

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

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Peg Murray, Pat Burke, Roy Callahan, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Jean Peterson, Rich Rainer, Jon Wolstenholme, Joan McCarthy, Anne Huot.

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

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 6 February 2023 were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Distributed. Not much to report for February (monthly storage fee and reimbursement of fuel cost for trip to New Hampshire to attend the New England Navy League Council annual meeting). Meeting attended by President Rob Winneg, Treasurer Walt Wasowski, and Board Member Pat Burke. Trip report distributed to board. Treasurer also reported the balance of the President’s Discretionary Fund was \$1,000. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Board Member Mike Slein and seconded by Board Member Len DiLorenzo.
3. Membership Report (Len DiLorenzo) – Total of 228 members. Noted that number varies each month due to National report. Some discussion of recruitment differences between larger naval station areas, compared to Newport. Emeritus Board Member Anne Huot will set up a committee on how to solicit “active duty” members for the Navy League, and retired Naval officers (reference former Navy League Admiral White’s letter sent to retired naval officers.) Anne will put an article in the next newsletter. Board Member and Treasurer Walt Wasowski mentioned during that in 2022 we had an increase in membership, which was noted favorably at the Regional Conference. We are now a medium size Council. Motion to accept report by Pat Burke and seconded by Mike Slein.
4. Sea Cadets – Brandi Bansemer was scheduled to attend board meeting and present update. Due to a family emergency she was unable to attend meeting and would forward updated information to the Board, including the NCBC Division of Sea Cadet Corps’ Annual Inspection, scheduled for 25 March 2023, 1300, at the USCG Station Castle Hill in Newport. Navy League Board Members are invited to attend.

Current Business

1. USCG FRC Maurice Jester Commissioning in Bristol update – Len/Mike/Pat/Jon. (1-2 June 2023) Notice of a possible port change. More details to follow on the change. Discussion followed on details of Commissioning Day and reception the evening prior for approximately 120-140 guests. Funding was discussed regarding “sponsorships” by Business/Community Affiliates. Proposal needed within next two weeks.
2. New England Regional Meeting Update: Report distributed to Board by President Winneg.
3. MAN Speaker Proposals – In Process (President Winneg). Date to be confirmed.

4. Vietnam Era Veteran's Recognition Luncheon was discussed by Board Member Len DiLorenzo. Board Member Walter Wasowski proposed, and seconded by Board Member Mike Slein that we should shift the \$500 budgeted for the Navy Choristers/Polo Event to the Vietnam Luncheon. Pointed out that this would impact income side of budget (anticipating \$1,500 from Choristers/Polo event). Passed. Dates have been reviewed and Len confirmed (after meeting) as follows: Thursday, 20 July 2023, 1130-1330, at the Wyndham, with approx. 80-130 guests. Date will be entered on calendar.

New Business:

1. Lions Club 100th Year Dinner Party – Sponsorship, proposed by Anne Huot, to buy a table at a cost of \$360 (8 guests). Motion made to take \$360 out of President's Discretionary Fund. Passed. Board Members interested in attending, let Anne Huot know as soon as possible.
2. NLUS Membership database update – ongoing.
3. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings reviewed. Dates to be discussed as follows:
 - a. July – Vietnam "recognition luncheon" scheduled for 20 July, confirmed
 - b. August – Coast Guard birthday celebration, 4 August, to be scheduled.
 - c. September – Picnic for NCC/NSC to be scheduled.
 - d. October – Military Appreciation Dinner, 12/19 October, to be confirmed.
 - e. Navy Ball – waiting for date
4. Future Event Possibilities (Ongoing)

Other Business:

1. Website update – Some technical work in process. Should be ready within a month as reported by Vice President Matt Griffin.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 3 APRIL 2023 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.