

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Membership Meeting – March 24, 2018  
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Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3117, Edison, New Jersey  
53 National Road  
Edison, New Jersey 08817

**President's Call to Order & Welcome**

President Brett Franks convened the meeting at 11:15 AM.

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**Minutes from Prior General Meeting**

Brett presented the minutes for the December 9, 2017 meeting at Mastoris in Bordentown. There being no changes or corrections noted, Jim Cope made a motion to accept, seconded by Cindy Mitzen and the minutes were accepted unanimously. Brett led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and then provided the safety briefing for the building.

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**First Vice President & Programs – Carol Winkie**

Reviewed day's program which includes both the Annual Photo Contest and an after-lunch presentation on the Delaware River by author, Hal Taylor.

Update on Future Meeting Sites

June 16, 2018 – Site till to be determined.

September 15, 2018 – Surf City Volunteer Fire Department Fire House, Long Beach Island.

December 8, 2018 – Mastoris Restaurant, Bordentown. Attendees must be paid 2018 member in good standing as of April 1, 2018.

Carol briefly reviewed the photo contest winner selection process and the timeline for determining the photos selected for the 2019 NJLHS Calendar.

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**Financial Updates - Treasurer's Report**

Although a Treasurer's Report had been prepared, Faith determined at the last minute that some important entries were missing. With that in mind, she would not be able to review a complete statement of the Society's year end finances at the meeting. A corrected report will be provided at the next meeting.

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**Second Vice President & Financial Chairman – Gene Goch**

Gene reviewed the NJLHS 2018 Budget. The Washington State trip had to be cancelled because we did not get the "take rate" that was anticipated. Removing the trip resulted in a significantly tighter/smaller budget for 2018 with associated reductions across all departments.

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**Recording Secretary, Hospitality & Membership – Bob Gleason**

Cost Containment Items:

- 1) To help ensure revenues roughly equal costs, Hospitality has increased the price of a cup of coffee to \$2.

- 2) NJLHS 2018 Membership cards are available at the sign in table but will no longer be automatically mailed out to those renewing by mail. Membership cards can be requested by e-mailing [membership@njlhs.org](mailto:membership@njlhs.org). New cards will be mailed at Society expense.

Membership stands at 112 Individual members and 140 Family memberships for a paid 2017 membership of 392. As of this meeting, the 2018 paid membership total is 314.

This meeting was attended by 64 members.

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**Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim**

Kathy reviewed the planned 2018 Outreach events and placed volunteer sign-up sheets near the entrance & sign-in table. Community Outreach is looking to get a laptop to enable sharing a Power Point NJLHS presentation out in the field. She requested that members please review and consider joining, even if only for a few hours. [CommunityOutreach@njlhs.org](mailto:CommunityOutreach@njlhs.org) for those interested in participating or anyone who knows of an available laptop!

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**Board Director and Ways & Means Chair – Ann Solaequi**

Ann reviewed some of the new inventory.

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**Board Director – Loretta Wilkins**

Nothing to Report

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**Board Director and Educational Outreach – Bob Rodgers**

Educational Outreach – Three presentations year to date with 120 attendees and \$150 in donations to NJLHS. Five presentations are scheduled for May, June and August. He also thanked Winnie McKelvey for her initiative to stimulate presentations in local libraries.

Photo Contest Categories – Please fill out the sheet titled, “Suggestions for 2019 NJLHS Photo Contest”. Really looking for suggestions and inputs to help develop categories for next year’s photo contest.

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**President’s Comments**

Brett extended a big “Thank You!” to Karl Fahringer and Winnie McKelvey for their service on the NJLHS Board of Directors of the past few years.

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**Board Director – Kathleen Eustace**

Nothing to Report.

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**Board Director – Apryl Roach**

Nothing to Report.

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**Old Business**

Trips

Faith Giamboi discussed the reasons for the cancellation of the West Coast trip. Mike Boucher has decided that this is a good time to step down from NJLHS Trip Director. Going forward,

NJLHS is looking to focus more on shorter and less expensive trips for the members to consider. For example, a Cape May/Delaware Bay Lighthouse Cruise.

#### Hereford Update

Brett brought the membership up to date regarding Hereford Inlet Lighthouse.

#### Lighthouse Challenge

Carol Winkie noted that 2019 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Challenge in NJ. Carol also noted that anyone participating in the 2017 Challenge who did not get the pins that they earned or who could not get a lanyard should contact her.

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#### **New Business**

Brett discussed the status of THE BEAM. The content level of the articles included in the BEAM has dropped significantly over the past few years. There is significant need for new and original articles that would be of interest to lighthouse lovers. Looking for a few Society Members to volunteer to join a “school newspaper type” editorial board. That board would help stimulate ideas and help generate interesting articles. Anyone interested should please contact Brett Franks or Carol Winkie.

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#### **Adjournment**

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 PM.

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