



SUNY Maritime Parents Association

Board Meeting
December 14, 2023
6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Jeannine Timpone, Liz Harnos, Cleo Gakshteyn, Dorothy Kasimis, Joann Davila, Kathleen Browning

Board Members Absent: Luis Davila, Thea Fry, James Fry, Suzie Donovan, Joe Donovan, Frank Harnos, Jeremy O'Brien, Steve Biscotti

Call To Order: Jeannine Timpone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of the November 9, 2023, meeting minutes: Minutes were sent out via email to all board members and approved.

President's Report:

- Sorry we were not able to have an Executive Board Meeting before the Holiday Party as planned. Thanks for coming together for a quick meeting to go over a few things.
- Welcome Kathleen as a new board member to her first meeting.
- I know I have been communicating a lot via email with many things happening. But I want to make sure it is noted. Things were discussed at the Holiday Party, but I want to make sure they are properly documented.
- Thank you, Frank Harnos, for running the cadet shipping meeting in November along with Matt & students. Very good turn out with students really answering many questions and giving a little more detail on what is entailed especially with project.
- We funded cultural club \$500 for fashion show and some of us attended and modeled that evening.
- We funded \$500 for the NYROTC to attend the Naval Leadership conference with 2 midshipmen in February. This will offset their costs.
- The Holiday Party was GREAT! Nice turnout of people. Sad that Admiral and wife along with Mark Woolley were unable to attend due to a meeting in DC with MARAD.

- Food was good, especially the shrimp, a bit disappointed with the chicken and the beef - let's think of something different next year with Henry.
- Servers and band were tipped.
- \$350 in credit card sales were made that evening, 14 gift baskets were donated and we made \$1200, \$220 with the 50/50 raffle.
- We gave ship ornaments to the Admin that were there that evening. Dr. Waters, Captain McManus and Captain Grohman along with Alexie Rivera from the Foundation.
- We gave Empire State t-shirts to the 4 alumni speakers. Paul Weaver, Andrew Scalice, Lt. Fitzsimmons, and Alumni Pres. Steve Carberry.
- It was nice to have old PA presidents there Joe/Jeannine Sesack along with prior president Rita Graves and her husband. Unfortunately, the prior president before Jeannine/Joe Valerie was unavailable.
- We were able to give 8 \$500 scholarships that evening- Ashlyn Mullan from Garden City, Thomas Pellicci from Manorville; James Frederick from Massapequa Park, Matthew Hudak from South Carolina; Tyler Anderson from Smithtown (parents were at the holiday party), Thomas Flanagan from Bayville; Danny Latimer from Montgomery and Ryan Colombo from Cortlandt Manor. I will be in touch with the business office to work out logistics so money can be put directly into their accounts.
- I dropped off a Christmas gift to Admiral and his wife and gave a few admin a ship ornament for the holidays. Mark Woolley, Doug and Dr. Todd.
- In the new year pending meeting date from Doug/Roxeanne about the MOU. Admiral states he wants to handle this before he leaves.
- Need new merchandise for ship out and ship return.
- Pajama pants are in
- Ship out would like some wintery items, new style of wool hats, scarves and bring back the tote bag.
- For ship return- Admiral wants to invite accepted students to ship return so he wants it to be a little different and more intimate with them. Thinking admissions hosting a breakfast for the families and would like for the executive team to be there to mingle with them. We will talk in more detail as it comes closer to the date.
- For ship return Admiral does not want a big merchandise display. So we should have at least a couple of items to sell. New tote bags or Winter Sea term t-shirt most thought sweatshirt better.
- December sales are going very well online - Jeannine and her girls delivering to campus dorm rooms just a few mail orders. She is going to do a flash sale for the pj pants and one last request for orders for the holidays.

Since sales are doing so well now is the time for us to think of new items since many families have current items of lesser value.

- Ship return is now set for Tuesday, January 23 - will have to talk more with admin on their plan for breakfast and our parents association set up.
- We need to make a donation for ship out - we will wait for final confirmation of this winter sea term before making a determination.
- Since this is the first SST with the new training ship, the suggested donation should be about \$2500, especially since it's a short SST.

Merchandise:

- Since ship out and ship return will be during the month of January, we should not do a T-shirt, but a sweatshirt instead for the second part of SST.
- Also, many new items for ship out and ship return
- We were fortunate enough to get many orders from our website before the holidays.
- Jeannine delivered them directly to the students with the help of her daughters Tori & Gianna.
- Pajama pants will be sold for two days.
- We are also in need of more winter hats to sell at ship out and ship return.

Upcoming Events:

- Meeting with Presidents from SGA and MAP
- Super Bowl planning will begin soon. After ship out and new year I will send out party flier. We can ask parents to donate monetary, food and raffle items if they would like.
- Future parents association dates for meetings. Since there is no school in January, no need for parents association meeting will continue on February 1. But we will get together for an executive board meeting, possible meeting to discuss school start, Winter SST and Super Bowl party details. March meeting will be a zoom, April meeting will be in person because we have to vote.

Adjournment:

- Jeannine adjourned the meeting at 7:35