

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
March 12, 2005
North Wildwood Fire Hall,
North Wildwood New Jersey

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting at 11:25 am with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the December 4th meeting at St Rose High School in Belmar were submitted for approval. Steve Martorano made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Kate Moser seconded, the motion passed. Tom introduced the newly elected board to the members of our society along with our hosts for the day, Steve Murray and Betty Mugnier, manager of the Hereford lighthouse.

Treasurer's Report

Debbie was unable to attend today's meeting. Harry is in ICU and has suffered a heart attack. Faith Giamboi has been assisting Debbie and read the treasurer's report. Operating account \$63,665.08; Sandy Hook Fund \$16,225.58; Preservation Fund \$15,674.97; Memorial Fund \$1,713.60 and the Sandy Hook Money Market \$10,996.74. Jim Gale accepted the Treasurer's Report, Bill Matias seconded, and the membership approved.

Jim Cope presented the annual budget to the members. The vote was deferred till later in the meeting.

Presidents Report Tom Laverty

- The National Lighthouse Museum has a new director Gerry Roberts. Gerry comes from the NY Intrepid Air and Sea Museum. Tom looks forward to working with him. If you wish to join or make a donation you can visit their web site for more information.
- Barnegat Lighthouse is in need of more volunteers. Doreen Lagattuta has applications to become a state park volunteer.
- A web site committee has been formed. Mary Beth has taken on this project as the chairperson. If you are interested in working with her, see her.
- Tom announced how hard this winter has been on our members. Harry Megonigal is in the hospital having a hard time. Fred Theis has passed away and condolences were offered to Yvonne. Bob Hudspeth of ways and means had a blood clot and massive heart attack, and is in a coma. John Mazza passed away the day before Christmas our sympathy to Sue. And also in December Jean Burgess's husband Al passed away, our condolences to her. Carole Reily has to have a leg amputated but her spirits are high.

Officer and Committee Reports
Vice President Yvonne Miller as Programs Chair

Programs

- June 25, 2005 picnic in the park at Kingsland Park, Sleepy Hollow, NY. The Tarrytown Lighthouse will be opened. There will be a \$2.00 fee for parking.
- September 25, 2005 we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Tinicum Lighthouse in Paulsboro, N.J.
- December 3rd Sandy Hook.

Outreach is listed in the Beam. For anyone who is interested there is a sign up sheet at the entrance.

Trips

- Maine is set to go. The next payment is due next week.
- NY Harbor Tour is on August 20th. It will leave from Liberty State Park and cost \$45.00. The trip will be about 4 ½ hours, bring your own lunch.
- Betty Smith is looking for the summer of 2006 to Lake Champlain.

2nd Vice President Mary Beth Doherty

Membership:

- Membership 326 (x2) families 652; 373 single; total 1025.
- Don't forget to sign in; so far only 125 people have.
- Thanks to Bob Gleason and Faith Giamboi for helping out at the sign in table.

Education – Bill Volpe

- Bill has 6 speaking request at present; two on the same day.
- Anyone interested in speaking please see Bill.
- A 7th grade student has entered a competition and is doing a report on lighthouses; it is Bills hope that she will present this report to us.
- And a reminder from Joe and Carol Guchek; the deadline for submissions to the next Beam is May 7th.

Lighthouse Challenge 2005-Doreen Lagattuta

- Preparation is underway for the 6th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge held the third weekend in October, which this year is October 15 & 16.
- This year we hope to have wooden nickels with a display card as the souvenir. Maryland also plans to have the wooden nickels. Whether we do this or not depends on funding from outside sources. If anyone can help us out in any way with grants or sponsorships, please let me know.
- The pins were very popular last year so we will be doing them again, along with tee-shirts.

- We'll also be distributing cards for participants to be put in their cars (provided by "Good Impressions" printing company), identifying them as "Challengers"- this will make it easier to spot other participants along the route.
- Due to personal obligations Barbara Pepe will not continue in the role of Volunteer Coordinator. If anyone would like to volunteer see myself or Laura Portee after the meeting.
- If you worked the Challenge but did not receive your souvenir cards see Cindy Mitzen after the meeting.
- "Thank You" to Joe Gucheck for the wonderful Challenge issue of the Beam; also Shelia Lacouture her article titled " A View of the Challenge From Sandy Hook" – her byline did not accompany the article so you may not have know that she wrote it.
- Long Island is doing a Challenge this year. If you take all three in 2005-New Jersey, Maryland, and Long Island –you will receive a special "Triple Crown of Lighthouse Challenges" certificate.
- A Challenge update meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th.

Preservation

- Anyone wishing to join the preservation committee please see Brett Franks

Photo Contest-Cindy Mitzen

- During lunch please cast your votes for the photo contest. Ballots are at the sign in table.
- Our guest speaker today is Nick Romanenko from Rutgers University.

Ways and Means

- Big thank you to Al and Betty Smith for their help with ways and means at this meeting.
- One of the new items this month is coffee is lighthouse canisters.
- There will be no ways and means at the June meeting.

Sandy Hook- Al Smith

- March 19th is clean-up at the lighthouse.
- The calendar to sign up to volunteer is at the Hook is back at the Ways and Means table if you wish to reserve you spot.

Back to the Budget

The 2005 budget was presented by Jim Cope to the membership for their approval, it is as follows; operating budget \$99,930; Sandy Hook \$31,500; and Preservation\$14,600. Rich Veit moved to accept the budget as presented from the committee, all for, none against. This motion was approved

Dennis announced that Tinicum and Conover Beacon are up for the National Historic Registrar. Tom added that Twin Lights at Navesink is also up for National Landmark status which is the next step up. Elinor added that Abescon is always open for new volunteers.

Faith Giamboi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Yvonne Miller seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen,
Recording Secretary

The winners of the Photo Contest are as follows;

NJ Lighthouses

1st Place tied Katie Moser / Becky Laverty
2nd Place Anthony Vitulli
3rd Place Gloria Rosner
Honorable Mention;
Anthony Vitulli and Jody Curtain

Lighthouses with Flowers

1st Place Cindy Mitzen
2nd Place Bill Volpe
3rd Place Jane Koennecke

NJ Collage

1st place Cindy Mitzen
2nd Place Done Smith
3rd Place Bill Volpe

National/International

1st Place Doreen Lagattuta
2nd Place Jim Wolfrum
3rd Place Judy McCann
Honorable Mention;
Bill Volpe, Anthony Vitulli, and Elinor Veit

Winner's Circle

1st Place Michael Boucher
2nd Place Lillian Fulde
3rd Michael Boucher
Honorable Mention;
Al Smith and Betty Smith