

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
June 29, 2002
Tiunim Lighthouse

President Tom Laverty called the meeting to order at 11:07am. The pledge of allegiance “Under God” was recited. There was a moment of silence for Pat Brooks and Ellen Eckert, members who have passed on. The minutes of the March 16th meeting at the Uptown School in Atlantic City were submitted for approval. Al Smith made a motion to accept as written. Bill Geilfuss seconded, the motion carried.

Treasures Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts since March \$12,040.57. Total Disbursements \$21,378.47. Checking’s balance \$8,997.86. Preservation Fund is \$22,557.10, Memorial Fund is \$1,741.28 certificates of deposit \$11,262.13. Ray Vliet moved acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report, Bob Griffith seconded, the membership approved.

Mark Kemp of the Tinicum Rear Range Light Committee welcomed the society to their lighthouse. He thanked Yvonne Miller for being a mentor. Representing the borough of Paulsboro Councilwoman Elsie Podeski, thanked the NJLHS and Tinicum committee for all their work with the lighthouse. A print of Tinicum lighthouse was presented to the society to use in next years raffle.

Presidents Report

On May 16th Tom spoke at Sea Girt Lighthouse on Fresnel Lens. He also presented a check for \$5,000.00 from the NJLHS to Sea Girt, to help them get the three and a half order lens they purchased on exhibit. In April we hosted the Harbour Lights Regional event, chaired by Yvonne Miller. And in May the Chesapeake Chapter came though our state. Rich and Elinor Veit spoke to them about our organization on the Saturday evening they spent here.

Tom also announced the appointment of the nominating committee. They are Al Smith, BJ Smith and Dixie Amento.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller explained that today is our annual anniversary picnic as well as our annual Preservation Fund Raising Raffle. After the business meeting the Tinicum Lighthouse would be open to tour. The Little League organization will be open to purchase lunch from at noon. The raffle will be drawn at 1:00pm.

Our September 21 meeting will be at the West Cape May Fire House. The speaker for the meeting will be Cullen Chamber, curator of the Tybee Island Lighthouse. There will be a Lighthouse Memorabilia Flea Market. The Cape May Lighthouse will be open.

The December 7 meeting will be at the Tuckerton Seaport with a holiday social after the business meeting. Plan to bring a Christmas tree ornament to decorate the Christmas tree.

Outreach

In April NJLHS hosted the Harbour Lights Regional Event. It was a huge success with a lot of positive exposure for our lighthouse society. Al and BJ Smith took an outreach to Piney Point in May. There was also Bay Day at East Point on June 1.

Bill Volpe Educational kits are available for purchase at \$20. There have also been quite a few speaking engagements around the state. If anyone has need of a speaker please contact Bill.

Mary Beth Doherty –reported membership at 349(x2) families 702, and 381 single, for a total of 1079. The sign in for today's meeting is 141.

Rich and Elinor Veit - of publicity sent out information on today's meeting to 6 radio stations, 30 magazines and papers, 14 preservation societies and the governor. Rich reported that last years raffle sold about \$8400. This year we're at \$8922 and we should realize about \$7000 profit. He thanked his committee of Elinor, Harry and Debbie Megonigal, Brett and Judi Franks, and Yvonne Miller for all their hard work.

Rick Weber – NJLHS Challenge 2002

Doreen Lagatutta has put together a brochure and poster that has been printed and are being distributed. Elinor and Rich Veit have been placing ads in various publications. Kim Ruth has set up a web page. Bill Volpe and Al Smith are working on the trading cards and trying to resolve the overall presentation. Mike Grant has around 57 volunteers signed up. Rick now has good contacts with the state Department of Commerce which oversees Travel and Tourism. They are very interested in our event and offered to help us in many ways. You will be seeing our brochures and posters in the state visitor centers shortly.

Carole DiNapoli Activities Chair

The Delaware Bay trip is August 17th. So far 50 people have signed up, 75 are needed to run the trip. Carole also announced she hopes to run a trip to Nova Scotia sometime in 2003.

Al Smith – passed out certificates to those who had winning photographs at our annual photo contest in March. The new hours this year at Sandy Hook are 11am till 4:30pm, also 6 till 8pm on Tuesdays.

Joe Guchek – Editor of the Beam

The next deadline for the Beam is August 10th. E-mail Njlhsbeam@prodigy.net or The Beam, 16 Labakan Place. Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Break for lunch; adjourn after the raffle is drawn.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary