

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – September 14, 2019
Henry Hudson Regional School
1 Grand Tour
Highlands, New Jersey 07732**

President’s Call to Order (Betty Jean Downing agreed to be acting-recording secretary.)

President Carol Winkie called the meeting to order at 11:25 A.M. President Winkie led the membership in the flag salute. Then she reviewed the emergency exits and restrooms.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Eugene Goch, acting-recording secretary for March 2019 General Membership Meeting, submitted the minutes from the March 23, 2019 held at the Surf City Volunteer Fire Company in Surf City, NJ. After some corrections, a motion to approve the modified minutes was introduced by John Bishop and seconded by Rick Hodgman. All were in favor.

Minutes from the June 2019 minutes were unavailable at this time. They will be approved at the next general membership meeting.

Financial Updates Treasurer’s Report: Faith reported:

	as of June 30, 2019
Operating Fund	10,158.10
Memorial Fund	2,098.87
Preservation Fund	12,514.23
Society Balance	\$ 24,771.20
Trip Account	7,051.15
Total Of ALL Accounts	\$31,822.35

Faith reported that major expenses in (April to June) were the tax preparation (\$1075.00) plus program, ways and means, and preservation (\$1,191.98). Faith reminded members that her new phone number is 732-606-5188.

Faith indicated that we have lowered the storage cost. A group of members in August moved the contents in storage from a large unit to a smaller unit, thereby saving over \$70 a month. The group included board members (Faith, Ann, Kathy, and Loretta) plus a non-NJLHS-member.

Faith indicated that income from membership is off. She asked members to invite friends to meetings or give membership to friends or family. Questions from the members: 1. Is

\$20 enough for luncheon? A suggestion was made to raise the cost of the luncheon. 2. Do we need to raise dues? Faith said that we will bring this up at the next board meeting.

The treasurers report was approved.

First Vice President Eugene Goch / Budget & Finance

Gene indicated that on September 12, the audit-committee did a double internal audit for the year 2017 and then followed with an internal audit on 2018. Thanks to Karl Fahringer, Kathy Lanzim, and Carol Winkie.

Gene indicated that we are looking for information about how our members help during the lighthouse challenge. His correct email is gennerg43@comcast.net. It was wrong in the Beam but right on the web. He wants your name, lighthouse worked at, date worked, and number hours worked.

Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Lanzim / Membership / Community Outreach/Baskets for Luncheon

Kathy reported 100 single memberships, 180 family memberships, 1 student membership, and 4 Lifetime memberships. We send 285 Beams to members plus 35 to Institution Members. She indicated that membership was down.

Kathy reported that Bob and Linda Gleason along with Alan Jacobson and Marilyn Dunning are at the Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair at Monmouth Battlefield. In two weeks (9/28) we will be at Staten Island National Lighthouse Museum. This will be our first time. We also have a day event at Tuckerton, (9/29).

Kathy said that last year at the luncheon we earned \$715 from the baskets. We need members to be creative and put together baskets, which might include gift cards and lottery tickets. We thank everyone who made a basket last year and look forward to having others join the basket makers.

Second Vice President – Kathleen Eustace Trip

On August 24th, we had great weather for the New London, Connecticut trip. We will be planning another trip for next summer.

Director – Robert Rodgers / Education Outreach / Speakers Bureau

Robert indicated that there were 14 presentations completed and 3 more scheduled for this year. Four are scheduled for next year. He thanked Carol, Alan Jacobson, Marilyn Dunning and Cindy Mitzen. Robert indicated that donations were down. Faith said that she just received a \$250 donation from the New Jersey State Library. She said that this was thanks to Alan and Marilyn's presentation to the group.

Bob thanked Bill and Ann Volpe for graciously donating 3 or 4 valuable lighthouse items including some signed by Bill Unger for our Silent Auction. Remember to get a number for bidding before to go and put in your bid. Bids must increase by at least \$2. Keep that number because that is that number will be called as the winner.

Director – Loretta Wilkins – Hospitality / 50-50

Loretta indicated that John and Donna Bishop have volunteered to help with hospitality. John indicated that there were 35 members and 1 guest present today.

Director – Ann Solaequi / Ways and Means

Ann indicated that there are good sales today. Ann continued about National Lighthouse Day. She and Faith were at Barnegat Lighthouse to run NJLHS's National Lighthouse Day program. Seven hundred thirty-eight people attended. An 8 foot statue of a Lighthouse Keeper was unveiled. There was a picture in the Beam.

Directors – Alan Jacobson and Apryl Roach were absent

Nominating Committee / John and Donna Bishop

John and Donna Bishop reporting the slate of officers for two year terms from 2020-2021: Corresponding Secretary ... Kathy Lanzim (Incumbent); Director ... Alan Jacobson (Incumbent); Director ... Apryl Roach (Incumbent); and Director ... Ann Solaequi (Incumbent). Kathy and Ann accepted the nomination at the meeting. Alan and Apryl sent in written acceptances because they were unable to attend. John and Donna were unable to get a nomination for recording secretary. Judy Boucher moved to approve the slate. Winnie McKelvey seconded the motion. All approved the motion.

President Winkie said that when there is no recording secretary there is no meeting possible. She thanked John and Donna for their work on the nominating committee and for the article that they wrote for the September Beam.

President Winkie stated that she just had a volunteer for the Recording Secretary position. Hugh Murphy just indicated to her that he was willing to accept that position. She also noted that Hugh had just celebrated his 90th birthday on August 3rd. The group gave Hugh a big cheer.

Old & New Business

This is the 20th Year of the Lighthouse Challenge. Gene has pins for volunteers. It was also recommended that volunteers wear our t-shirts and hats.

Betty Jean Downing asked about having a meeting next year further north, maybe at the Edison VFW.

Bill Volpe indicated that he and Ann volunteered for National Lighthouse Day at Hereford Inlet Lighthouse to honor Steve Murray and all the work that he did to restore the Lighthouse. Bill stated that Hereford Inlet should be part of the Lighthouse Challenge. He knows that we do not run the Challenge. He felt that the Challenge group should not ignore Hereford Inlet Lighthouse. Steve is now involved with East Point Lighthouse.

Bill Volpe also visited an old member of the society, Ray Vliet. He said Ray is now 92 and could use a few visitors.

President Winkie indicated that Alan Jacobson will give a report later on National Lighthouse Day which will include the name of one adult winner from each lighthouse for a NJLHS 2020 membership.

Lou Cizek asked about Cape May Museum. He said that they also would like to be in the Lighthouse Challenge. President Winkie said that this year Manasquan Life-saving Station was added. She will pass the information to the Challenge committee, but we are not in charge.

Be sure to check the website and BEAM for updates and information.

Faith Giamboi indicated that she is available at lunch time to collect for the December luncheon reservation-donation.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM. after a motion by Rick Hodgman and seconded by Loretta Wilkins. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Betty Jean Downing, Acting-Recording Secretary, NJLHS