

Board meeting December 2, 2022 6:00 PM **Special Events Room** Vander Clute Hall

Board members present: Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Joe Donovan, Stephen Biscotti, Sue Donovan, JoAnn Davila, Cleo Gakshteyn

Board members absent: Frank & Liz Harnos, Keith Reilly, Jeremy O'Brien, Luis Davila

Guest parents: Jeannine & Frank Timpone, Theodora Kasimis, Rich Realmuto, Sue Bailey

Call to Order: Joe Sesack called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Approval of the November 4, 2022 meeting minutes: meeting minutes from the November meeting were emailed to all board members. Approved by Stephen 2nd by JoAnn.

President's report:

- Last month we welcomed Roxanne Thompson, VP for Finance and Campus Operations and Doug Hasbrouck, VP for Advancement to discuss MOU. In the interest of time we will discuss this at the next meeting. All details in the November meeting minutes.
- Joe discussed an email sent to us by both Doug Hasbrouck 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. In the past the SGA raised about \$2000 but have not started on any plans. 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.
- We are waiting to hear back from administration regarding our donation to help fund the new student union project.
- We received a very nice thank you letter from the SUNY Maritime Foundation regarding our donation of \$9600. The cost per person was \$800, \$100 was for the dinner, \$700 is the deductible donation for tax purposes.

- 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 35 on the zoom call. Our January meeting will be a zoom call.
- FACEBOOK has been quiet this month. Please remember if you see something posted that may be inappropriate call or text us.
- Thank you to all for voting online on 11/20/22 to give out more scholarships at our holiday party. This year we will give 2- \$500 per class.
- Thank you to all for voting 11/20/22 to donate \$1000 to the One Hand Student Relief Fund for Giving Tuesday. This donation will be matched by a generous alumni. The total amount paid was \$1029.05 (\$29.05 fee). The match goal was met and surpassed to hit \$30,166. Combined with the \$25,000 match from the lead alum, a total of \$55,166 in new emergency funds for students was raised to help a current student continue and complete their Maritime education.
- Summer sea term scholarship application process now opened.
- School calendar has the ship departure as Friday May 26th, returning August 1st.
- We will be looking for caterers in the neighborhood for the super bowl party.
- Chartwells for October meeting dinner- Henry did not charge us for the dinners. He wants the money to go to the students. Also, he did not send us a bill for Homecoming morning.

Treasurer's Report:

• As of today we currently have \$ \$41,272.14

Club fund requests:

- SUNY Maritime car club- Robert Bailey, Vice President is requesting \$500 for a go carting trip post successful car show. approved by email 11/12/22. Check sent 11/15/22
- New York Maritime College Band- Jane Adams, Band Company Commander is requesting \$502 to purchase equipment approved. Check sent 11/15/22

- New York Maritime Honor Guard- Nicholas Paladino, Cadet Honor Guard Commander is requesting 500.61 for the purchase of 8 sword belts approved.Check sent 11/15/22
- SUNY Maritime Rifle Team- Luke Goehring, Captain is requesting \$450.70 2 rifle repairs approved for \$500. Check sent 11/15/22

Shop report:

• No report- this was skipped over

Additional Comments:

- Jeannine would like to use some of our funds to mail our t-shirts and mugs to those who have not picked them up. We owe 24 shirts and mugs and 1 tote bag from our raffle. She emails out reminders monthly and carries them back and forth to events. This will be \$10-15 for each delivery. We are hoping for your support on this. All approved.
- Jeannine would like to nominate Jeannine Timpone to our board. All approved. Theodora Kasimis also would like to become a board member. All approved.

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:

- January meeting will be zoom during the week Date to be announced.
- The Super Bowl party is February 12, 2023. Many volunteers will be needed. We will need to find a caterer.

Adjournment:

Joe adjourned the meeting at 6:32.