October 14-15 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended hours at some lighthouses. Eleven lighthouse will be open, there will also be representatives from the National Lighthouse Museum, and possibly the USLHS at Sandy Hook. We're looking for the Barnegat Historical Society Museum to also be open. Volunteers are needed. Better directions have been written, and posters are being made. Tee-shirts will be free to volunteers, they will also be sold at selected sites. E-mail njlighthouse2001@excite.com Phone 856-546-0514 to get in touch with Rick. Our regular website is Njlhs.burlco.org it will have general information about Challenge 2001.

Al Smith – passed out certificates to those who had winning photographs at our annual photo contest in March. Tom thanked Al for all the hard work as the photo contest was exceptional.

Yvonne Miller – Outreach – East Point August 4 and the Tuckerton Bay Mens Seaport Museum the last weekend in September. Volunteers are Needed!

Steve Martorana- Ways & Means

Some bargains are going on and discontinued tee-shirts are on sale. Steve mentioned that he has family commitments and is looking for someone to take over Ways & Means.

Joe Guchek – Editor of the Beam

The next deadline for the Beam is August 1st. E-mail Njlhsbeam@prodigy.net or The Beam 16 Labakan Place Highland Park, NJ 08904. Joe stated that his goal is to get the Beam out in 2 weeks before the general meeting.

Kim Ruth is still doing the website. If you need anything on our website please let Kim know.

Meeting Ended 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary