

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

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Len Di’Lorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Tony Cercena, Jean Peterson, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Joan McCarthy, Roy Callahan, Mark Turner, Rich Rainer, Jonathan Wolstenholme, Brandi Bansemer.

Meeting called to order at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 3 April were distributed. Motion to accept as written
2. Treasurer - Distributed and reviewed. Treasurer Walt Wasowski is working to reconcile a minor discrepancy in budget. Continue to receive small deposits as reported by Treasurer. Taxes and associated paperwork have been filed. Interim report accepted.
3. Membership Report – Total members: 233. Board Members Len DiLorenzo and Joan McCarthy are working on resolving member e-mail addresses that were rejected.
4. Sea Cadets – Board Member Brandi Bansemer reported that Sea Cadets took first place in the regional flagship competition. Third straight year they won the competition. This is in addition to achieving 100% in unit inspection. Sea Cadets will also attend Maurice Jester commissioning. Discussion of hosting a pizza party later in the Spring to recognize their recent performance at the inspection and at flagship competition. No decision on date. Discussion of purchasing parkas for the Cadets. Board approved a \$650 grant to buy parkas for the Sea Cadet unit.

Current Business:

1. USCG FRC Maurice Jester Commissioning update – Len/Mike/Pat/Jon. Chairman Len DiLorenzo updated Board (Committee meeting held before board meeting.) On track, but many details need to be sorted out.
 - Chairman’s Reception
 - Commissioning
 - Post ceremony cake and coffee
2. Newsletter update – Anne Huot: Discussion of printing will be taken off line.
3. MAN Speaker Proposals: USCG District 1 Commander has accepted.

New Business:

1. Sea Cadets proposals: Matt Griffin.
2. Ambassador Middendorf recognition (keel laying ceremony) will be held in held at Bath Iron Works in June.
3. Educators at Sea – Rob Winneg: Information given to Board Member Rich Rainer to pass on to Portsmouth School Superintendent.
4. VFW Post 406 Strewing of Flowers on 29 May 2023, Storer Park, Newport, posted on calendar.
5. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings – e mailed to Board.
6. Future event possibilities: Ongoing.

Other Business:

1. May be an opportunity for local high school educators to go aboard an aircraft carrier. More details to follow (Rob Winneg)
2. The Vietnam Recognition lunch was moved to January/February 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 1800.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2023, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.