

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
March 16, 2002
Uptown School Atlantic City

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting at 11:12 am with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the December 1 2001 meeting at Spring Lake Elementary School were submitted for approval. Bill Geilfuss made a motion to accept as written. Lou Colesar seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts \$12,608.02 total Disbursements \$18,335.78. Checking balance \$15,646.51. Preservation Fund is \$19,637.96; Memorial Fund is \$1,486.62 certificates of deposit \$11,262.13. Grace Schumacher moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Bill Geilfuss seconded, and the membership approved.

Budget Report Bill Volpe

Bill distributed copies of the 2002 budget to the membership. Formulated by last years budget the primary differences are 1) money was transferred from the preservation fund to revenue, 2) Bigger budget for Challenge 2002 and 3) Administrative Expense- A computer was needed to take care of membership services. Bill Volpe moved to except the budget as written, Ray Vliet seconded, so moved.

Presidents Report Tom Laverty

Tom presented the preservation goals of the society 1) \$5000 to Sea Girt to help with the purchase of a fresnel lens, 2) \$5000 to East Point Lighthouse in memory of Jim Goudy, 3) \$5000 for a condition assessment survey of lens state wide, 4) \$500 to Tinicum.

Carole Reily announced that 40 of the 65 spaces are taken for the Jim Goudy Memorial Cruise. The date is May 19th at 3pm. Cost \$5.00.

May 18th the Chesapeake Chapter will be touring New Jersey lighthouses. We will be hosting them at various lighthouses and that evening the board will send a representative to speak on New Jersey lighthouses.

The National Archives has an exhibit called "Beacons on the Shore: Lighthouses of the Mid-Atlantic Region". The exhibits will be open through the end of the year in the Robert Nix Federal Building on Chestnut Street (between 9th and 10th Streets) in Philadelphia Pa. Hours are Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm and the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 8am to 4pm. Admission is free.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller as Programs Chair explained the agenda. After today's general meeting Tim Harris from Lighthouse Digest will be our guest speaker and will discuss Lost and Endangered Lighthouses. The annual photo contest will be held. Lunch will be available from the Audubon Park 4th of July Committee. The Abescon Lighthouse will be open at no charge to NJLHS members after the meeting; please don't forget to make a donation.

The June meeting is on the 29th in Paulsboro at the Tinicum Rear Range Light. The refreshment stand will be open or you can bring your own lunch. The annual raffle will be held. The September 21st meeting will be at the West Cape May Fire Hall. Collin Chambers will be the speaker. April 6th NJLHS will host a Harbour Lights Regional event in Berkely Heights.

The trip to North Carolina has been cancelled because there wasn't enough interest, but a trip to the lights of Staten Island is being looked into.

2nd Vice President Bill Volpe - education chair. The educational kit is on sale today; it normally sells for \$29.00. For today's meeting it is only \$20. Twenty kits were sold at the December meeting. A 10 year old in San Francisco California that Bill has corresponded with has also purchased a kit.

Mary Beth Doherty – membership 313(x2) families 772, 346 single, total 973. The sign in for today's meeting is 166. There are 10 guests and 8 new members.

Rich and Elinor Veit of publicity would like to thank Tim Harrison of Lighthouse Digest for the publicity we get from his magazine. 38 pieces of information were sent out for this meeting. Thanks to everyone for sending in local papers addresses.

The raffle returns so far look good, and the prizes are in place. Rich reminded everyone that the raffle helps support the preservation fund.

At Abescon Lighthouse things are at a stand still. The historical fund was cut 50% by the Governor. Tom had Rich read a letter that was drafted by himself and Barbara Pepe. He will make it available on the web site to those how wish to send it.

Rick Weber- Lighthouse Challenge 2002 will be bigger and better. The board has selected a committee of five people. Rick as chair assisted by Doreen Lagatutta, Bill Volpe, Mike Grant, and Elinor Veit. Volunteers both before the event and on the event weekend can sign up with Mike Grant.

Al Smith – Sandy Hook had its first orientation last week, there is another next week. The Hook opens for the season April 6th and will be opened every weekend till December 14th. The hours are 11am till 4:30 pm..

Ron and Pat Bandoek- are asking for input or suggestions into what they should carry. They have mugs this meeting for \$7.00 and are looking into license plate holders.

Joe Guchek – Editor of the Beam

Tom thanked Joe for the great issue on the Challenge The next deadline for the Beam is May 18th. E-mail Njlhsbeam@prodigy.net or The Beam, 16 Labakan Place, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Meeting ended 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary

