



**Board meeting
February 8, 2022
Zoom call 6:30**

Board members present: Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Larry Castello, Andre Amrhein, Jeremy O'Brien, Joe Donovan, Suzie Donovan, Zameena Salim Rasheed, Luis Davila, Cleo Gakshteyn

Board members absent: Keith Reilly, Betsy Grabher, Stephen Biscotti, JoAnn Davila

Guest parents: Frank & Liz Harnos

Call to Order: Joe Sesack called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Joe Sesack and board members expressed to Andre Amrhein how deeply sorry we are for the loss of his wife, Katie. A \$100 donation was made to the New York Harbor School in memory of Katie. Larry read the thank you letter from the NY Harbor school.

Approval of the December 3, 2021 meeting minutes: Copy of meeting minutes emailed to all board members. Approved by Zameena, Steve, 2nd (by email)

President's report:

- Holiday party recap (rushed through this but listed here in detail for the record)
 - We gave campus police a cookie tray on the way in. 2 lbs- \$33
 - The marquee sign greeted our members.
 - We had 5 raffles baskets- tickets 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20- we made \$595
 - Dr. Jennifer Waters and husband attended. Jeanne Murphy from Alumni Association also attended. Capt. Hanft was unable to come but sent her holiday wishes. Admiral Alfultis and Kim had another obligation but will definitely be at Super Bowl with brownies.
 - Thanks to Chartwells: Henry, Peter, Linda, and servers Patrice and Skylar. Each given \$100 tip
 - Chartwells bill \$980
 - Thanks to band members. \$100 tip x 3
 - We called 4- \$500 scholarship winners. Unfortunately no winner present.
 - 2025- parent name Adrienne & Harold Paez, student Gabriel
 - 2024-parent name Cynthia Thompson, student Kayla
 - 2023-parent name Susan Eberhardt, student James Willis
 - 2022-parent name Sabahat Abdulaer, student name unknown. Emailed parent 3x with no response when asked to confirm if student still at Maritime. Capt. Hanft checked, no student with that last name.
 - I would like to call a second name at the meeting for class of 2022- all were in favor. Andre called #47 Maureen Noble- an email will be sent to her after the meeting.



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- We have a vacant recording secretary position, which requires a nomination and vote. Joe's 2 year Presidential term is over in April. Jeannine's Vice President term was over last April. Zameena's term was over last April as well. We also need a hospitality chairperson.
- We will send out monthly reminders in the new year of upcoming executive board member positions that will be available starting this weekend.
- Since our last meeting we have had 1 new member join at our Holiday Party
- Christine Plowucha and her brother Stephen Grose started a FB campaign for SST T-shirts with a percent of proceeds to be donated to SMPA. Bill Kelly is the owner of Stitches & Screens sent us a check for \$3000 which we received a few days after our last meeting. The check has cleared and a thank you has been sent to Bill Kelly of Stitches & Screens. A Facebook thank you was posted December 11, 2021

Treasurer's report:

- Currently we have \$41346.84 in our account.
- Constant Contact monthly fee \$48.88
- Deposited \$3000 from Stitches and Screens
- \$ 194.70 , 1 new member joined at holiday party.
- Verizon monthly payment has been resolved.
- Club fund requests- The Conservative club- President Blase Delise- \$500 check given to Blase at December meeting.

Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME)- waiting for form-

President Isaac Wills

Naval Design Club- waiting for form- President Isaac Wills

Ski & Snowboard Club, President Chelsea Gostomski \$500

Larry found out that the ski club money went to the last trip in January to Jay Peak. All were in favor of sending another \$500 for the February trip to Smuggler Notch. Jeanine will contact Chelsea and Arianne Romero from Student Affairs and ask for another Club Fund Request form to be submitted.

We found out from Henry (Chartwells) today that the check #1234 we submitted at the Holiday Party was misplaced. Larry will follow up.

Shop report:

- Discussed SST shirts. This will be the final cruise of the College Training Ship Empire State VI. Joe expressed concern over our large loss of SST apparel money due to the pandemic. Also dated items become hard to sell. We could default and let Stitches and Screens sell again. Board seems eager to sell them ourselves since it is the last cruise. We have plenty of time to decide. Luis suggested placing 1 order for departure, see how they sell then order more for ship return if needed.



New Business:

- Sean James Varela, Class of 2019, died of cancer in January. He was 24 years old. His brother Michael is a 2/C. We are trying to make a donation to the family but could not find information from obituary or Capt. Hanft. We will reach out to our son Matthew and Jeremy will also for more information.
- 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. We can vote on this at March meeting and give check to Capt. McManus if approved.
- Facebook- Joe/Jeannine and Zameena are administrators of our Facebook page. Though we try to monitor daily, if you see something that you think is inappropriate please let us know by call, text, or email.

Upcoming Events and Meeting schedule for spring semester:

- Super Bowl Party- Joe and Jeannine were in communication with administration in mid January regarding the party. Due to the increase in COVID cases Maritime is limiting on-campus indoor events other than academic classes. The decision was made to hold the party without the parents association volunteers at the event. In 2020 we spent \$3577 on the party. Chartwells will handle all of the food this year. Since all students have the meal plan there is no additional cost for us. SGA President Jesus Fanilla has taken the lead to organize the party. He has requested funding for raffle prizes. We have donated \$1125-
 - 15- \$10 Amazon gift cards
 - 15- \$25 Amazon gift cards
 - 2- \$50 Amazon gift cards for team spirit awards
 - 20- \$25 Ship Store gift cards

- 15- Maritime t-shirts
- 15- Maritime baseball hats
- 15- Maritime winter hats

Jesus will give us a receipt with the winners of all prizes for our records. He will advertise and announce all prizes were donated by the parents association and remind the students to have their parents join our association.

- 2022 Alumni Dinner at Tribeca 360 in Manhattan. Date to be determined in the spring.
- March 11, 2022 6PM board meeting in the TIV, McMurray Hall. Captain McManus and students will discuss Summer Sea Term at the general meeting starting at 7PM.
- April 8, 2022 6PM board meeting with elections to follow in the TIV, McMurray Hall.
- Saturday April 9, 2022 Accepted Students Day- this is our biggest member drive of the year. An email has been sent to Dean Imbriale requesting permission for the parents association to be on campus for this event.
- May 5, 2022 Senior Awards- traditionally we give an award to the SGA President. This year Jesus Fanilla is very deserving of this award. We will vote on this at a future meeting.



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- May 27, 2022 Empire State VI departs to Philadelphia, Porto Portugal, Belfast Ireland. Volunteers will be needed for this event.
- 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.
- 2023 New student center should be complete, we would like to donate to this project.

Adjournment:

- Zoom adjourned the meeting at 7:15. In the future if a zoom meeting is needed we will use Liz Harnos's zoom account so we don't get cut off in 45 minutes.