



SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

**Board meeting
November 4, 2022
6:00 PM
Zoom**

Board members present: Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Jeremy O'Brien, Frank Harnos, Liz Harnos, Joe Donovan, Stephen Biscotti,

Board members absent: Joe Donovan, Keith Reilly, Luis Davila, JoAnn Davila, Cleo Gakshteyn

Guest parents: Requested that they sign on after 6:15 Kathleen Browning Dvorak, Theodora Kasimis, Sandra Lamarque-Apollon, Thea Fry

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

Welcome to Roxanne Thompson, VP for Finance and Campus Operations and Doug Hasbrouck, VP for Advancement:

- Roxanne and Doug joined us to discuss:
- CREATING AN MOU (memorandum of understanding) between the parents association and Maritime college or (suny). Joe informed them that there is already a MOU written up from 2016. According to former president Val Pfundstein the meeting to sign this agreement was canceled at the last minute by the Maritime administration. We again discussed with Admiral Alfultis in Nov. 2020 and we were told he was waiting on a template from SUNY. Doug suggested using a similar MOU created for the Alumni Association. Jeannine will send the 2016 MOU to Roxanne and Doug.
- LOGOS- once the MOU is in place we should be able to continue to use the Maritime logos.
- COLLEGE PERMISSION TO HAVE US SELL AT CERTAIN CAMPUS EVENTS- once the MOU is in place clear guidelines will be in place.
- Doug explained that the decision to move us away from the main event at Homecoming was made a few years ago by Admiral Alfultis as he wants the fundraising to focus on alumni, athletics, and the campus bookstore. When we asked if we could make a

donation to athletics or alumni for a spot by the athletic fields next year Doug could not guarantee at this time.

- How long is the process of setting up the MOU? Not overnight
- We reminded Doug and Roxanne that we have been selling the same exact items since 2017.
- We have our holiday party scheduled for December 2nd. Can we proceed? Yes
- Discussed an email sent to us by both Doug and Dean Romeo asking us if we have donated to the SGA 9/11 memorial. To our knowledge we have never given funds to this cause. Doug said the idea came from Austin Ford, SGA President in 2019/2020. The SGA raised about \$2000 but have not started on any plans. At this time Doug is not asking for any more funding for this project. Joe let him know we have retired FDNY and NYPD on our board and could help with this memorial if needed. The memorial will also honor those who assisted in the boat lift.
- Joe also discussed wanting to help fund the new student union. They will speak with the project managers regarding where funds will be needed.
- Doug and Roxanne left the meeting around 6:35.

Approval of the October meeting minutes: meeting minutes from the October meeting were emailed to all board members. Approved by Liz 2nd by Stephen.

President's report:

- If anyone would like to take over the corresponding secretary position please let us know. **As per our constitution- ARTICLE IX - Vacancies** Any vacancy in any office or on the Board shall be filled by appointment of the President with the approval of a majority of the Board.
- Thank you to Liz for setting up the zoom meetings last month. We had about 25 on the zoom call and 17 guests in person. We would like to take advantage of the zoom platform for future meetings.
- Again, we hope to start handing some tasks like membership, website, over as this is our last year. If you are considering a position on the executive board next year please let us know.
- Homecoming - as explained above our location was changed this year to the Fort. We made \$7,764. Last year when we were set up by the athletic fields we made \$19,000.

- Next fundraising event only board members should be going in the cash box.
- Henry did not charge us for the dinners at our last meeting. He wants the money to go to the students.
- 3 new members at homecoming
- Admirals dinner- raised a total of \$755,850.
- FACEBOOK- no report
- HOLIDAY PARTY- Jeannine will organize our holiday party. We are looking for a hospitality person to run this event next year. Hospitality also organizes the Super Bowl party. We are accepting baskets to raffle off.
- Do we want to give out more scholarships \$500 x 4 last year? Maybe 2- \$500 per class? We will send an email out for voting on this.
- Class of 2023 graduation- there will be no graduation after cruise next summer for those 1/C Cadets who have to take their SST that was canceled in 2020. SGA President Liam Reddan and the CMD. Grohman will be working on a plan for a ceremony next summer
- Summer sea term scholarship application process now opened.

Treasurer's Report:

- As of today we currently have \$43695.86
- Cash deposit of \$1038 on 10/31/22 from homecoming. Square deposit was \$5736.02
- Ace Apparel \$12131.40
- Chartwells for October meeting dinner- Henry did not charge us for the dinners. He wants the money to go to the students.

Club fund requests:

- New York Maritime College Band- Jane Adams, Band Company Commander is requesting \$502 to purchase equipment - approved.
- New York Maritime Honor Guard- Nicholas Paladino, Cadet Honor Guard Commander is requesting 500.61 for the purchase of 8 sword belts - approved

- SUNY Maritime Rifle Team- Luke Goehring, Captain is requesting \$450.70 2 rifle repairs - approved.

Already voted on last Thursday and paid out at Homecoming

- Fishing club - President Alec Monteverdi requesting \$500 for charter boat. Approved 10/25/22 and paid out at Homecoming.
- Jewish Culture Club- President Bridget Stack requesting \$500 for Hanukkah and Purim parties. Approved 10/25/22 and paid out at Homecoming.
- Student Government Association- President Liam Reddan requesting \$500 for cotton candy and popcorn machine and supplies for Homecoming. Approved 10/25/22 and paid out at Homecoming.

Shop report:

- Ace order total \$12131.40
- Joe will look into a new vendor to get some new items next year.
- Jeannine will try to sell some of the Empire State VI shirts online.

Additional Comments:

Unfinished business

- 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 fall semester:

- Tonight's Guest speakers are Dean Arianne Romeo, Interim Dean of Students/Senior Associate Dean of Students; Myron Pryjmak, Director of University Police; and Tina MacCollum, Director of Housing.
- Board meeting Friday December 2nd at 6pm followed by our Holiday Party at 6:30. Special Events Room, Vander Clute Hall 2nd floor. We will invite some alumni to speak about their post graduate experience.

Adjournment:

Joe adjourned the meeting at 6:55

