



SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

Super Bowl Sunday Meeting Minutes SMPA February 02, 2020

Board Members Present: Jamie Trupp Green, Frank Green, Thomas Fitzgerald, Jeanine Sesack, Joseph Sesack, Gemma Solomos, Steven Lowe, Betsy Grabner, Bob Grabner;
bobandbets@optonline.net (not getting email ever, please check our blast list)

Board Members Absent: Zameena Rasheed Corresponding Sec'y (flu); Rob Davis (Honorary) IT (injured)

Volunteers Present: Elizabeth Donovan, Andre Amrhein, Mairead Barry, Ted Cannone – jc@gmail.com, Michael Solomos, Larry Castello, Michele McGrath, Tara Felice – tfelice66@gmail.com, Tim Felice – tfelice320@gmail.com, Stacy Dorval – sdorval74@gmail.com 727-742-5324, Jeremy O'Brien – 631-402-2529, Ana O'Brien – 631-335-9982 – cottagepines@aol.com, Steven Kanarian – stevenkanarian@gmail.com, Matt Regis – matt.peg.inc@aol.com Michelle McGrath – michellepezza@yahoo.com 516-822-7101.

Student Volunteers Present: Abby Solomos, Larry Castello, Jr., Billy Sesack (waited at White Castle 1.5 hours while they jerked him around)

Call to Order: President called meeting to order at 4:12pm

Reading of Minutes: We have September-December, please peruse and sign that they are approved by the end of the day here and we will start uploading to the website.

Presidents Report: President wanted to share that on Thursday January 30th the Treasurer and herself were the chaperones to the FSMAA Distinguished Alumni Dinner at Tribeca 360 in NYC.

The evening was organized by Saira Yoo the Director of Alumni Association where we purchased a table for 10 and an additional 2 tickets for Pres. & Treasurer. Make note that chaperones in the future should do as we did and have all cadets/students write their name and phone number on a sign in sheet (bring clipboard) before boarding the bus. At the end you can do a roll call (ask a Cadet to assist) and check off that everyone is on the bus before we depart. There were 33 cadets who attended the dinner. The following Cadets were nominated by the PA; 1/C's Katherine Green, Michael Fitzgerald and Student President Austin Ford; 2/C's Miles Ripka and William Sesack. Additionally, we were successful in placing 2/C's Abigail Solomos



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and Jake Volpe as well as 1/C January Grad Tyler Verhelewegan at the coordination of Director Yoo and the generosity of Montefiore Engineering via our PA Corresponding Secretary Zameena Rasheed.

Pres. Made the recommendation that next year the bus leave an hour earlier to assure that we get there on time or early (leave at 4:00 instead of 5:00) so students can use the bathroom and be able to peruse the seating chart and the room to see where companies will be seated. As it was the late arrival only allowed approximately one hour of the allotted 1.5-hour cocktail/networking hour to be maximized. We will recommend this to Capt. Hanft. Also, just for the record the PA pays for ½ the cost of the bus (\$240.00) and two PA representatives are the chaperones on the bus. Treasurer to get the check over to Saira Yoo.

President suggested that next year ask the Director of the Alumni Dinner to provide a list of Company's that will be in attendance as well as what type of company it is and its main focus on type of cadet recruiting, engineers or deckies. In return we should identify our students as either engineer or deck licensed so that the Director can seat them appropriately at tables where they can continue to network while dinner is being served and while the guest speakers are being introduced and speaking. As it was Cadet Green and Cadet Sesack sat at Engineering Firm tables and lost out on valuable networking opportunities. President also spoke to President of College, Admiral Alfultis regarding getting there earlier and placing students with like networking Alumni and he was in total agreement. President of PA will write letter to follow up and thank Director Yoo on these two important changes for next year and cc: Hanft and Alfultis. Attach letter to addendum; Attach sign in sheet for FSMAA dinner to addendum

New Business:

As per the SMPA BY-LAWS SECTION 2 – Elections; Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee consisting of three members shall be chosen at the February meeting of the Board. The Chairman shall be appointed by the President and two shall be elected by the Board. At the March meeting we will accept nomination letters and at the April General Membership Meeting of the Association, the Nominating Committee shall submit the names of the persons they nominate. The President nominated the current Corresponding Secretary, Zameena Rashid, as our Nominating Committee chairwoman. Zameena please appoint 2 members to help you in this process. At today's meeting Vice President Jeanine Sesack put in her letter of nomination for President. Attach letter to addendum.

The Chairwoman will post information to our members to send in their own nomination letters for the Executive position they are seeking, as well as a nomination letters for Assistants needed to our current Executive Board members. As per our BY-LAWS



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Jamie Green mentioned that we desperately need a Recording Secretary. That she has recordings and documents that were never “officialized” by the previous board. Jamie indicated that although she tried very hard to be an effective Recording Secretary, she acknowledges her minutes are way to “wordy” and because of her inability to extrapolate the important information from general chatter during the meeting her minutes are extraordinarily long, hence her failure to get the minutes officialized and to then upload the minutes into our Parents website accordingly for members to see. Jamie promised that before she resigns from the board and is replaced in April 2020, she will have 2017-2020 documents up and available for viewing with the help of IT.

Jamie acknowledged receipt of Jeanine Sesack nomination letter for President, as well as spoke to the suggestion that Joe Sesack may want to nominate himself for Vice President. Jamie indicated that she really likes Joe in the Store Manager position because he is very effective, and he learned everything from our prior store managers Carmine Verdino and Paul Pfundstien. Jamie indicated that she thought Joey Sesack and assistant store manager Joe Donovan are doing a great job presently.

Jamie also touched on the knowledge that our Corresponding Secretary (who was absent today due to illness) is also interested in the Presidents position. It was also noted that Jamie, as well as all the executive board members in attendance, felt that Zameena Rasheed, our current Corresponding Secretary is doing an outstanding job responding to questions and posts, reposting important information found on the Maritime College website to share with our membership, as well as positing our internal memo’s and information regarding meetings, sea term ports, dates, time and instructions, Parent Association meetings, fundraising volunteer information, etc., and that her occupation as IT for Northwell Health gives her the unique ability to monitor social media in real time. We were all in agreement and appreciation of Zameena’s unique contribution and would like her to remain in her position and appoint an assistant in an IT field to train once her present MUG is further along in his college years. It doesn’t make sense to train another MUG parent who will be leaving but rather to stagger the assistants necessary for continuity in this very important position.

In general Jamie stated that we all should have assistants and be training people all the time to take over our positions.

Jeannine our Vice President volunteered to make a ballot box for the April General Membership Meeting in the event we have a large turn out and multiple nominees for the same position where ballots will need to be cast.



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State of the Association since we met last the Holiday Party was success. As you all know Frank and I were not in attendance due to his surgery. Treasurer and Vice President reported that we took in \$900.00 from the baskets at the party. We discussed getting the attendance up at the next party. Lawrence Castello recommended we try and get the sports teams' parents involved and signed up for membership and encourage attendance at our Holiday Party and in return we offer to raffle off 4 sports team \$500.00 raffles towards food to teams that arrive back to campus after 9:00 pm on away days. Larry said this is a huge problem as the mess deck is closed and the kids and parents are scrambling to find a place to eat. It was discussed at the Welcome New Students Day that we will be set up in the Mess Hall as opposed to outside to gather new membership. We need to have a poster of our past and current donations that are on the table for 2020/2021, on display. Perhaps we can work on some type of food packages from local merchants and use of the special events room for delivery and/or use to sit and eat the meals organized after the games.

There are 12 Varsity Teams; Football, Men's & Women's Track, Men's & Women's Rowing, Men's Soccer, Men's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Volleyball, Sailing, Men's Lacrosse, Baseball and Swimming & Diving.

Old Business: At the November meeting the President of the College had originally asked us for \$50,000.00 towards outfitting the newly purchased: OUTFITTING OF FORMER USCG 41' UTB FOR SMALL VESSEL OPERATIONS TRAINING AND MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH. As a board we decided we would be more comfortable with \$20,000.00. I told the Admiral that at the February meeting we would be able to give him a firm decision. We discussed that we wanted to wait until after Welcome New Students Day to cut the check. The Sesacks do not want to commit to any one amount as was requested. As President I want to commit to the 20K so that the project can account for the money committed to get the project off the ground. As far as other avenues regarding grants, federal monies and/or discussion about go fund me pages I believe is out of our purview. We were asked to donate to this cause, as we are many other projects. We don't micromanage the \$5,000.00 check we give the Master of the Training Ship for SST summer excursions. I spoke to the President of the College at the SBS Party and he said he would be sending an official letter with the \$20K amount we were comfortable with. We will take this up at another meeting. For now, the issue is tabled until further notice.

Following is the original email from the President regarding funding the retrofitting of the newly acquired vessel.

Up to this point in my tenure as President, Maritime College has been lacking appropriate platforms for underway small vessel operations training and has no suitable vessel for field research for our Marine and Environmental Sciences students. In Fall 2019, Maritime College acquired a former USCG 41' Utility Boat (UTB), which would be an ideal platform for both



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small vessel operations training and marine science research (see attached photo). I have repeatedly heard from the maritime industry that one of the weaknesses they have found in our graduates is the lack of small vessel operations experience. The 41' UTB is an ideal platform for our students to gain valuable experience with a small twin-screw vessel. In addition, the 41' UTB will be an invaluable asset for our Marine and Environmental Science students to gain in the field and on the water research experience.

We have done an assessment on the hull and engines and have found both to be in good condition. We are seeking funds to "refresh" this important asset with new exterior coatings, new electronics, and meet all Coast Guard requirements as a passenger vessel carrying 20 "passengers," which in fact are our students in the Marine Transportation and Marine and Environmental Science Labs. The budget to complete this work is nearly \$140K (see below). We would like to request \$50K from the Parents Association for this very important project. We will match this commitment with \$90K from two other organizations who have demonstrated an interest in this project.

The SUNY System has programmed \$4million for the construction of a new Seamanship Training Center on the waterfront, which is scheduled to begin construction this summer and will be complete in 2021. The Seamanship Training Center combined with this new asset for underway training and research will mark a dramatic renaissance for our waterfront. I would like to invite the Parents Association to be part of this renewed focus on our waterfront assets.

BUDGET FOR USCG 41' UTB

Work Required for USCG Certificate of Inspection as a Passenger Vessel: \$45,000

Renew All Exterior Coatings (Sandblast/Paint/Non-Skid): \$55,000

Engine Work: \$15,000

Electronics: \$20,000

Total: \$135,000

Store Managers Report:

Joey Sesack reported that our stores are in good shape with the exception of needing to order long sleeve embroidered t-shirts in two sizes. He wants to order the sport wickered golf shirts for the summer. We decided to order in blue and maroon without the white under armed two tone because they look too much like the parent association shirts. We also need to order more Parent Association shirts for our existing members and our future new members so we can all have a look of continuity. We discussed a canvas tote in the LL Bean style with the logo that is on the coffee mug on the bag. It was also discussed the Artic thermal cups for \$12.99 per piece if you buy a case, it was not razor etched, but it was a color imprint. We decided we would



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purchase a case for \$750.00 investment (48) units. While we still have the etched one (22.00 pp) and we sell them for 25.00, 30.00 \$ 35.00. We could double our money on the Polar cups Joey recommended to see if they sell.

Joey please include what you ordered after our discussion at the SBS Party, to include here in these minutes; sport wick, jackets, parent association shirts, long sleeve cotton shirts, canvas bags, thermal cups.

Treasurers Report:

Ski Club originally requested \$1,500.00. We did not approve, and we gave them \$500 our usual contribution. The Student representative Ariana the assistant Dean contacted Tom Fitzgerald about reconsidering a bigger donation. Considering that it is 60 kids in the ski club, Tom firsted giving an additional 1,000. As President, I don't have a problem with the additional monies. I know Valerie and Cecilia said no in the past however we will vote on giving an additional \$1,000.00. Tom makes a motion, all those in favor, second by Larry, motion Passed.

Newman Club, religious club asked for \$500.00 for rosary's, bibles etc., Tom makes a motion for Newman club, all those in favor, 2nd by Frank, motion Passed.

Treasurer stated that there are \$30,000.00 funds presently available. Enough to order the SST shirts, the shirts for Henry's crew on the ship, the orders that Joe Sesack wants to order to get us ready for the March SST Meeting. Ports of call will be Spain, Portugal and Ireland. Exact ports are still not written in stone and are subject to change. It may be wise to not specify the exact ports, just the Country and get them ordered so we have them for SST Meeting March 15. Printer, t-shirt guy said he needs 4-week turnaround which means shirts need to be ordered by February 16th.

At this meeting the following Volunteers that indicated they want to run for a position on the board and thus must be nominated as board members first at next March meeting, as well as have their nomination letters ready at that time which will be accepted by the Nominating Committee Chairwoman. Jamie requested that the Corresponding Secretary to create a post acknowledging the below as seeking positions on the board who must send in their nomination letters before the March meeting. The following volunteered for these positions.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer; Lawrence Castello and Michael Solomos
msolomos@gmail.com (Michael Solomos does not get any email, please add)

Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary; Steven Kanarian,
stevenkanarian@gmail.com and Elizabeth Donovan



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IT; Matt Regis, matt.peg.inc@aol.com

Hospitality Assistant; Tara Felice to Asst. Gemma Solomos.

We re-iterated that everyone who volunteered for a position on the board or an assistant executive board member position should prepare a nomination letter with your name, address, student name and graduation year, a little bit about yourself and why you would like to be on the board and send it in to nominations@sunymaritime.org

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 pm



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ADDENDUM

2020 DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI AWARDS &
MEMBERSHIP DINNER



HONORING

Bart B. Kelleher
Class of 1996
Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Gary Alan Jobson
Class of 1973
Lifetime Achievement Award

Bill Trenkle
Class of 1980
Special Recognition Award

January 31, 2019
Tribeca 360°
New York, New York





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- President**
- Jamie Trupp Green
- Vice President**
- Jeanine Sesack
- Treasurer**
- Thomas Fitzgerald
- Corresponding Secretary**
- Zameena Salim Rasheed
- Recording Secretary**
- Jamie Trupp Green
- IT**
- Robert Davis

1/30/2020 - BUS Alumni Dinner
Tribeca 360
Sign

NAME	Denise #	
✓ Michael Fitzgerald	M00127707	Michael Fitzgerald
✓ Geresia Leigh Luke	M00127973	Geresia Leigh Luke
✓ James Bast	M00176495	James Bast
✓ Arif Rasheed	M00126015	Arif Rasheed
✓ M. Zhuel Conli	M00143574	M. Zhuel Conli
✓ Brian Voelker	M0012080	Brian Voelker
✓ Laura Fogarty	M00085932	Laura Fogarty
✓ Jake Volpe	M00107471	Jake Volpe
✓ Joshua Burris	M00112420	Joshua Burris
✓ PETER LENTINI	M0002514	Peter Lentini
✓ Miller Conrath	M00106114	Miller Conrath
✓ Gabriella Franco	M0009339	Gabriella Franco
✓ Leigh Kennel	M00095223	Leigh Kennel
✓ JUSTIN FORREST	M00126960	Justin Forrest
✓ Joshua DeLandri	M00091809	Joshua DeLandri
✓ Parker Trarani	M00126008	Parker Trarani
✓ Davis Hewey	M00104389	Davis Hewey
✓ Tyler Verhulst	M00096662	Tyler Verhulst
✓ KAYLA KELLY	M00104279	Kayla Kelly
✓ MATTHEW GREEN	M00094128	Matthew Green
✓ CHEROKEE JOHNSON	M00102475	Cherokee Johnson
✓ Miles Bipka	M00114957	Miles Bipka
✓ MARGARET MacBLANE	M00111852	Margaret MacBlane
✓ JOHN WOODS	M00104340	John Woods
✓ A. CARLEW	M00094789	A. Carlew
✓ JAMES LOUER	M00128284	James Louer
✓ TOM MENNELA	M00106046	Tom Menella
✓ DELANE CRAWAY	M00128099	DeLane Craway
✓ MOLAN BARKER	M00093836	Molan Barker
✓ William Sesack	M00094145	William Sesack
✓ LIAM DEERY	M00095707	Liam Deery
✓ BETHANY OHA	M00098565	Bethany Oha
✓ AUSTIN FORD	M00062053	Austin Ford

2nd Addendum will be letter to the Director of the Ft. Schuyler Alumni Association



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