

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – December 9, 2017
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Mastoris Diner
144 U. S. Highway 130
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

President’s Call to Order and Prior Meeting Minutes

President Brett Franks welcomed all attendees to the meeting and wished them “Happy Holidays”. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and safety brief, Bob Gleason, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the September 16 meeting at Tuckerton Seaport. A motion was made & seconded, and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report:

Faith could not attend this meeting but provided Brett with a report copy as follows:

	as of October 31, 2017
Operating Fund	9,440.22
Memorial Fund	2,065.77
Preservation Fund	16,712.20
Society Account Balance	\$28,218.19
Trip Account Balance	6,300.90
Total Of ALL Accounts	\$34,519.09

First Vice President – Carol Winkie

Carol reviewed the agenda of events for today’s meeting which will finish with a recognition dinner and a slide review of the Boucher’s Australia trip. Reminder that the 2018 Photo Contest rules are included in the BEAM.

Brett and the attendees recognized Carol for the fine work and preparation which she put into arranging for this special membership meeting at Mastoris.

Second Vice President – Gene Goch

Nothing new to report.

Recording Secretary & Membership – Bob Gleason

The 2018 Membership Renewal process is underway. Attendees received their renewal form and can pay 2018 dues at the sign-in table. NJLHS currently has 136 family memberships, 110 single memberships and two student memberships for a total of 384 2017 members. Membership is looking for a volunteer(s) to join and assist in handling meeting check-in and refreshment duties. Anyone interested should contact Bob or Linda Gleason.

Brett asked the assembly to pause for a minute of silence in recognition for long time member Bill Guilfuss, who recently passed away.

Alan Jacobson discussed a proposal to develop a survey to determine key opinions and needs of the membership. The proposal would be designed to better focus NJLHS efforts. Experience in database management, internet survey design, questionnaire development or budget development. Please contact Alan Jacobson if interested.

2018 Election – Alan Jacobson, Nominating Committee Chair

Alan reviewed the nominating committee's recommended candidate slate:

Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Lanzim (incumbent)

Director: Kathleen Eustace

Director: Apryl Roach

Director: Ann Solaequi (incumbent)

Brett opened the meeting for additional nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations the Recording Secretary recorded one vote for the slate. Brett congratulated Kathy & Ann and welcomed Kathleen & Apryl to the NJLHS Board.

Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim

The NJLHS Storage Unit has now been completely moved to the new Toms River site. Kathy gave a brief review of a successful 2017 Outreach season and asked that members consider volunteering for 2018 events once they are finalized.

Director – Anne Solaequi

Ann reviewed Ways and Means item availability and discussed particularly "hot" items.

Director – Loretta Wilkins

Nothing to report.

Director – Bob Rodgers

Reminded all that the Photo Contest rules are in the BEAM. He helped to clarify the rules regarding Gulf of Mexico lights.

Bob also emphasized the importance using Student Memberships to help bring new members into the Society.

Director – Karl Fahringer

Karl thanked all for their donations to the holiday basket raffle. There were many companies such as Dunkin Donuts, Long Horn Steakhouse, Star Bucks, Olive Garden, Applebee's, Jersey Mikes and more that donated this year along with donations from our own society members. Brett thanked Karl for his great leadership in making the holiday basket raffles something we all look forward to each year.

Director – Winnie McKelvey

Winnie provided an update of Educational Outreach and Speakers Bureau activity. Brett thanked her for her service on the Board of Directors and her efforts to improve Educational Outreach.

Trips – Mike Boucher

Mike reviewed the Washington State trip scheduled for July 2018. There are currently 29 people signed up. An additional 6 are needed to make the trip a "go".

Old & New Business

Herford Inlet Lighthouse – Brett reviewed the current disagreement between the City of North Wildwood and the Friends of Herford Inlet Lighthouse. The City is planning to take management of the light from the Friends group and put it in the City's control. Brett will be preparing a letter to be posted on the website for members to use to express their opinion to the NJ Department of Tourism and the City Leaders in West Wildwood. He encouraged all members to take advantage and make their feelings known.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 11:59 AM.

Minutes submitted by:
Robert Gleason, Recording Secretary, NJLHS