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## SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

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**Board Meeting**  
**September 10, 2021**  
**6:00 PM in the MAC**

**Board members present:** Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Joe Donovan, Larry Castello, Andre Amrhein, Betsy Grabher, Keith Reilly

**Board members absent:** Steve Kanarian, Steve Lowe, Suzie Donovan, Tim Felice, Jeremy O'Brien (attended 7pm meeting), Ana O'Brien, Zameena Salim Rasheed (attended 7pm meeting).

**Guest parents:**

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

**Review April 2021 minutes**

**Approval of the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes:** Copy of meeting minutes emailed to all board members. Approved by Larry Castello, 2nd Betsy Grabher.

**President's report:**

- We received a donation from Keith Olsen in June from Deepseadreams.com. Keith has had a long sea going career with cousins that went to Maritime. He donated \$120 to the SMPA
- Christine Plowucha 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 and has a check for \$3000 which have not yet received.
- A- cruise ship returned on June 25,2021. Thank you to the following volunteers:  
Joe & Jeannine Sesack  
Joe, Suzie, Bridget Donovan  
Gemma and Michael Solomos  
Larry and Lisa Castello  
Andre Amrhein and son  
Zameena Salim Rasheed  
Betsy Grabher  
Steven and Jennifer Tortiglia  
Eric and Lorraine Hanke  
Christina Pase  
Students- Lawrence Castello and James Donovan

We raised \$15,385.66.

3 new members joined the SMPA. We have to capture new members to keep the association running.



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We did not have the SMPA boat trip to meet the ship since we didn't know if we'd be allowed on campus.

We also did not have the NYC Courts Pipe and Drum band due to the short notice.

- B cruise departed on July 1, 2021. Thank you to the following volunteers:

Joe & Jeannine Sesack

Joe, Suzie, Bridget Donovan

Larry Castello

Jim McGetrick

Keith Reilly

Students- Billy Sesack, Jordan Emory

We raised \$9604.95

13 new members joined

Special thanks to the NYC Courts Pipe and Drum band for playing at ship departure.

- B cruise returned on August 29, 2021. Thank you to the following volunteers:

Joe & Jeannine Sesack

Joe, Suzie, and Joseph Donovan

Betsy Grabher

Andre Amrhein

Larry Castello Sr.

Student- Larry Castello Jr.

We raised \$10,806.46

2 new members joined

Special thanks to the FDNY Pipe and Drum Band for playing at ship return as the NYS Courts band was not available to play.

- On July 15, 2021 Dean Imbriale allowed us time to speak at the virtual orientation. We explained what we do, how to join, our Facebook page etc. We answered questions through the chat. We have had 29 new class of 2025 members join since orientation.

- Thank you to Joe and Suzie Donovan for spending the day on August 4, 2021 taking inventory of our merchandise. We were able to replenish most of our supply by ship return with the exception of our Holiday ornaments, stadium blankets, and blue bandanas. We spent:

Ace Apparel: \$14,362.60

4 all promotions (Holiday ornaments): \$361.28

Flip flop Embroidery (Rhinestone shirts): \$884.00

Wedding favors (anchor bottle opener): \$182.26



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Chico Charms (paracord keychain and bracelet): \$708.10

Prestige flag (Burgee): \$2106.00

- Steven Kanarian is no longer recording secretary. His student left Maritime in January. We are no longer looking for someone who would like to fill this position. Also we need a hospitality chairperson and a photographer.
- Steven Lowe has not responded to SMPA emails or participated in any recent events. Joe motioned for Steve to be removed from board. All in favor of removal.
- Our board of directors needs at least 10 members. We must recruit new members in the next few months.

### **Treasurer's report:**

- Our account was up to \$46,303.73 before paying Ace for our apparel order. Currently we have \$32,327.88 in our account.
- Chase is upgrading our account.
- Verizon bills will now come out of our checking account.

### **Shop report:**

- See above for details of August order.
- New items suggested for Homecoming: wool hats, spiked seltzer can holders, change up some colors for sweatshirts. The new jackets were also approved and will be ordered.

**New Business:** Our first parents meeting is today at 7pm. Guest speakers include Provost & VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Jennifer Waters, Myron Pryimak, Chief of University Police, and Jesus Fanilla, Student Government President. Chartwell's will provide a coffee and cookie station. Water bottles also provided.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Admiral's Dinner**

- Tuesday Sept. 21 at 5:30-8:30
- Board voted by email to approve a table for 10- \$7500
- Must be vaccinated to attend- please send me your vaccine card photo or NYS Excelsior Pass to be forwarded to the Admirals Dinner Committee.
- President is a member of the Admirals Dinner Committee and attends with spouse paid by board. Only one of us will go so that a senior parent can attend. Our 2 senior parents are Larry and Andre. Larry and his son cannot attend this event. We will put them first on the list for the Alumni dinner which is usually in January at Tribeca 360 in Manhattan.
- Our only senior student besides Larry is Kaitlyn Amrhein, Andre has been one of our best volunteers. We are very grateful to Andre to all he has done for the parents association through the years.
- Our juniors with the most volunteer hours either by student or parent are: James Donovan, Matthew Sesack, Arif Rasheed, Olivia Grahber.



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- This brings us to 2 board members and 5 students, 4 being juniors. I would like to offer our new President of the Student Government Association Jesus Fanilla a ticket. Capt. Hanft usually picks some also. We must also include a senior who is not taking license or a civilian student.

### Homecoming

- Our next opportunity for sales, Saturday October 16, 2021. We will meet at storeroom at 8am.
- I will put word out to Jesus Fanilla for student volunteers to help with boxes to and from storeroom to football field. He gathered many for us in 2019.

### Meeting Schedule for the fall semester:

- Friday Oct. 1st 6PM on the Mess Deck followed by 7PM parents meeting. SMPA will provide Chartwell dinner for our guests.
- Friday Nov. 5th 6PM in the TIV- top Floor McMurray Hall followed by 7PM parents meeting.
- Friday Dec. 3rd will be our Holiday Parting in the Special Events room behind the Mess deck.

### Adjournment:

- Joe Sesack adjourned the meeting at 6:45 to greet our parents and speakers in the lecture hall.