

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – March 18, 2017
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Edison Township Memorial - VFW Post #3117
53 National Road
Edison, New Jersey 08817

First Vice President's Call to Order

First Vice President Carol Winkie convened the meeting at 11:20AM. She welcomed the membership and explained that President Brett Franks would be unable to attend due to injuries received in a recent auto accident.

Minutes from Prior General Meeting

Bob Gleason, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the December 10, 2016 meeting held at Mastoris Diner in Bordentown, NJ. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy Mitzen and seconded by Jim Cope. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Financial Updates - Treasurer's Report:

Faith reported:

	as of December 31, 2016
Operating Fund	11,747.89
Memorial Fund	1,765.77
Preservation Fund	24,844.06
Society Account Balance	\$ 38,357.72
Trip Account Balance	6,717.92
Total of ALL Accounts	\$45,075.64

Faith reported that major spending took place in the Trip Account where all 2016 Prince Edward Island Trip bills have been paid and over \$15K in bills for the upcoming March trip have been paid.

Second Vice President & Financial Chairman – Gene Goch

Gene presented the NJLHS 2017 Budget. After describing the budget a motion to accept was made by Gordon Bell and seconded by Cindy Mitzen. The budget was passed unanimously. Gene asked for volunteers to sign up to participate in the audit of the 2016 financial records.

**First Vice President – Carol Winkie
Programs**

In recognition of National Lighthouse Day the eleven land based NJ lighthouses will be open for visiting on Sunday, August 6th (some will also be open on Monday August 7th – the official date). Carol asked that anyone interested in volunteering to participate in National Lighthouse Day please sign up and provide their e-mail for easy contacting.

Carol thanked Joe Guchek for organizing arranging for NJLHS' use of the VFW Post and for providing the opportunity to purchase lunch at today's meeting.

The NJ Lighthouse Managers will be running the 2017 Challenge (October 21-22). NJLHS will help the Lighthouse Managers by developing a 4-fold multi-purpose brochure containing directions and lighthouse information for use during the Challenge.

The June General Membership Meeting, at the Maurice River Township School, will include an East Point Presentation and an opportunity to visit the restored lighthouse following the meeting.

Due to the number of "Please Sign Up" requests being made at today's meeting, Carol will ask NJLHS Webmaster to post the various requests for volunteers on the website.

Treasurer (& Trips) – Faith Giamboi

Faith reminded everyone planning to attend the May 20th Montauk Point Lighthouse Trip to please pay their money deposit.

She also asked that anyone with suggestions for trips please e-mail Treasurer@njlhs.org with ideas. Massachusetts, Maine and New England were all suggested.

Recording Secretary & Membership – Bob Gleason

Memberships include 94 Individual memberships and 124 Family memberships for a paid membership of 342. The number is lower because we are only counting PAID 2017 members.

Attendance at the meeting included 48 members and 1 guest for a total of 49.

Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim

Community Outreach – The Society will restart a community outreach program. Kathy has identified a limited number of significant community outreach opportunities and is asking for volunteers to sign up to staff an NJLHS table/booth and share information on our Society.

Photo Contest: Kathy reviewed the voting rules for the Photo Contest. Voting will determine the top 5 or 6 pictures in each category.

Board Director – Karl Fahringer

Karl thanked everyone for the great turn out at the December holiday meeting. The December 2017 meeting will also be held at Mastoris Diner.

The membership recognized Karl and Anne's hard work in assembling the baskets for the Holiday Auction.

Board Director – Winnie McKelvey Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau

Winnie asked the membership to help identify and contact potential audiences for our educational outreach efforts. Ideas should be forwarded to SpeakersBureau@njlhs.org.

Board Director – Bob Rodgers

In addition to helping to set up for today's contest, Bob will be developing the Photo Contest categories for next year's competition. The role of drone photos was discussed with the possible addition of an Aerial Photos category for 2018.

Board Director – Loretta Wilkins

Loretta has been helping with Ways & Means and many other areas.

Board Director and Ways & Means Chair – Ann Solaequi

Ann is conducting a sale on older inventory to make room for new inventory items.

Old & New Business

Carol reviewed the NJLHS Meeting Dates for 2017 & 2018.

March 18, 2017	March 24, 2018
June 17, 2017	June 16, 2018
September 16, 2017	September 15, 2018
December 9, 2017	December 8, 2018
Challenge 21-22 October	Challenge 20-21 October

NJLHS Yard Sale Update: Rather than holding an NJLHS Specific Yard Sale, we will plan to join a more general community wide garage sale & sponsor an NJLHS Booth. This will probably take place in 2018.

For the Good of the Society

Nancy Cope shared a recommendation of the book, Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouse by Eric Jay Dolin. Based on the US Lighthouse Service practice of a traveling library, Nancy loaned this book to Society members to read and pass on. Nancy explained that the book provides an educational and amazingly entertaining history of American lighthouses written in layman's terms.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM after a motion by Gordon Bell, seconded by Jim Cope.

Minutes submitted by:
Bob Gleason, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

ADDENDUM – March 18, 2017 Photo Contest Finalists

2017 FINALISTS		PHOTOGRAPHS
INTEGRATED		
NAME	LIGHTHOUSE NAME	
1 ROBERT RODGERS	GILBERT'S COVE, NOVA SCOTIA	
2 BILL MCKELVEY	CRESCENT CITY LIGHTHOUSE, CALIFORNIA	
3 KARL FAHRINGER	TUCKER'S ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE	
3 WINNIE MCKELVEY	SELKIRK LIGHT, PORT ONTARIO, NEW YORK	
5 DENISE BRUNO	HEREFORD INLET AT CHRISTMAS	
6 WINNIE MCKELVEY	BLOCKHOUSE POINT LIGHT, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CANADA	
6 HOWARD WRIGHT	OLD FIELD POINT LIGHT, LONG ISLAND, NY	
TALL TOWERS		
NAME	LIGHTHOUSE NAME	
1 ROBERT RODGERS	POINT REYES, CA	
2 KATHLEEN EUSTACE	CONCORD POINT REFLECTIONS	
3 HOWARD WRIGHT	EAST CHOP, VINEYARD HAVEN, MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MA	
4 KATHLEEN EUSTACE	GAZING AT BARNEGAT LIGHT	
5 WINNIE MCKELVEY	NAUSET LIGHT, CAPE COD, MA	
6 WINNIE MCKELVEY	SUMMER EVENING, PEMAQUID POINT, ME	
SKELETAL		
NAME	LIGHTHOUSE NAME	
1 BILL MCKELVEY	PLUM ISLAND RANGE LIGHT, WI	
2 ROBERT RODGERS	NEW POINT LOMA	
3 KATHLEEN EUSTACE	TINICUM LT SUNSET	
3 KARL FAHRINGER	DRUM POINT, MD	
5 KATHLEEN EUSTACE	A DAY AT SANIBEL	
WATERBOUND		
NAME	LIGHTHOUSE NAME	
1 BILL MCKELVEY	"BUG LIGHT", PORTLAND, ME	
2 HOWARD WRIGHT	ESOPUS MEADOWS LIGHTHOUSE, HUSON RIVER, NY	
3 SUSAN BILLSON	ELBOW OF CROSS LEDGE LIGHT	
4 DENISE BRUNO	NUBBLE LIGHTHOUSE, YORK, ME	
5 SUSAN BILLSON	MIAH MAULL SHOAL LIGHT	
6 KATHLEEN EUSTACE	SAILING BY HUNTINGTON HARBOR	