

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
3 APRIL 2023

Attendees: Matt Griffin, Peg Murray, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Brandi Bansemer, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Joan McCarthy, Anne Huot.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Matt Griffin at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 6 March 2023 were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Distributed and reviewed. Motion to accept by Board Member Pat Burke and seconded by Board Member Tony Cercena.
3. Membership Report (Len DiLorenzo) – Total of 233 members. Noted that renewal notices are sent out by National 90 days before expiration. Question of size of Newport Council, noted as “medium” by National. Discussion taken off line regarding number of members to be published in Newsletter. Motion to accept Membership Report and passed.
4. Sea Cadets – Board Member Brandi Bansemer reported annual inspection of NCBC Division of Naval Sea Cadet Corps was held on 25 March at Coast Guard Station, Newport (attended by several Navy League Board Members) and received a 100% rating. Congratulations! Board Member Len DiLorenzo proposed a pizza party and will be discussed. The “Roosevelt and the Wardwell” Awards were presented at the ceremonies. Board Member (LTJG Bansemer) reported a new website for the Sea Cadets is in process. The need for financial support for new dress whites for the Cadets was discussed and reviewed by Board. Motion made and seconded to issue a check for \$250 to the Sea Cadets for uniforms.

Current Business:

1. Lions Club 100th year dinner was attended by many Navy League members. Photos will be in next newsletter.
2. Recap of USCG Warren Deyampert Chairman’s reception held in Boston, attended by President Rob Winneg and Board Member Len DiLorenzo, was presented to Board by Len DiLorenzo.
3. USCGFRC Maurice Jester Commissioning (Bristol or Ft. Adams). Separate meeting was held prior to Board Meeting, and assignments made by Len DiLorenzo, Chairman, Reception.
4. MAN Speaker proposals discussed for October, specifically Coast Guard 2 Star District Commander, and the increased presence of the Coast Guard in our area (Tahoma/Campbell). Hold on vote until next board meeting
5. Newsletter Update – Anne: First quarter distributed; second quarter in process. Discussion of printing cost and mailings to be continued at next Board Meeting (i.e. donations, fees, ads).
6. Website update (Matt) – Template in process. Vice President Griffin will send link to development site to Board.

New Business:

1. NLUS Membership database Update.
2. Calendar reviewed and assignments made.
3. Future events (ongoing)

Other Business:

1. Discussion of e mail, dated 1 April 2023, received from Board Member Roy Callahan to President Rob Winneg re. "Past President Recognition" on business cards/badges. Informal poll taken, not enough for vote. More discussion at next board meeting.
2. Invitation for Sea Cadets to attend SOQ recognition awards by Navy League on board the Coast Guard Cutters in the summertime.
3. Data base update from National: Discovery phase on target for end of year – Len DiLorenzo.

Meeting adjourned at 1807.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 1 MAY 2023, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.