

Approved September 24, 2016

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Membership Meeting – June 25, 2016  
www.njlhs.org**

Uptown School Complex  
323 Madison Avenue  
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

**President's Call to Order**

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:22 A.M. He thanked all for coming. Jim Cope, sergeant at arms, mapped out the facilities and exits. The flag salute was then recited by all. Jim also added that there are still covers for sale from the Anniversary of Sandy Hook. They are on sale for \$1.

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**Minutes from Prior General Meetings**

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the March 19, 2016 held at the Surf City Volunteer Fire Company #1, Surf City, NJ. A motion to accept the minutes made by Jim Cope and seconded by John Bishop, all were in favor.

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**Financial Updates**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Faith reported:

	as of May 31, 2016
Operating Fund	20,815.03
Memorial Fund	1,655.77
Preservation Fund	32,345.94
<b>Total Society Balance</b>	<b>\$ 54,826.74</b>
<b>Trip Account</b>	<b>\$23,399.08</b>

Faith explained that a trip account is separate funds for the trip only and that account has a credit/debit card associated with it for trip expenses.

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**First Vice President – Doreen Berson**

**National Lighthouse Day**

Doreen met with and thanked Cindy Mitzen, Marilyn Dunning, Carol Winkie, and Allan Jacobson to organize the involvement of the Society for National Lighthouse Day on August 7<sup>th</sup>. A press release was made available on June 6<sup>th</sup> for 250 different media outlet sources. Volunteers are needed at nine (9) locations (Tinicum and East Point are not participating in this event due to structural concerns.). This event will be geared towards children. There will be a Lighthouse Quiz for children 14 years old or younger to complete. Upon completion, children will receive a certificate of completion. The event will run from 1:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, August 7, 2016. Adults (15 and older) will be encouraged to sign up for a

drawing for a free t-shirt at each lighthouse. There will be a sign up table at lunch today or you may contact Doreen directly if you are interested. National Lighthouse Day began on August 7, 1789 from declaration of the U. S. Lighthouse Services as an act of the first congress which was passed and signed by then President George Washington. New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge will still be in October.

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**Second Vice President – Carol Winkie**

**Programs**

Carol shared that an exhibit of the photo contest winners was available prior to the meeting. Faith said that Carol puts in a lot of work for this calendar and applause was given by all.

**2017 New Jersey Lighthouse Society Calendar Winners**

	Photographer	Title
Cover	Denise McLean	Absecon Lighthouse, Atlantic City, NJ 1857
January	Karl Fahringer	Roanoke River, NC
February	Mike Boucher	Pointe A La Renommee, Gaspe, Quebec, Canada 1880
March	Marilyn Dunning	Rawleys Point, Wisconsin 1894
April	Eugene Goch	Castillo San Felipe Del Morro, San Juan, Puerto Rico
May	Bill McKelvey	North Point Light Station, Wisconsin
June	Mike Boucher	Chicago Harbor, Illinois - 1893
July	Robert Rodgers	Finns Point, Pennsville, NJ 1938
August	Bill McKelvey	Pilot Island , Wisconsin 1858
September	Karl Fahringer	Tennessee Reef, Florida Keys
October	Michael McGowan	Bodie Island Lighthouse, Nags Head, NC
November	Howard Wright	Brandywine Shoal, NJ 1914
December	Howard Wright	Long Point (Twillingate) Newfoundland, Canada

Each winner received one (1) calendar and a mug in the shape of a camera lens.

Congratulations to all! Calendars will be for sale after the meeting.

Today's meeting will include a presentation on how the New Jersey Lighthouse Society began. Copies of the first two newsletters including Kim Ruth will be shared. National Lighthouse Day will also be discussed at that time.

After the meeting, all members are asked to go to Absecon Light for a photo commemorating the first trip of the Society 26 years ago.

Elinor Veit has donated several copies of her book and they are available if interested.

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**Treasurer – Faith Giamboi**

**Trips**

Faith shared that the recent Fire Island / Hunting Harbor trip included 37 people. A profit of \$602 was made. This profit is a bit more than expected due to the fact that Fire Island did not charge admission – only a donation. Jim Cope stated that Fire Island was neat and he appreciated the certificate handed out after climbing the 182 steps.

Mike and Judy Boucher are in Prince Edward Island scoping out the sites for the upcoming trip of the Society.

Faith said that any suggestions for future trips would be appreciated and members can discuss their ideas with any board member. Bill Volpe suggested Rose Island in Rhode Island. Trish Whlupek suggested Hawaii.

Please check the Beam for trips from the National Lighthouse Museum in Staten Island and other lighthouse trips and tours.

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**Recording Secretary – Karen Owen**

**Liaison to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey**

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in Essex County, New Jersey. The meetings cost \$25 and include a meet and greet continental breakfast, meeting, lunch, and tours of the historical locations in the area. If you are interested in attending the event, please access the website- [www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org) or join their Facebook account. All New Jersey Lighthouse Society members are members of the league, but only Karen or her designee can vote.

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**Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Lanzim**

nothing at this time

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**Board of Director – Karl Fahringer**

**Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee**

Bob Gleason reported membership for 2016 is 401 members. Today we have 61 members in attendance and 2 guests.

**Door Prize and 50/50**

{Congratulations to all of the winners.}

**Holiday Auction**

Karl expressed the need for gift baskets for the December raffle. He will be starting now to ask businesses for donations.

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**Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey**

**Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau**

Winnie reported that the speakers have been busy, but are available. If you know of a location in need of a speaker, call Winnie, her number is in the Beam. Bill Volpe suggested that the NJHSD promote the speakers bureau.

**Community Outreach Liaison**

Nothing at this time

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**Board of Director – Lauren Ward**

Unable to attend

**The BEAM**

Nothing at this time

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**Board of Director – Gene Goch**  
**Finance Committee**

Gene shared that the audit needed to be rescheduled.

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**Board of Director – Anne Solaequin**

Ann was unable to attend the meeting, but Faith had brought some items with her. New items from the last meeting, golf shirts, hoodies and t-shirts, are available if any member is interested. Faith has also brought samples of lightweight jackets / windbreaker type with her. She will be taking orders for these. Light blue jackets are women's sizes and dark blue are men's. The cost of the jacket with embroidering will be \$40.

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**Old & New Business**

Nothing at this time

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**For the Good of the Society**

Be sure to check the website and BEAM for updates and information.

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**Adjournment**

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 A.M. after a motion by Rich Hodgman, seconded by Joe Guchek, and all were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

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**Dates of General Membership Meetings**

September 24, 2016

December 10, 2016 (Mastoris' Diner, Bordentown – members only – holiday social)

March 18, 2017

June 17, 2017

September 16, 2017

December 9, 2017