



SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

**Board meeting
April 8, 2022
6:00
Special Events Room
Vander Clute Hall**

Board members present: Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Larry Castello, Andre Amrhein, Jeremy O'Brien, Luis Davila, JoAnn Davila, Cleo Gakshteyn, Frank Harnos, Liz Harnos, Keith Reilly

Board members absent: Betsy Grabher, Joe Donovan, Sue Donovan, Zameena Salim Rasheed, Stephen Biscotti

Guest parents: Gene Corrao, Katie Anderson

Call to Order: Joe Sesack called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Approval of the March 11, 2021 meeting minutes: Copy of meeting minutes emailed to all board members. Approved by all.

President's report:

- ELECTIONS posted on Facebook and sent 2 email blasts- As of today we just have Cleo on the slate for treasurer. Joe, Jeannine, and Zameena have no replacements and will remain until April 2023 unless any of you are interested. You can request to be nominated from the floor at tonight's general meeting. We encourage anyone interested in these positions after next year to let us know in September so you can shadow us. We will take you through the next year from ship departure this May until the end of August 2023 ship return.
- We still have no one for recording secretary. Jeannine will continue with this unless one of you would like to take it over.
- We need a hospitality chairperson.
- We may need a technology chairperson as Keith Reilly is unable to attend meetings and events due to his work schedule. Jeannine does this now.

- Joe Donovan will continue as shop manager.
- Since our last meeting we have had 0 new members join on line.
- Asked the board if they prefer getting emails from us or text? Both
- Potential threat on campus Friday March 18- After a thorough investigation, it has been determined by UPD that the threat was not credible to Maritime College. The threat was directed to another New York school, and an arrest has been made. All campus activities may resume, and the campus will reopen to guests and visitors. Maritime College will continue to remain vigilant as it pertains to any future threats or potential incidents. Again, we urge all members of the campus community to sign up for RAVE alerts to receive emergency messages distributed by University
- Facebook- thank you to Sue Donovan for letting us know what was being posted on the FB page March 18th. We look in the am and the pm but don't stare at FB all day. It was a perfect example of why if you see something say something. We can get it squashed in minutes or hours but if we don't know about it we are helpless. There were posts that said we deleted earlier posts- COMPLETELY NOT TRUE. We have a direct line to both Captain Hanft and Admiral Alfulis and never call unless of an emergency- which it was.. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US- EVER. Captain Hanft said the same to us today when we were on the phone.
- SST SCHOLARSHIPS- we were on the alumni association call in March. hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship \$ went to our students. Be sure your student thanks the alumni association and joins after graduation.
- Thank you to Frank and Liz Harnos for joining our board last month.
- Thank you to Andre and Larry for their years of service on the board. Larry and Andre both plan to be with us at departure and return. This will give Larry time to work with Cleo. Then we can set a date to go to the bank.
- We will lose Andre, Larry, and possibly Keith as board members this year but gained the Davilas and Harnos. So ending this year we have 14 board members. Our constitution says the "board shall consist of not less than 10 or more than 25 members of the association."
- Logo contest. We received 1 design from Luis Davila and one more last evening from Oscar L. Suarez-Veloz. Liz Harnos suggested the bridge and will be working on that design. Jeannine also emailed Virna Wong in communications. Dave at Ace apparel can also help with a design.
- April groundbreaking for the new Seamanship Center

- Captain McManus and Rob Crafa have approved the SMPA chartering the Island Current for ship return. The cost for 140 people will be \$6,840. This is a fundraiser for us. The charter will board at 4am and return to Maritime's dock by 9am. We will sell non refundable tickets on our website only. We will send out an email blast and FB once I have updated the website.
- Rob Crafa joined us to speak about his waterfront saw fund request. This request will remain as unfinished business. Rob needs to get approval from his superior and the provost Dr. Jennifer Waters, as per Admiral Alfultis.

Treasurer's report:

- Currently we have \$ 21560.31 in our account. This time last year we had \$8904.43
- Larry contacted our accountant Danielle regarding our taxes. He forwarded to Danielle our 1099 from Square. She will charge us \$1000.
- Ace apparel order- \$11,993.70
- \$250 Senior award
- Alumni Dinner \$3270
- 1/2 the bus \$287.50 this is the cost for 1 bus. 2020 had 1 bus, 2019 had 2
- We have not received a bill from Chubb. Usually due April 1st \$558
- Hartford insurance bill \$446.00
- Boat trip Island Current \$6840

Club fund requests

- Including today we have given out \$3,500 to various clubs on campus. (Not including the golf club and SNAME requests which came in yesterday).
- Keith Chamberlain, President of the Veterans club requested \$500 for a veterans luncheon.- ALL APPROVED by email
- The automotive club- Graydon Joyce- All APPROVED by email
- TO VOTE TONIGHT- GOLF CLUB ASKING FOR \$565.52- all approved \$500
- SNAME ASKING FOR \$7000- Explained to Jason Berg that we cap off our donation at \$500. All approved \$500
- Rob Crafa - waterfront fund request for \$7291 to purchase a SawStop table saw. Rob discussed with us the benefits of the Wood Shop to the campus.
- Jesus- Spring fest- rescheduled for next Thursday. Jesus is asking for us to sponsor the prizes for the talent show? The winners will be announced the week after the event. 1- \$300, 1-\$200, 1- \$100 Amazon gift card. All approved donating gift cards and a few items to raffle.

Shop report:

- Joe S. put an order in for parent's shirts, mugs, and Maritime t-shirts for accepted students day.
- Discussed SST shirts. This will be the final cruise of the College Training Ship Empire State VI. Luis suggested placing 1 order for departure, see how they sell then order more for ship return if needed. Capt. McManus suggested calling it the Farewell Cruise. As the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues there is a small possibility that ports may change.
- Jeannine confirmed with Henry he wants SST shirts
- Discussed with Joe D. price change for Maritime T-shirts to \$15. 2XL and 3XL \$17. That makes all t-shirts the same price. Champion sweatshirts went up in price - we will now sell for \$70 and \$75 for 2XL and 3XL. All prices were changed in Square and signs have been updated.

Unfinished Business:

- Traditionally, we make a \$5000 donation to the SST, they use the money for tours, transportation, new gym equipment. Board wants to make sure the students know that the donation came from the parents association. All approved. Check will be given to Admiral Alfultis tonight.

Upcoming Events and Meeting schedule for spring semester:

- Tonight, April 8, 2022 general meeting starting at 7PM. Elections and guest speaker Admiral Alfultis.
- 2022 Alumni Dinner at Tribeca 360 in Manhattan. New date is April 29, 2022. We have sponsored a table of 10 students at the cost of \$2650. The cost for Larry and Andre is \$310 each. We also pay for half of the transportation from Maritime to Tribeca. This is usually about \$250.
- Board members attending: Lawrence Castello & Andre Amrhein
- Senior Students to be invited by Capt. Hanft: Jesus Fanilla, Kaitlyn Amrhein, Lawrence Castello.
- Junior Students: James Donovan - James is hands down our volunteer with the most hours besides his sister who is a freshman. James and Bridget have volunteered with the parents association before they were even students here . I asked Capt. Hanft to consider him first as far as 2/C students were concerned. Arif Rasheed- alternate, Jonathan O'Brien- alternate.**If you or your student cannot attend please let us know so we can get someone else to attend.**
- Saturday April 9, 2022 Accepted Students Day- this is our biggest member drive of the year. We need many volunteers for this event. We have been allotted only 3 tables.

- Next Thursday is Spring fest on campus 5-9 in parking lot 5. Rides, zip line, bbq, talent show. We will be attending. We will buy the prizes for the talent show and donate some apparel for the raffle.
- May 5, 2022 Senior Awards- traditionally we give a \$250 award to the SGA President. This year Jesus Fanilla is very deserving of this award. Joe will present the award in person this year. The check has been sent to the Foundation.
- May 27, 2022 Empire State VI departs to Philadelphia, Porto Portugal, Belfast Ireland. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Departure will be during Fleet Week this year! Our contact for the NYS Pipes and Drums has been updated with dates of departure and arrival.
- July TBD- Orientation- volunteers will be needed
- August 2, 2022 Empire State VI returns- we will schedule the Island Current Charter boat to meet the ship for parent association members, bagpipe and drums band. Volunteers needed for this event.
- August 22, 2022 starts Indoctrination and the Civilian Experience- we would like to donate funds for a food truck night or some other event. Hopefully there will be an indoctrination graduation. This has always been a big day for sales.
- 2023 New student center should be complete. We would like to donate to this project.

Adjournment:

Joe adjourned the meeting at 7pm.

