



BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2020
7:00 pm (virtual meeting)

Board Members Present: Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Zameena Salim-Rasheed, Steven Kanarian, Larry Castello, Steven Lowe, Andre Amrhein, Tim Felice

Board Members Absent: Gemma Solomos, Mike Solomos, Joseph Donovan, Suzie Donovan, Betsy and Bob Grabhner, Lisa Castello, Jeremy & Ana O'Brien

Review and Approval of June meeting minutes: approved by Tim, second Andre

Presidents Report: On this Veteran's Day, President Joe Sesack thanked all that may have served.

He reported that there has been a streamlining of the financial costs to the organization. Thank you to Zameena for contacting Constant Contact to reduce that monthly fee by half. Due to the pandemic the Parents Association has not been able to fundraise on campus. This has been a financial hardship on our organization. Indoc graduation has been a major fundraiser, as well as, Homecoming.

A discussion was held as to whether dated calendars and t-shirts for the summer cruise should be produced. A decision was agreed on to move away from dated calendars and T-shirts as long as the school calendar and cruise are yet to be determined. Also discussed was opening the online shop. Joe recently discussed with former shop managers Carmine and Paul. This is a lot of work to make a very small profit. At this time the online shop will remain closed. Any visitor to our website can contact the shop manager and request an item. There has been 0 requests for merchandise.

A discussion was held about how to reach new members who have students in the freshman class who usually would be reached by the parent association table at on campus events such as Accepted Student's Day and Orientation. Vice President, Jeannine, reached out to Dean Arianne Romero and was directed to admissions to possibly get an email list of freshman parents. That request was denied. Jeannine prepared a power point about our association for the virtual orientation.

Joe encouraged all to direct parents to the Maritime website, COVID-19 update link for all updates from the school. This link is updated weekly.

President held conversation about meeting frequency and notification. Meetings will be held as needed through the pandemic. The board wished for monthly meetings. A specific date and time to follow.

Next week Joe will call in to the Alumni Association Meeting and report to us at next meeting.

Vice President report: Again, stressed the need to visit the Maritime Website for COVID-19 updates. As of the 11/9/20 update 3 positive of 485 tested for a positivity rate of 0.62%. Starting this week all



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students will be tested before break. 6 students referred to Student Affairs judicial process for violating health and safety protocols. To date, 40 students have been referred.

Jeannine reported the need for IT help. We pay many different vendors for domain names, website sales security. This can be easily streamlined with the help of an IT person. We will reach out for help. This is the perfect time to transition to a new vendor since nothing is really going on.

Jeannine made a donation link through our Square account to send out on or about Giving Tuesday to help recoup funds we lost due to the cancellation of last SST. We purchased \$6000 worth of merchandise that we cannot sell. We would like to donate the hats and t-shirts to the students. A motion was made to send out a donation request which all approved.

Treasurer report: reported by Jeannine- Welcome to Larry Castello our new Treasurer. This time last year we had \$40,000 in our account. Just in credit card sales at our events in 2019 we sold \$37,000 worth of memberships and merchandise. We have had about 5 members join since the pandemic started.

As of 10/30/2020 our account has \$9,552.21. Recently we donated to:

Senior awards- Austin Ford \$250

Admiral's Dinner- \$250

Go Fund Me- \$100 to the family of Andrew McHugh, a recent graduate, who passed away in a motor vehicle accident. Andrew's brother Matt is currently a senior at Maritime.

Zoom Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.