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## SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

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**Board Meeting**  
**February 12, 2023**  
**4:15 PM**  
**Super Bowl Party**

**Board members present:** Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Joe Donovan, Sue Donovan,, Luis Davila, Cleo Gakshteyn, Frank Harnos, Liz Harnos, Jeremy O'Brien, Dorothy Kasimis

**Board members absent:** Keith Reilly, JoAnn Davila, Stephen Biscotti, Jeannine Timpone excused as she was picking up party food.

**Guest parents:** Sandra & Joe Lamarque, Thea & Jim Fry, Anna O'Brien, Kimberly Lancial, Andre Amrhein, Kathleen & Frank Dvorak, Susan & Pam Bailey,

**Call to Order:** Joe Sesack called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

**Approval of the January 12, 2023 meeting minutes:** meeting minutes from the January meeting were emailed to all board members. Approved by Cleo-2nd by Joe D.

**President's report:**

- **NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS-** anyone interested in taking over our positions? At this time no one has reached out to us.
- Thank you to Liz for hosting the January zoom meeting. We had 50 people on the call at one point.
- After this summer the board will lose Joe, Jeannine, and Keith. Keep in mind our constitution states we need to have a minimum of 10 board members. Jeannine would like to nominate both Sandra Lamarque and Thea Fry to our board. Sandra has been volunteering with us for years. Thea has a student who is a freshman. Jim Fry would also like to become a board member. All approved.
- We had to send out a statement about the graduation. Though it does not affect most of you it is pretty disappointing that our seniors on SST can't walk for graduation until 9 months later. We are waiting for FB to explode.

- We are waiting to hear back from the administration regarding our donation to help fund the new student union project.
- ALUMNI dinner was January 26th at Tribeca 360 Joe and Sue Donovan attended along with our 10 sponsored students.
- Super Bowl party - thank you to Jeannine and Frank Timpone and Joe & Sue Donovan for organizing this event. The Parents Association bought 20- \$50 gift cards from the Ship's store to raffle off as well as some apparel. Jeannine T. also received many other gift cards from local businesses.
- Letter writing campaign- if you haven't already done so, please use the templates the Admiral sent out and send your letters.
- Admiral Alfultis is asking the parents association to help pay for the graduation BBQ and tent on his front lawn the day before graduation. The BBQ will be followed by senior toast and then the senior awards dinner. The cost for this event is pending. We traditionally give a \$250 gift at the senior awards dinner. It is usually given to the SGA President.
- FACEBOOK- all quiet - we expected an uproar about graduation but it has not started yet.
- School calendar has the ship departure as Friday May 26th, returning August 1st. We are expecting these dates to change.
- Discussed with Joe Donovan possibly having an end of the year board member party either at ship departure or return. Just to actually sit all together and enjoy everyone's company without working at our meeting or events.
- We received an email from Admiral Alfultis last evening: "Today was a BIG day at Maritime. We hosted our State Senator's inauguration. Senator Schumer was here, along with the State Attorney General Latisha James, the NY Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, and several members of the NY Senate and Assembly. We got a lot of really good exposure that I am sure will be helpful down the road. Kim and I are heading to North Carolina tomorrow (Sunday) to see our son. Unfortunately, we will be missing the Super Bowl Party on the Mess Deck. Kim has baked some brownies for the big event, and left them in the side kitchen/mudroom for someone to pick up. Hope everyone enjoys them, and we hope you have a great event! Please extend my appreciation to the members of the Parents Association for their support for our students.  
RADM Mike Alfultis.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Chase - we currently have \$30,956.09
- There is one outstanding scholarship check that has not been cashed. Email was sent to parent. Daniel Foley. Jeannine will call her.
- Cleo spoke with our accountant Danielle who will, with our approval, continue to report our taxes this year at the cost of \$1000.

### **Club fund requests:**

- This month our board approved by email voting \$500 to the NROTC, Ski and Snowboard Club, Golf club.
- So far this year we have given out funds to 10 clubs up to and including the ski and golf clubs. \$5000

### **Shop report:**

- Joe D. Will do an inventory in the coming month to prepare for Accepted students day. We will need to order parent association shirts for our new members. We are in good shape with the storeroom.
- We will need to order mugs.

### **Additional Comments:**

- Stacey and Tony Angerome emailed us after our meeting in January. Their son Joey decided not to return to Maritime.
- What to do in this case, should we return some of their money. No where does it say our membership is non refundable. No one has asked for it back. I did refund a mom in the summer when her student dropped out of Indoc in the first week. All agreed we should not give funds back.
- Dr. Michael Jasek, the new Dean of student affairs will speak at our March meeting along with the Admiral, Captain McManus and Cmd. Grohman to speak about the SST schedule. This will be a good time to vote if giving \$5000 to SST this year. We will need to vote when we are all together at the March board meeting.

### **Unfinished business**

- **MOU-** we have not heard back from administrators about the MOU.

- Donation to the new student center opening in 2023
- Luis John Davila, follow up regarding gym equipment. Requesting about \$10,000 for new equipment. We are asking the athletic director to directly email us about this request since the fund request is pretty high. We need to make sure the chain of command is followed .

**Upcoming Events and Meeting schedule for spring semester:**

- Tuesday March 7th meeting will be zoom. Speakers will include: our new Dean of student affairs; Dr. Michael D. Jasek, Our President; Admiral Alfultis, the Master of the Empires State; Capt. McManus, and the Interim Commandant of the Regiment; CMD Grohman discussing SST schedule.
- Our final meeting of the year and elections will be in person on Friday April 7th. This is Good Friday. All agreed this is not a good day for meeting. We may consider a zoom meeting on Thursday instead since this is the start of a holiday week for many. We will have a Q & A discussion about SST- maybe have some students speak to the parents.
- Saturday April 8th Spring Fling. MAP (Maritime Activities Program) Giacomo Martello contacted us asking if we'd be able to help. They are looking to host "Spring Fest". They are planning on having food trucks, a concert and a carnival. Jeannine told him we'd talk at or after the Super Bowl.
- Saturday April 15th - Accepted students day, volunteers will be needed for this on campus membership drive and sales event.
- Thursday May 4th senior BBQ, Senior toast, Senior awards dinner.
- Friday May 5th graduation
- School calendar still has the ship departure on Friday May 26th- volunteers will be needed. Traditionally, we sell tickets for the ship return charter boat ride at this event. Will start selling boat ride tickets to PA members only at the beginning of May. We may have to rethink the charter trip this year if the Empire State truly comes back to campus through the Long Island Sound. The excitement of the boat ride has always been the scenic ride up the East River and the NY City sites. We will know more after our March 7th SST meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Joe adjourned the meeting at 4:45.

