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## SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

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### Board meeting

December 3, 2021

5:30 PM Special Events Room Vander Clute Hall

**Board members present:** Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Larry Castello, Andre Amrhein, Jeremy O'Brien, Joe Donovan, Suzie Donovan, Stephen Biscotti, Gemma Solomos, Michael Solomos

**Board members absent:** Keith Reilly, Betsy Grabher, Zameena Salim Rasheed

**Guest parents:** Luis & JoAnn Davila, Frank & Liz Harnos, Cleo Gakshteyn, Lisa Castello, Susan Baily, Michele Biscotti, Ana Obrien

**Call to Order:** Joe Sesack called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM

**Approval of the November 5, 2021 meeting minutes:** Copy of meeting minutes emailed to all board members. Approved by Steve, 2nd, Larry

**President's report:**

- We had a nice group of new faces at our November meeting. If interested in just joining the board we should nominate today. For our new members-Traditionally, our board has a hospitality chairperson and a photographer. We also have a vacant recording secretary position, which requires a nomination and vote. Joe's 2 year Presidential term is over in April. Jeannine's Vice President term was over last April. Zameena's term was over last April as well.
- We will send out monthly reminders in the new year of upcoming executive board member positions that will be available.
- Cleo Gakshteyn has been at our recent meetings and has experience as treasurer with her PTA. Joe would like to nominate her to the board. Jeannine 2nd. We are hopeful that she can shadow Larry in the next few months and take over for him as treasurer. Welcome and thank you to Cleo.
- Since our last meeting we have had 1 new member join on line.
- Christine Plowucha and her brother Stephen Grose 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 sent us a check for \$3000 which we received a few days after our last meeting. The check has cleared and a thank you has been sent to Bill Kelly of Stitches & Screens. A Facebook thank you will go out this week.

**Treasurer's report:**

- Currently we have \$43,809.11 in our account.
- Constant Contact monthly fee \$48.88



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- Deposited \$3000 from Stitches and Screens
- \$98.60 for new printer cartridge and thumb drive
- \$80.00 for holiday party centerpieces
- \$193, 1 new member
- \$36 large poinsetta for raffle
- Verizon monthly payment is still a problem. Joe will need to get on call to resolve since he is the account owner. Larry sent our 2 months paid verizon bills.
- Club fund requests- Cooking club \$500 check sent after email voting approved
  - The Conservative club- President Blase Delise- vote today- all in favor. \$500 check given to Blase.
  - Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME)- waiting for form- President Isaac Wills
  - Naval Design Club- waiting for form- President Isaac Wills

### Shop report:

- Joe D. would like to increase the Maritime Tshirt price to \$15. We will discuss at next meeting.
- As discussed with Capt. Hanft last meeting. MUG is only used to describe a member of Regiment. Our mugs that we give to members say "our mug for your MUG" we will need to order mugs without this saying for non regimental (intern) students

### New Business:

- Today is our Holiday party which will take the place of our monthly member meeting. This is free to all members.
- We will select our Holiday Scholarship winners during the party-check or tuition payment
- Thank you to everyone on the board who has continued support our parents association. All active and new board members received a Parent's Association pen.
- Luis and JoAnn Davila have expressed interest in becoming board members. We need a minimum of 10 board members. Jeannine nominated JoAnn and Luis to the board. Steve 2nd. Welcome to Luis and JoAnn.

### Upcoming Events:

- January 27, 2022 Alumni Dinner at Tribeca 360 in Manhattan. The Alumni Association has not sent out invitations yet. Traditionally we send 10 students and the President and their spouse. Joe and Jeannine would like to defer our invite to Larry and Andre, as they have senior students this year. Our seniors are Lawrence and Kaitlyn. Capt. Hanft only wants seniors at this event. We would like to sponser Jesus Fanilla. Capt. Hanft will have names of other seniors both licensed and non licensed. We also have also funded half of the cost of the bus transporting the students and volunteers to and from the dinner. The bus arrangements are made by the Alumni Association. We pay them. The cost was around \$250.

### Meeting Schedule for the Spring semester:

- No in person meeting in January- we will have a zoom call to discuss Alumni Dinner and Plans for Super Bowl party. Larry has Super Bowl notes from last year. Larry, Gemma and Mike will organize food order. I



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would like to suggest raffling off gift cards for book store. Maybe 4- \$100, as well as, the usual t-shirts and hats. We will give away the SST 2020 tshirts and hats.

- February 13, 2022 Board meeting @4:00 and Super Bowl Party @ 5:30 on the Mess Deck-start sending out emails regarding new board member positions. Volunteers needed-this is a fun event-done by end of half time.
- March meeting TBD- traditionally this coincides with MUG ship weekend. If no MUG ship weekend meeting will be March 11th as we will be away March 4th
- April 8th last meeting of the year. Elections to be held.

**Adjournment:**

- Joe Sesack adjourned the meeting at 6:45.



Notes for party

Welcome all to party

Welcome and Thank Capt. Hanft- Comandant of Cadets

Welcome Dr. Jennifer Waters- Provost and VP of Academic Affairs

Welcome Jeanne Murphy- Executive Director of Maritime College Alumni Association

Thank Kieran McLaughlin for putting band together-tip later

Thank the staff of Chartwells- Henry, Peter, Linda, servers- tip later

Thank our board & Gemma- have them stand and give pens

We need new members on our board. We currently have 11 active board members- we will be losing Larry and Andre this spring. Our Constitution states “ the board shall consist not less than 10 or more than 25 members”.

Executive board terms are coming to an end.

Elections will be held in April.

President and Treasurer term up in April

Vice President term up last April

Corresponding Secretary term up last April

We have no recording secretary. These are all elected positions.

We need volunteers for hospitality and a photographer.

Scholarship winners

2025 Gabriel Paez- Parent name called- Adrienne & Harold Paez



2024 Kayla Thompson- Parent name called- Cynthia & Chris Thompson

2023 James Willis- Parent name called- Susan Eberhardt

2022 Student name unknown- Parent name called Sabahat Abdullaer.

Emailed 3x for confirmation student still at Maritime. No response.

Capt. Hanft checked for me, no student by that last name. Will recommend picking another name at our Jan. Zoom call.