

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – September 16, 2017
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Tuckerton Seaport
Barnegat Bay Decoy Museum & Hunting Shanty
120 West Main Street (Route 9)
Tuckerton, NJ 08087

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks convened the meeting at 11:13AM.

Minutes from Prior General Meeting

Recording Secretary Bob Gleason was unable to attend the meeting. Archivist, Marilyn Dunning delivered copies of the prior meeting draft minutes to the President, who in turn submitted the minutes from the June 17th Maurice River Township Elementary School meeting in Port Elizabeth, NJ. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and the minutes were accepted without revision.

Financial Updates - Treasurer's Report:

Faith reported:

	as of August 31, 2017
Operating Fund	\$13,257.16
Memorial Fund	2,045.77
Preservation Fund	19,627.30
Operating Account Total	\$34,930.23
Trip Account Balance	8,899.72
Total ALL Society Accounts	\$43,829.95

Significant items were a \$5,000 donation to the Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts and the rebate to participants on the Lake Havasu trip.

First Vice President & Programs – Carol Winkie

Lighthouse Managers & Challenge Update – Souvenirs this year will be buttons and a lanyard. NJLHS will have a button with the new logo and the words, "FIRST MEETING 1990". A sample Challenge T-Shirt was also displayed.

2018 NJLHS Calendars are available for \$12 each.

The December membership meeting will be held in Mastori's. Only paid 2017 members can attend. Cost is \$10 per person with Carol taking reservations and the payments.

National Lighthouse Day & Nominating Committee – Alan Jacobson

National Lighthouse Day activities were held on August 6&7. Ten lighthouses participated with customized internet calendar announcements prepared for each lighthouse's local newspaper. 200 student certificates were earned/issued on August

7th. A total of 1778 lighthouse climbs were completed as part of the National Lighthouse Day event. "Thank You!" to NJLHS volunteers.

2018 Nominating Committee (Alan Jacobson, Bill Whittaker & Bill Volpe) presented the following slate for consideration / election at the December membership meeting:

Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Lanzim (incumbent)

Director: Kathleen Eustace

Director: Apryl Roach

Director: Ann Solaequi (incumbent)

Second Vice President & Financial Chairman – Gene Goch

The audit committee met today and reviewed NJLHS records and receipts with the Treasurer. 2016 Audit was completed and is in order.

Trips - Faith Giamboi (for Mike Boucher)

Deposits & Reservations for the 2018 trip to Puget Sound in Washington State will be collected beginning November 1, 2017. Still looking for ideas for shorter, more local trips. Ideas can be e-mailed to Treasurer@NJLHS.org.

Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim

Outreach season is ending but September will still be a busy month. Team is now distributing flyers and information on NJLHS presentations as well as a new NJ Department of Tourism brochure with great lighthouse information.

Ways & Means – Kathy Lanzim for Ann Solaequi

New merchandise includes lounge pants, reusable tote bag, long sleeve T-shirts as well as some household items. Ways and Means will not be available at the December meeting due to the holiday venue. Please e-mail Ann if you want something between meetings, waysandmeans@njlhs.org.

Membership & Archivist – Marilyn Dunning for Bob Gleason

Membership stands at 106 Individual members and 135 Family memberships for a paid 2017 membership of 376. 2018 Membership Dues will be collected at the December membership meeting. Attendance at the meeting included 48 members and 1 guest for a total of 49.

Marilyn provided a brief overview of Archivist responsibilities and discussed the development of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society's historic timeline. The Society's storage locker contains 27 years of documentation. The Board is currently reviewing a formal Document Retention/Destruction Policy to ensure that important items are appropriately treated.

Board Director – Karl Fahringer

Looking for donations for holiday basket raffle during the December meeting.

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 suggested that members seriously consider gifting an NJLHS Membership to younger relatives and friends to increase Lighthouse awareness AND help NJLHS stay a healthy organization into the future. The idea was roundly applauded by all.

Old Business

East Point Lighthouse has been completely restored and was reopened on September 10.

Tinicum Update – will be in the 2018 Challenge but no climbing will be allowed.

Looking to identify important or potentially valuable items from storage that might be matted, framed or prepared for display or donation. (Like was done for the four prints donated to East Point.) The collected souvenirs from the Original Lighthouse Challenge are under consideration for this treatment.

2017 Challenge: Anyone interested in staffing any lighthouse during the challenge please contact the lighthouse manager directly.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

With the assistance of Marilyn Dunning, minutes respectfully submitted by:
Bob Gleason, Recording Secretary, NJLHS