

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – June 17, 2017
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Maurice River Township Elementary School
3593 Route 47
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey 08348

First Vice President’s Call to Order

First Vice President Carol Winkie convened the meeting at 11:30AM. Carol welcomed the membership and led the meeting because President Brett Franks was unable to attend.

Minutes from Prior General Meeting

Bob Gleason, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the March 18, 2017 meeting held at the VFW Memorial Post #3117 in Edison, NJ. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Financial Updates - Treasurer’s Report:

Faith reported:

	as of May 31, 2017
Operating Fund	15,849.22
Memorial Fund	2,045.77
Preservation Fund	24,634.06
Operating Account Total	\$ 42,529.05
Trip Account Balance	16,145.75
Total ALL Society Accounts	\$58,674.80

Increase in the Operating fund due to 2017 membership renewal deposits and savings realized in printing THE BEAM. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made, seconded and approved.

Second Vice President & Financial Chairman – Gene Goch

Gene was unable to attend due to illness.

First Vice President & Programs – Carol Winkie

Carol recognized the Photo Contest winners whose picture(s) were selected for inclusion in the 2018 NJ Lighthouse Society Calendar. The winners are attached at the end of these minutes and the 2018 calendars are now on sale.

Alan Jacobson provided information on National Lighthouse Day activities. We will be supporting the nine lighthouses that will be open for visiting on Sunday, August 6th (all but Sandy Hook and Tinicum will be participating). Alan asked for volunteers to participate at Barnegat, Absecon, Finns Point, Sea Girt, Twin Lights, Tuckerton, Hereford Inlet & East Point.

Carol asked that anyone having pictures from the May 20th, Montauk Point Lighthouse trip please forward them to Howie Wright at webmaster@njlhs.org.

Trips – Faith Giamboi & Mike Boucher

Faith explained that due to a larger than expected turnout, fees collected for the Lake Havasu trip exceeded costs resulting in a high current balance in the NJLHS Trips account. As a result, attendees on the Lake Havasu trip will receive a refund of \$150 each.

Mike stated that the 2018 trip will be to Puget Sound in Washington State, July 13-22nd. Reservations for this trip will not be accepted prior to November 1, 2017. A 2019 trip is tentatively planned for New Orleans & the Mississippi River. Mike will be retiring from planning NJLHS trips following this 2019 trip. Anyone interested in picking up the trip responsibilities should let Mike know.

Recording Secretary & Membership – Bob Gleason

Membership stands at 104 Individual members and 132 Family memberships for a paid 2017 membership of 368.

Attendance at the meeting included 48 members and 2 guests for a total of 50.

Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim

Significant Correspondence included: 1) NJLHS has received \$280 donated in memory of former member Steven Martorano, 2) Bottomline Technology donated \$98 as part of an employee directed contribution requested by NJLHS Member Kathleen Eustace, and 3) clarifying communications with a member whose mailed in photo contest entries were not retrieved in time to be entered in the 2017 contest.

Completed consolidation of two storage lockers into one at the new Toms River site.

Two Community Outreach events have been completed to date. Future opportunities are listed on the website and volunteers are needed.

Kathy asked that anyone with an Outreach Map & Lighthouse set please let her know. She has uncovered additional model lighthouses in the storage locker and may be able to fill some missing lighthouse model "gaps".

Board Director – Karl Fahringer

Karl handed out flyers for a special maritime themed book sale at Howell Library, June 19-30th during regular library hours.

Anyone with empty holiday baskets should please return them at the September meeting for preparation for the December raffle.

Board Director and Ways & Means Chair – Ann Solaequi

Ann is conducting a sale on older inventory to make room for the new inventory items now on hand. Please see her to special order a new NJLHS Jackets.

Board Director, Educational Outreach/Speakers Bureau – Winnie McKelvey

Winnie asked the membership to help identify and contact potential audiences for our educational outreach efforts. Ideas should be forwarded to SpeakersBureau@njlhs.org. Emphasis is on furthering lighthouse education – not on stimulating monetary donations.

Board Director – Bob Rodgers

Bob outlined the 2018 Photo Contest categories and explained the reason that rule modifications were in order. He also clarified a misprint in June's edition of THE BEAM. Category #2 "Non-NJ ~~land-based~~ lighthouses on the East Coast – including LH in Hudson & Delaware Rivers". The phrase "land-based" has been stricken from the description. 2017 Winners will be restricted to entering only one picture per category in 2018.

Board Director – Loretta Wilkins

Loretta has been helping with Ways & Means and many other areas. Loretta has agreed to pick up responsibility for NJLHS Publicity.

Old & New Business

2017 Challenge: 2017 Challenge: Anyone interested in staffing any lighthouse during the challenge please contact Carol Winkie or Kathy Lanzim and volunteer whatever time you can during Oct. 21 & 22.

Alan Jacobson will be chairing the 2018 Nominating Committee. Anyone wishing to be nominated should please contact Alan. Four positions, Corresponding Secretary & 3 Director slots, are up for election this year.

Following the meeting and lunch, members should journey to East Point Lighthouse for a presentation on restoration efforts and an NJLHS presentation of four prints to East Point Lighthouse.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Bob Gleason, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

Photo Contest Winners Selected for 2018 Calendar

MONTH	WINNERS 2017	FOR 2018 CALENDAR
JANUARY	KATHLEEN EUSTACE	TINICUM REAR RANGE LIGHTHOUSE
FEBRUARY	SUSAN BILLSON	MIAH MAULL SHOAL LIGHT
MARCH	HOWARD WRIGHT	ESOPUS MEADOWS LIGHTHOUSE, HUDSON RIVER, NY
APRIL	ROBERT RODGERS	GILBERT'S COVE (GILBERT POINT), NOVA SCOTIA
MAY	HOWARD WRIGHT	EAST CHOP, VINEYARD HAVEN, MARTHA'S VINEYARD
JUNE	WINNIE MCKELVEY	NAUSET LIGHT, CAPE COD, MA
JULY	KARL FAHRINGER	TUCKER'S ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE
AUGUST	KATHLEEN EUSTACE	BARNEGAT LIGHT FROM ISLAND BEACH
SEPTEMBER	BILL MCKELVEY	"BUG LIGHT", PORTLAND, ME
OCTOBER	ROBERT RODGERS	POINT REYES, CA
NOVEMBER	KARL FAHRINGER	DRUM POINT (ORIG. IN PATUXENT RIVER), MD
DECEMBER	DENISE BRUNO	HEREFORD INLET AT CHRISTMAS