

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
June 25, 2005
Sleepy Hollow, New York

President Tom Laverty opened the meeting at 11:26 am with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the March 12th meeting at the North Wildwood Fire Hall were submitted for approval. Mike Boucher made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jim Cope seconded, the motion passed. Tom informed everyone that the guest speaker would be Joe Heller from the Hudson River Coalition, and that Richard Miller will be giving tours of the lighthouse. Rich informed the members that the lighthouse was build in 1883 and was originally a ¼ mile out in the river.

Treasurer's Report-Debbie Megonigal

Debbie read the treasurer's report. Total Receipts \$35,614.51; Total Disbursements \$52,196.44; Total Operating \$47,719.95; Sandy Hook Fund \$6,341.57; Preservation Fund \$15,734.86; Memorial Fund \$1,714.67 and the Sandy Hook Money Market \$1,006.44. Elinor Veit accepted the Treasurer's Report, Dennis Whelan seconded, and the membership approved. It was noted that \$10,000 was transferred from the Sandy Hook Money Market to the Sandy Hook Fund. A check was cut to Cornerstone Spatial Design and Productions Inc for \$20,500 for our share of the Sandy Hook exhibit. The Sandy Hook Foundation is picking up the balance.

Presidents Report Tom Laverty

- Mary Beth was not able to attend this meeting so Tom reported for her that the website committee is working on the new site that will have a new address. If any one has any suggestions for this web-site they can e-mail her.
- Marion Hudspeth has agreed to step in for Bob and finish out his term on the board. She will also chair Way's and Means.
- Faith Giamboi has been appointed as assistant treasurer.

Mayor Zegarelli welcomed our group and gave us a brief history of Sleepy Hollow the name coming from the Dutch word Sleeping Harbor.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President Yvonne Miller as Programs Chair

Programs

- Yvonne thanked Rernald Patrozzio for arranging this meeting.
- September 25, 2005 we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Tinicum Lighthouse in Paulsboro, N.J. They will be selling bricks around the lighthouse as a fund raiser. It is hoped the Delaware River pilots association will be there to talk about range lights. The snack shack will be open.

- The December 3rd meeting will be at Sandy Hook. If the Keeper's house is not open the social will be at the Old Fire House.

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

Trips

- 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.

Membership:

- Membership 285 (x2) families 570; 205 single; total 775.
- This time of year membership is always down, a lot of people forget to renew their membership and only realize this after they miss receiving the Beam.
- In attendance 140 members and 7 guest.

Education – Bill Volpe

- Bill has 8 speaking engagements; 4 tour groups have asked for Sandy Hook tours.
- Anyone interested in speaking please see Bill.

Recognition Program

- Members are welcomed to submit nominees for the recognition program.
- Members are been sought to serve on this committee.

Lighthouse Challenge 2005-Doreen Lagattuta

- Sponsorship: NJLHS Challenge 2005 is the recipient of a 2005 Tourism Cooperative Marketing Sponsorship. This sponsorship would not have been possible if it weren't for the monies donated to the Fred Thies and John Mazza Memorial Funds. Doreen thanked Yvonne and Susan for their support and generosity. Debbie Megonigal and Marion Hudspeth were also thanked for the donations to the Challenge that came from the Harry Megonigal and Bob Hudspeth Memorial Funds
- Thanks to Carol Nail's volunteer efforts we also received a grant from her employer, Prudential Financial.
- This year's brochures and posters are now available. Thank you to Greg DiNapoli for doing the art work again this year.
- Publicity is been worked on by Betty Smith.
- Brett Franks is the Volunteer Coordinator; he still needs a few more volunteers.
- Tee-shirts and Pins will again be available for purchase at Sandy Hook, Barnegat, Hereford Inlet, Cape May, and Tincum. This year we will also have cards that say "Follow me to the Original Lighthouse Challenge." These cards are free-of-charge and are been donated by the Good Impressions printing company.

- This year, our souvenirs will be laser engraved wooden nickels. The sketches are being done by Greg DiNapoli. The display card is also designed by Greg. The display will be available for purchase at \$3.00 each.
- There is a mandatory meeting for site coordinators, October 8th at the Evesham Library.

Preservation-Brett Franks

- Anyone wishing to join the preservation committee please see Brett Franks
- The first place prize for the preservation raffle will be a 6 1/2 foot model of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. The raffle will be pulled at the Christmas meeting.

Photo Contest-Cindy Mitzen

- Cindy thanked everyone who helped at the March photo contest.
- The 2006 categories are National, International, New Jersey, and Lighthouses in autumn.

Ways and Means

- The cookbooks are out.

The Beam

- The dead line for the next issues of the Beam is August 6th.

Sandy Hook- Al Smith

- The Keepers House moves on.
- Volunteers are needed at the Hook. Tour guides are a big need at present.
- Many lighthouses around the state have volunteer opportunities.

Yvonne added that Dave and Gloria Rosner were also a big help in arranging this meeting in Sleepy Hollow.

Jim Cope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bill Schneider seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen,
Recording Secretary