

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

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Jean Peterson, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Joan McCarthy, Tom Feeney, Roy Callahan.

Meeting called to order by President Rob Winneg at 1700 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 9 January 2023 were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Annual Appeal update: Received another \$1,500 since January report for a total of \$4,700. This far exceeded the \$3,000 budget goal for FY’22. Treasurer Walt Wasowski reviewed budget for 2023 in detail with Board. Motion to accept and passed. Memo for the Record, prepared by Board Member Roy Callahan, “Newport County Council Financial Review/Audit,” dated 24 January 2023, was distributed and reviewed by Board. Signed by Roy Callahan, Matt Griffin and Walt Wasowski. It will be attached to minutes for file.
3. Membership Report (Len DiLorenzo) – Total of 234 members. Discussion of “challenge coins” to be distributed to CAs and BAs on an annual basis at time of renewal. Last year a “Navy League Coin” was distributed. This year (2023) we will use the “Naval Station Coins” for CAs and BAs. Sponsors will be responsible for delivering and keeping track of which coins each business has. Board Member Pat Burke and National are working on finding a new vendor for the standard Navy League Coin that is given out at all attended school events. We do not have any at this time.
4. Sea Cadets – Waiting for report from Brandi Bansemer. President Winneg will contact Brandi, or Zachary Bartlett, Training Officer, for update.

Current Business:

1. Audit Recap: Walt Wasowski/Roy Callahan – See Treasurer’s report above “Memo for Record.”
2. Understanding the Budget - Fiduciary responsibility of all Board Members per Treasurer Walter Wasowski. Total assets reported \$25,877.26, as of 31 December 2022. Review of all financial statements was done. Motion to accept and passed.
3. Annual Report – Walt Wasowski/Mike Slein – 80% complete. Additions or corrections, etc. should be sent in by e mail as soon as possible. Report will be submitted by 15 February 2023.
4. USCGC FRC Maurice Jester Commissioning in Bristol (2 June 2023) update: Board Member Len DiLorenzo distributed FRC Commissioning template to board members for review. Discussion of expected costs regarding receptions (evening before); post commissioning reception, sponsorship, etc. To be continued.
5. NE Regional Meeting of Navy League scheduled for 25 February 2023 in Portsmouth, NH. To be attended by President Rob Winneg, and Board Member Walt Wasowski.
6. Vietnam Veterans Recognition Lunch Planning – Len DiLorenzo.
7. MAN Speaker proposals in process. Date to be confirmed (12 October or 19 October). President Rob Winneg will contact Capt. Richard Phillips.

New Business:

1. Lions Club 100th Year Dinner Party scheduled for 23 March 2023 at the Wyndham. Anyone interested, please contact Anne Huot.
2. NLUS membership database update – Len DiLorenzo will prepare questions for regional meeting discussion being held on 25 February.
3. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings reviewed. Noted that on 6 February, two Coast Guard sailors were honored on board the CGC Ida Lewis with a recognition plaque and a gift card from the Navy League. Attended by NLNCC President Rob Winneg, and board members Peg Murray and Pat Burke. Photographs were taken. Also noted that Navy Supply School graduation dates will be added to the calendar for 2023.
4. Future Event Possibilities – ongoing

Other Business:

Board Members are asked to recommend names of companies to approach for new CAs and BAs. Pat Burke will try to get a copy of companies from the Chamber of Commerce and send to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 6 MARCH 2023, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.