



SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

Board Meeting
March 10, 2021
7:00 PM (virtual meeting)

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

Board members absent: Steve Kanarian, Steve Lowe, Joe Donovan, Jeremy O'Brien, Ana Obrien

Guest speaker: Admiral Alfultis

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

Review of the February 2021 minutes: February meeting minutes were sent to all board members for review. Joe followed up with questions from last meeting regarding Danielle's accounting services and charges. Larry gave Danielle view only access to our Chase account. Danielle agreed to charge us \$1000 for her services. She is saving us \$500 alone on the Quickbook fee we paid each year. She will keep the fee the same for next year. Her fee includes 10-12 hours of work annually. This includes annual booking, annual tax returns, support throughout the year. She files Federal 990-N and the NYS CHAR500. It was agreed we will continue to use Danielle's services next year.

Approval of the February meeting minutes by Gemma, 2nd: Zameena

Admiral Alfultis addressed the board with his plans for ending the spring semester, SST, and fall semester. Our spring semester is finishing up on track. So far there has been 12K COVID tests run. At present there is a 1.3% positivity rate. The Naval Academy and Merchant Marine Academies are both paused due outbreaks on campus. Administration did believe that the A cruise might not happen but with the help of a local politician, Mike Dibenedetto the students got the approval to get vaccinated since they are considered transport workers. Maritime has vaccinated at least 750 students so far. The Admiral is confident that all those students who are on the waiting list for vaccines will be vaccinated. The College has spent \$30,000 for buses to transport students to vaccination centers. Those students who decline the vaccine will go on B cruise and will not be allowed off the ship.

Important dates and facts:

Spring Commencement will be held on 4/23/21. This should be a face-to-face event.

July Commencement will follow the license exams. A date has not been determined yet.

Summer Sea Term A cruise departs 4/27/21 and will return on 6/25/21.

Ports are to be determined.

At this time, it is looking like only students and staff will be allowed on campus for ship departure. This information is subject to change depending on NYS COVID-19 protocols.



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Admiral Alfultis said they might consider allowing parents of seniors to ship return.

Summer Sea Term B cruise departs 7/1/21 and will return on 8/29/21.

Ports are to be determined.

Indoctrination will be held 8/25/21 -9/4/21.

Fall semester starts 9/7/21 and at this time is expected to be fully face-to-face.

Ensuring the safety of those taking part in the Summer Sea Term- the College will follow COVID-19 protocols that the US Navy, other state maritime academies, and the marine industry follow to keep the staff and cadets safe.

Cadets should discuss the vaccine with their parents and direct any questions regarding the vaccine to their primary care physician. Parents should not be calling the school. This is the student's decision to make. The college is getting inundated with phone calls regarding the vaccine.

Mike Solomos asked a question regarding the coast guard exams. His 1/C Cadet is nervous that there will not be study time on the cruise. Admiral Alfultis ensured that there will be daily and weekly review for the license exam. In fact, 67 days of seminar review. He said that since Monday July 5th will be a federal holiday the exam will most likely start on 7/6.

Admiral Alfultis thanked the board for our support. He will host a Face Book live regarding Summer Sea term in April. Admiral Alfultis ended by saying, "the plan today is the plan today, it may not be the plan tomorrow."

President's report:

Senior awards: It was suggested awarding J.V if in good standing. We have reached out to Capt. Hanft also for a recommendation. We can also reach out to the Dean for a recommendation. Betsy nominated J.V and Gemma seconded the motion.

Elections: Vice President and Corresponding secretary will have completed their 2 year term in April. We will also be looking for a new hospitality committee chairperson. Due to the pandemic we have not recruited new members to our board. Our board of directors, as per our Consitution should consist of at least 10 members. An email blast will go out to our membership after this meeting looking for nominees to fill the positions. Jeannine, VP, has volunteered for one more year if noone steps up. Zameena has also said she will continue in her role if needed. Gemma also would continue to help out, as her nephew will still be at Maritime after her daughter graduates. We will write up an email blast/Face Book request for nominees for these positions.

New website: Did you get to review the new website? No one looked at the website. Please review the website if all in favor Jeannine will pull down the PureHost site and use Godaddy exclusively.

Treasurer's report: As of 2/26/2021 Chase account \$8957.60

Paid verizon, constant contact, Purehost, Danielle as she has submitted our taxes



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New Business-Upcoming Events:

Alumni Association dinner postponed until 1/28/22 from April 22,2021. Unfortunately our seniors will miss out on the fabulous networking event. This will save us thousands of dollars.

Next meeting: Wednesday April 14, 2021 this will be our last meeting for the school year. We may need to have a meeting before an on campus event if we are permitted.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:10.