

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
September 22, 2001
Barnegat Light Fire Hall

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting by having the editor of the Beam, Joe Guchek, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for the victims of the September 11th attack on the Twin Towers. Tom noted that both Joe and Bill Volpes mother-in-law had recently passed. Jim Goudy is still not doing well. The minutes of the June 23rd meeting at Twin Lights were submitted for approval. Becky Colesar made a motion to accept as written. Her husband Louis seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts since July 10 were \$12,317.89, total disbursements were \$18,447.04 (including \$2,500 to the National Lighthouse Museum and \$3,948.95 for the Brandywine Shoals Lens). The checking balance is \$8,448.95, Preservation Fund is \$27,326.11, Memorial Fund is \$1,446.07 and certificates of deposit at \$10,600.00. Grace Schumacher moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Nancy Matthews seconded, the membership approved.

Officer and Committee Reports

Rick Weber 2001 Challenge

Brochures have been distributed. There are about 70 volunteers. More will be needed in the southern end of the state. Coordinators are Mike Grant, who heads the north section with Sandy Hook, Twin Lights, and Sea Girt, Doreen Lagattuta, central section, with Barnegat, Tuckerton and Abescon and Yvonne Miller, south section, with Hereford, Cape May, East Point, Tincicum and Finn Point.

There is a volunteer meeting at Sandy Hook auditorium at 10:00am on Sunday September 30th. Volunteers will receive free tee shirts. Tee shirts will be on sale to the public at Sandy Hook, Cape May, and Tincicum.

Presidents Report Tom Laverty

Funds Donated \$3,945.95 to stabilize and display the Brandywine lens at Tuckerton Seaport. \$2,500 to the National Lighthouse Museum.

Petition from the Outer Banks Historical Lighthouse Society. They are petitioning for the Currituck Lighthouse to be transferred to them as the government has declared it surplus property. This is an e-mail petition, see Tom after the meeting.

Position filled the executive Board approved:

Historian Jack Slavin
Archivist Barbara Pepe

Donations \$50 was sent to us from Lighthouse Digest. This is from the new subscriber who listed NJLHS. We received \$100 from the New Jersey Marine Science Consortium for conducting a lighthouse tour for them at the Sandy Hook lighthouse.

Barry Wood - Harbour Lights Tour - On October 3rd two buses with about 110 people from a Harbour Lights Reunion in Baltimore will be touring NJ lighthouses. A

packet with last years Lighthouse Weekend poster, the Beam, and application to NJLHS will be given to each participant.

Vice President Yvonne Miller

Yvonne explained the day's agenda. A \$200 deposit was required from us for the use of the fire hall, so everyone was asked to help fold and stack chairs after the meeting. Barnegat Lighthouse is open. The Barnegat Historical Society Museum, with a first order lens on display, will be open from 2 to 5. The gardens there are beautiful and maintained by the Garden Club of LBI. The Audubon Park 4th of July Committee is selling lunches. Authors David Veasey, Elinore DeWire, Kim Ruth and John Bailey are available after the meeting to sign books you have, or they can sign any books you purchase from them.

Yvonne (as Programs Chair) also reminded everyone of the December 1st meeting at the Spring Lake Heights elementary school at 11 a.m. Jim Crowley will speak on the lighthouses of New York Harbor. From 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sea Girt Lighthouse there will our Christmas Social, which promises to be the event of the year. March 2002, Tim Harris from Lighthouse Digest will be our guest. Help is needed at the outreach at the Tuckerton Baysmen Decoy event September 29th and 30th.

Mary Beth Doherty – membership 370(x2) families 740, 368 single, total 1108. The sign in for today's meeting is 192. Yearly membership renewal forms will be mailed out December 1st.

Rich and Elinor Veit of publicity have sent out 250 pieces of information. They have about 20 more to go. If you see anything in the paper, please clip and send to them.

Al Smith – Photo Contest - Al will be looking for volunteers to help with the photo contest at the March meeting. As always all the lighthouses around the state are looking for help.

Steve Martorano - Ways & Means

Steve is to be retiring as chairperson. Anyone interested in this position please speak up.

Joe Guchek – Editor of the Beam

The next deadline for the Beam is October 14th.

BJ Smith - Hospitality

The monies collected today from hospitality will be going to the United Ways September 11 Fund.

Rich Veit made a motion that the society's share from the 50-50 go to the United Ways September 11 Fund. Ray Vliet second, motion carried.

Bill Volpe – Nominating Committee

Rich and Elinor Veit and Bill Volpe served as the nominating committee. The positions up for election are three board members and corresponding secretary. The nominees are Ray Vliet, Al Smith and Doreen Lagattuta. Betty Smith is nominated for Corresponding secretary. Nominations were accepted, and are now closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary