

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
June 19, 2004
Abescon Lighthouse, Atlantic City, NJ

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting at 11:10 am with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the March 20th meeting at Audubon Park Community Hall, were submitted for approval. Al Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Linda Peirson seconded the motion passed.

Treasures Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts \$13,121.12; total Disbursements \$26,429.43; Checking balance \$34,714.11; Preservation Fund is \$12,230.86; Memorial Fund is \$2,039.92 Money Market \$10,968.05. Sandy Hook Fund total receipts \$3,982.80; total disbursements \$1,963.63; balance \$11,380.86. Linda Peirson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mary Beth Doherty seconded, and the membership approved.

Yvonne welcomed everyone to Christmas in July. The tree is up in the Keepers House and those who remembered to bring an ornament are invited to help decorate it.

Presidents Report Tom Laverty

- Tom announced that Al Smith has resigned from the Board of Directors. Al will continue to be the Chairperson for our Sandy Hook operation. Bob Hudspeth, the Ways and Means Chairperson, has been asked by the Board to take Al's position and fill out the remainder of his term. Al has also relinquished the photo contest chair; Cindy Mitzen will fill that spot.
- Joe Gucheck is aware that there was a problem with the delivery of this last issue of the Beam. Tom asked for a show of hands and about 50% of the membership present indicated that they received the Beam very late. This problem will be addressed with the printer.
- This past weekend was Sandy Hook Day. Tom and Al along with several NJLHS member/volunteers were there. Those who spoke talked about the long range plans for the lighthouse and also the role we will play.
- Carole Reily is still having medical problems and we send our best wishes. Her address is available up front.
- The board would like to accept a nomination from the membership to make Harry Megonigal a life time member. Bill Geilfuss made the motion, Becky Colesar seconded. The motion carried, Harry is now a life time member.

Rich Veit NJLHS member, chairperson of the raffle, and board member of the Absecon Lighthouse, welcomed the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to Absecon Lighthouse on behalf of Sara Cureton, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Rich informed us of some of the programs Absecon has such as the Keeper's Sleepers (Scout troops that stay over night). And a 4th grade curriculum that uses the lighthouse in math and science.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller

Programs

- October 2nd our meeting will be at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall in Lewes Delaware. Check the Beam for directions. There will be no hospitality at this meeting. Bring your own lunch. There is the Overfalls Lightship, Fenwick Lighthouse for photographing, and a possible boat trip for \$45 to the Harbour of Refuge.
- December 4th the Christmas Social will be at Sea Girt.
- March 12, 2005 Hereford Fire Hall and the photo contest
- June 25, 2005 trying for Tarrytown N.Y.

Outreach

- Both the Suffolk County Lighthouse Day Festival at Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton, and the Berkeley Island County Park outreach were rained on. They were still both a lot of fun.
- August 7th East Point Lighthouse. Ways and Means will be there and if anyone would like to come out and help they are welcomed to do so.
- September 25 & 26 Ocean County Baymen's Decoy Show, Tuckerton is the last planned outreach for the year. This show runs 8am to 5pm both days. We will be back at the school this year.

Trips

- Thank you to Betty Smith and the very successful Massachusetts trip. Also Mike Boucher for the fun filled Staten Island trip.
- BJ is looking to do more trips. Right now she is checking into a week long trip to Maine for next year, going as far north as West Quoddy.
- Mike is hoping that some time next year, maybe April, to have a trip to Liberty State Park, N.Y. Harbor, and maybe the East River
- Congratulations to Mike and Judy McCann on their engagement...

Membership- Mary Beth Doherty

- Membership: 299(x2) families 598; 347 single; total 945.
- The sign in for today's meeting is 118 members, 2 new members and 7 guests.

Publicity -Rich and Elinor Veit

- 238 mailings announcing this meeting were sent out.
- Next week will start the mailing of the announcements of our Challenge along with the Maryland Challenge.
- Absecon needs more volunteers at the lighthouse.
- Rich reported that the raffle made a profit of over \$5000.00. The raffle will be pulled at 1:30pm. Rich also announced that this will be his last year as Chairperson of the Preservation Raffle. Tom thanked Rich and Elinor for all their

work with the raffle and explained to the members just how important this main fund raiser is to our Preservation fund.

Challenge 2004-Doreen Lagattuta

- Posters and brochures have arrived. They were designed by lighthouse society member Greg DiNapoli. Laura and Michael Portee will be responsible for distribution.
- BJ has volunteered to be the E-Mail Monitor for this year's Challenge, thank you. NJLHChallenge@hotmail.com
- Barbara Pepe is this year's volunteer organizer. Please sign up.
- The tee-shirt is currently being approved the Challenge committee. Thank you Mike Boucher for working with the artist to put the design together.
- Thanks to the effort of Cindy Mitzen this year's event souvenirs will be donated by Harbour Lights.
- Elinor and Rich Veit are working on the press release and placing ads in the USLHS Keeper's Log and the Lighthouse Digest.
- We would like to provide, for purchase, a commemorative pin for the 5th year of the Challenge. We will be making a decision on this in the near future.
- Tom and Yvonne are both working on finding grant money for future Challenges. Commerce Bank turned us down this year because we didn't get the paper work to the right places in time. If anyone has an idea's or experience in this area your help would be greatly appreciated.

Sandy Hook – Tom Laverty

- At the Sandy Hook keeper's house not too much is going on.
- A designer was hired to do the exhibition design.
- As always volunteers are needed.

Ways and Means-Bob and Marion Hudspeth

- Bob and Marion had on great new tee-shirts on. The photos on these shirts were taken by our members.
- They have a bunch of new items come back and take a look.
- More recipes are needed for the cookbook.

Newsletter-Joe Guchek – Editor of the Beam

- Joe expressed his disappointment to those members who did not receive their Beam in time for this meeting. The copy was sent to the printers on May 25 which should have given the printer enough time to meet our mailing deadline.
- He thanked Carol for putting out and emergency e-mailing to help those who did not receive the Beam.

- The next deadline for the Beam is 7 weeks prior to the next meeting, August 14th.
- . E-mail any articles to Njlhsbeam@prodigy.net or The Beam 16 Labakan Place Highland Park, NJ 08904.
- Joe announced that he and Carol will do hospitality for our next meeting. So there will be coffee at the Lewes meeting.

Education- Bill Volpe

- Educational Kits are still available at \$25
- Bill has Challenge cards 2003, for those who volunteered last year and did not receive a set.

Photo Contest- Cindy Mitzen

- Thanked Al for all the work he has done in the past, and hoped to be able to follow in his foot steps.
- The master's category will remain the same.
- The 4 other categories will be:
 - NJ lighthouses any size.
 - National/International lighthouse any size.
 - Lighthouse with flowers.
 - NJ lighthouse collage, be creative
- Cindy reminded everyone that this is an amateur's contest.

Tom closed the meeting at 12:20 reminding everyone that the preservation raffle will be pulled at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary