



SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

**Board Meeting
January 12, 2023
6:00 PM
Zoom**

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

Board members absent: Keith Reilly

Guest parents: Sandra Lamarque

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

Approval of the December 2, 2022 meeting minutes: meeting minutes from the December meeting were emailed to all board members. Some board members could not open. Resent and Approved by Stephen Biscotti 2nd by Jeannine Timpone via email.

President's report:

- Thank you to Liz for setting up the zoom meeting
- OUR holiday Party was a big success- we made \$1015 in the raffle. We received very kind words from administrators and parents following the party
- We are waiting to hear back from the administration regarding our donation to help fund the new student union project.
- Welcome to our 2 newest board members Jeannine Timpone and Dorothy Kasimis.
- We really need to know if any of you are taking over our positions. Please email us with your intentions.

- ALUMNI dinner is January 26th at Tribeca 360 This year honoring Distinguished Alumnus of the Year: Kevin Graney '86 President of General Dynamics Electric Boat. Special Recognition: Prof. Peter Vecchio '86 Chair, Marine Transportation Department, SUNY Maritime College. Traditionally, the President and spouse's tickets are paid for by the PA. Jeannine will offer her ticket to Joe Donovan as he is the parent of a senior and has been involved with the parents association almost as long as us. The cost of the dinner is \$400 per person. We would like to again sponsor 10 students & send the same seniors - we will have to confirm all are still in good standing with Dean Romeo and Cmd. Grohman.
- Super Bowl party 6pm, game starts at 6:30. We will have to get there early to set up and have a quick meeting. Henry does the wings and cookies and will supply us with sternos, plates, serving supplies. We will order heros, hot food, cotton candy and popcorn machines available to us from SGA. We will raffle off some apparel and some school store gift cards to support them. If you would like to bring a dessert or appetizer that is appreciated All approved to buy 20- \$50 gift cards from the Ship's store.
- Joe & Sue Donovan along with Jeannine Timpone have offered to look for catering in the neighborhood since they are local. Jeannine S. will forward notes from pre pandemic Super Bowl parties to them. In 2020 we spent \$2600 on catered food. We only raffled off our apparel. We did not give out gift cards.
- Class of 2023 graduation- We spoke to Admiral Alfultis yesterday. He is asking the parents association to 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.
- January 2023 graduation- There will be no January graduation ceremony. We spoke to Admiral Alfultis and this is a done deal. Maritime College will recognize and celebrate its graduates at one commencement ceremony annually. The college plans to hold a multi-day event in May to include a barbeque, awards ceremony, academic awards dinner, champagne toast, and commencement ceremony. January graduates are encouraged to join their classmates at graduation on May 5, 2023. Details will be provided at a later date.
- Class of 2023 cadets going on SST will receive their credentials after fulfilling graduation requirements. They will be invited back to campus next May to attend the graduation ceremonies. We spoke with Admiral Alfultis at length about this. It was made very clear to us not to pursue this topic any further. We will let the SGA continue to handle this at this time.
- Admiral Alfultis also asked us to report to you that administration is working on getting the high cost of SST down. There will be a letter writing campaign asking our assembly

and senate for some aid for SST. The federal government will be asked to pay for the fuel for the term. We will ask that families that live out of state get any relatives living in NY to help out with this campaign. More information on this will follow.

- FACEBOOK- all quiet
- Summer sea term scholarship application will close at the end of this month
- Yearbook pictures are scheduled for Tuesday January 17th and Wednesday January 18th. Also, Tuesday January 24th and Wednesday January 25th. Thornton Studio Photographers will be taking the portraits. As always, these dates are subject to change.
- School calendar has the ship departure as Friday May 26th, returning August 1st.

Treasurer's Report:

- Chase - we currently have \$37973.61. There is one outstanding scholarship check that has not been cashed.
- Cleo spoke with our accountant Danielle who will, with our approval, continue to report our taxes this year at the cost of \$1000. All approved.
- Cleo please bring check book to super bowl . Joe D and Jeannine need to get reimbursed for postage from our online store.

Club fund requests:

- Dean Romeo is asking us to help the NROTC - they are looking for \$872 for 2 plane tickets for a leadership conference in February. I told Dean Romeo we cap off at \$500. All members approved giving \$500 to the NROTC.
- Jeannine met with John Celentani the new student activities coordinator last week. He just wanted to introduce himself and get to know what the parent's association does on campus.

Shop report:

- Joe D. Will do an inventory in the coming month to prepare for a]Accepted students day. We are in good shape with the storeroom.
- Jeannine's online shop was pretty successful. Online store opened on November 13th and closed December 1st. 117 items were sold to 51 customers. Each item had \$5 added for shipping. We actually made a profit of \$159.20 on shipping. I spent \$41.27 on shipping supplies at staples. Total sales were \$2390. Total sent to Chase from Square

was \$2296.42. Advertised on our FB page, the Alumni page, and constant contact members since 2010. The majority of sales were alumni families.

- Joe D. started the online shop back up selling our new jackets on 12/11/22. The sale price of the jacket was \$75 plus \$15 for shipping, \$90. \$95 for 2xl. 16 jackets were sold to 14 customers. 8 were sold to alumni families. We again made a small profit on shipping of? . Total sales were \$1450. 2 totes were also sold during this time frame. Total to Chase from Square \$1451.69.

Additional Comments:

- Jeannine finished mailing our t-shirts and mugs to those who have not picked them up. As of today we haven't heard back from 4 parents. We did receive a few replies that the students were no longer at Maritime. The cost for mailing priority is about \$9.55 for each delivery.

Unfinished business

- **MOU-** we have not heard back from administrators about the MOU. An MOU was prepared in 2016 by the attorney who helped make the parents association a corporation. A copy of MOU was sent to Roxanne Thompson and Doug Hasbrouck after our November meeting with them.
- Donation to the new student center opening in 2023
- Luis reported that the weight room could use improvement. His son Luis will report back to us what their needs are.

Upcoming Events and Meeting schedule for spring semester:

- Tonight's speakers will be John Celentani, the new student activities coordinator; Michele Reina, Director of Career Planning and Development; and Christine D'amico, mental health counselor.
- The Super Bowl party is February 12, 2023. Many volunteers will be needed. Donations of desserts are appreciated.
- Thursday, March 2nd meeting will be zoom.
- Our final meeting of the year and elections will be in person on Friday April 7th. This is Good Friday. We may consider a zoom meeting on Thursday instead since this is the start of a holiday week for many.

- Saturday April 15th - Accepted students day, volunteers will be needed for this on campus membership drive and sales event.
- Friday May 26th ship departure- sell tickets to all for ship return boat ride at this event. Will start selling to PA members only beginning of May.

Adjournment:

Joe adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.