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## SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

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### **Board Meeting**

**April 14, 2021**

**7:00 PM (virtual meeting)**

**Board members present:** Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Zameena Salim Rasheed, Joe Donovan, Suzie Donovan, Larry Castello, Gemma Solomos, Michael Solomos, Tim Felice, Andre Amrhein

**Board members absent:** Jeremy and Ana Obrien, Betsy and Bob Grabher, Steve Kanarian, Steve Lowe

**Guest parent:** Joanne Biscardi, Susan Bailey

**Guest speaker:** Admiral Alfultis, Provost Dr. Jennifer Waters

**Call to Order:** Joe Sesack called the Zoom meeting to order at 7PM

In the interest of the Admiral's time we will let him address the board first.

Admiral Alfultis understands that many parents are disappointed but at this time the campus will be closed for ship departure. Maritime must abide by the current CDC and NYSDOH guidelines to keep our students and staff safe. He stated that Maritime is the only Maritime academy doing port visits this summer. The Admiral assured us that the departure will be live streamed and we will be notified of viewing points along the East River. All of these safety measures will get us to the long term goal of at the very least having the parents of seniors at the ship return, in person July graduation, and a B cruise.

The Admiral again addressed the license exam. He understands that students are concerned that seminar was completed months ago and they will need to study for the exams while at sea. They will be receiving 67 days of seminar review for the exam. He is very confident that the students will have a very high success rate.

The Admiral addressed the COVID testing and vaccines. In the last few weeks there have been 1100 test with only 2 positives. There has been no student who has taken the vaccine that has tested positive.

The Admiral thanked us for our offer to donate the large supply of 2020 SST shirts and hats to the cadets. He, Captain McManus, and the administration feels that they don't want to focus on what they couldn't do last year. They want to focus on what they have been able to achieve and that is getting our cadets out to sea. He understands that we have taken a huge financial hit and assured us that he hopes to have us back on campus for upcoming events. We explained the need to meet the freshman parents which he understood. He hopes to have us at Indoc graduation this August.

Dr. Jennifer Waters, Provost at Maritime College, thanked the Parents Association for the supporting the administration during this difficult year.

The goal of the Provost and the Admiral is for full face to face class and sports in the fall.



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**Review of the March 2021 minutes:** Meeting minutes were emailed to all for review.

**Approval of the March 2021 meeting minutes:** Approved by Zameena, 2nd Larry

**President's report:**

**Senior awards:** While we had one student in mind for our Senior Award, we had reached out to Capt. Hanft also for a recommendation. I sent out to you Capt. Hanft's recommendation for the award and received approval from myself, Jeannine, Tim, Larry, and Zameena. Thank you all for your response. This comes from Capt. Hanft:

With help from the Dean of Students – who oversees SGA – the following is provide:

Michael Monteleone has served as SGA President since summer, 2020. He served as SGA Treasurer prior to this in 2019-2020. Throughout his leadership in SGA, Michael has been instrumental in helping the student body, both regiment and civilian, through the challenges of COVID-19 this year. He has represented the student voice in a variety of settings to members of the President's Cabinet, the Chancellor of the State University of New York, and the Chairman of the Board of SUNY.

Mike is always steady in his demeanor and has worked with students and administration alike with dignity, respect, and resolve through this most challenging year. He is well respected amongst his peers and others look to him to help make lasting change for the betterment of the College. This is what the Regiment expects of its young leaders – to get involved where they can best serve. This also sets an example for all students.

**Andrew McHugh family-** sent a beautiful thank you card for our donation to the family. As you may recall, Andrew is a Maritime graduate who died in a car accident October 6, 2020. His brother Matthew is a 1/C and will graduate after SST.

**SST 2020 Tshirt and Hats:** we have 616 tshirts and 144 hats Total cost of this purchase \$6925

As stated above we will not be donating them to the students. We can ask for donations and give away at ship return as parents on Face Book said they would buy.

**Elections:** Vice President and Corresponding secretary have completed their 2 year term in April. Gemma, hospitality chair has also. An email blast went out to our membership looking for nominees to fill the positions.

There were no new names added to the ballot.

Our board of directors, as per our Consitution should consist of at least 10 members.

Jeannine, VP, has volunteered for one more year. Zameena has also said she will continue in her role. Gemma also would continue to help out, as her nephew will still be at Maritime after her daughter graduates.

Thank you to Jeannine, Zameena, and Gemma who will continue in their position next year.

**Keith Reilly has offered to be our new Tech guy.** Jeannine nominates Keith to become a board member and Tech chair.

**2nd, Larry, Gemma.**

**New website:** did you get to review the new website? Comments appreciated, if all in favor Jeannine will pull down the PureHost site and use Godaddy exclusively.



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Approved 1st Zameena; 2nd Tim

Jeannine requested board to email her with any suggestion for the site.

**Treasurer's report: As of 4/14/21 Chase account \$7900.43**

Paid Danielle \$1000, constant contact \$48.88, Purehost \$4.29, 2 insurance premiums- \$446, Chubb \$558, \$250 for Senior award. Larry spoke with insurance broker regarding a premium reduction since we can't be on campus but this was denied.

**New Business-Upcoming Events:**

Thank you to the Executive Board and board members who continued to support us during this difficult year.

Thank you card from the family of Andrew McHugh was read at the close of the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:45