



SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

Board meeting

November 5, 2021

6:00 PM in The TIV McMurray Hall

Board members present: Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Larry Castello, Andre Amrhein, Jeremy O'brien, Zameena Salim Rasheed

Board members absent: Joe Donovan, Suzie Donovan, Keith Reilly, Betsy Grabher, Stephen Biscotti

Guest parents: Eugene Corrao, Luis & JoAnn Davila, Frank Harnos, Jeanine & Kenneth Maciora, Cleo Gakshteyn, Lisa Castello

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

Approval of the October 1, 2021 meeting minutes: Copy of meeting minutes emailed to all board members. Approved by Jeannine , 2nd Jeremy

President's report:

- We received a very nice thank letter from the SUNY Maritime Foundation thanking us for our \$7500 donation to the Admiral's Scholarship Dinner
- Tim Felice's son is no longer attending Maritime. Tim is to be removed as board member.
- Our second parents meeting on October 1st had very low attendance. There were about 15 parents in the audience and 15 on Facebook live. Our guest speakers included President of Maritime College: Admiral Alfultis, and Peter Froshauer from Chartwells. Dean of Student Affairs: William Imbriale, had to cancel for this evening and will be rescheduled in the spring semester. Chartwell's provided dinner paid for by our association. The cost was \$208.
- Cleo Gakshteyn was at our last general meeting and has experience as treasurer with her PTA. We are hopeful that she can shadow Larry in the next few months and take over for him as treasurer.
- Stephen Biscotti attended our last board meeting and seems to be interested in becoming a board member. He was so eager to be a member that Steve was nominated at Homecoming to the board by Joe Sesack, Betsy 2nd. All approved.
- Since our last meeting we have had 3 new members join on line.
- Christine Plowucha 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 and has a check for \$3000 which have not yet received. Joe reached out to Christine about this matter. We still haven't gotten the donation. Eugene also mentioned that there was a mix up with their shirts that still has not been resolved.



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- At Homecoming Jeannine spoke with Capt. Mark Wooley, Chief of Staff at Maritime College, regarding the printed calendars. He believes the calendars are no longer needed. The digital calendar on the Maritime website is sufficient. Odalis Mineo can add our events to the calendar as needed. We have spent \$4000 a year on making these calendars. It takes a great amount of time designing and getting all photos approved by the administration. We throw out cases each year.
- 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.

Homecoming report-

- Special thanks to our parent volunteers (we did not read all the names at the meeting due to time restraints but they are on here for the record)

Joe and Jeannine Sesack	Dan & Kate Waage
Zameena Salim-Rasheed	Betsy Grabher
Joe & Suzanne Donovan	Liz & Frank Harnos
Sandra Lamarque-Apollon	Susan Bailey
Andre Amrhein	Stephen Biscotti
Jeremy O'brien	Larry Castello
- Special thanks to our student volunteers

Jesus Fanilla	Riad Dahimene
Foki Wong	Kyle Nilsson
Oscar Suarez	Kaitlyn Amrhein
Matthew Sesack	James Donovan
- At setup Joe Sesack nominated Stephen Biscotti as a new board member, approved by Betsy Grabher and Jeannine Sesack
- We added membership application and "Why You Should Join" flyers in to the bags of all purchases at Homecoming.
- We also ordered new banner – Join today (\$43.43).
- We had one table specifically for membership. Steve, Jeremy, and Zameena handled membership recruitment.
- We added 18 new members at Homecoming
- We made \$ 19,103.02
- Checkout- the price for a new square reader is \$49 and can be used with an iphone and Android. We can have one just for membership table if someone is willing to use their iphone. Joe and Jeannine suggest buying 2. Larry 2nd the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's report:

- For all new members here tonight we just want you to know that during the pandemic our account was down to about \$4000.
- Currently we have \$ 41,304.94 in our account.
- We sent the check for \$7500 for the Admiral's Dinner.



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- \$208 to Chartwells for October 1st dinner meeting.
- Homecoming grand total \$19,103.02
- Ace Apparel \$2729.50
- Costco printing for banner \$43.43
- Dunkin donuts for Homecoming \$55.57
- Kodiak coolers \$75.00
- Constant Contact monthly fee \$48.88
- Verizon monthly payment is still a problem. Joe will need to get on call with Larry to resolve.

Shop report:

- New insulated tumblers from Kodiak coolers.
- The new soft shell jacket was a hit at Homecoming.
- Joe D. would like to increase the Maritime Tshirt price to \$15. We will discuss at next meeting.

New Business: Our third parents meeting is today at 7pm. Guest speakers include Capt. Catie Hanft; Dean of Leadership Development/Commandant of Cadets, Brian Wilkow, PA from Health Services, and Tina MacCollum; Director of Housing and Residential Life.

Upcoming Events:

Last meeting of Fall Semester & Holiday Party

- Board meeting 5:30-6:15 Party starts at 6:30 and usually over by 9. Special events room behind the Mess Deck
- We need to decide if we will have raffle baskets- Game Day, Ladies bling, volunteers to bring baskets. It was agreed the Parents Association will make 2 baskets with our logo wear. Cleo will also bring a basket.
- Jeannine will send invitations to the President's cabinet, administrators of each campus department, and the Alumni Association Board. Zameena will post invitation on Facebook and send email blast with Constant Contact.
- Capt. Hanft was contacted regarding the school band to perform at party. Jeannine is in contact with Cadet Kieran McLaughlin, the Band Company Commander.
- Traditionally we invite former executive board and give a gift. This would be to Jamie Green, former President and Tom Fitzgerald, treasurer. Both served 1 year term. This was not done last year due to COVID shutdown.
- We also tip the staff of Chartwells. We did not use Chartwells at all last year but they did provide us with our coffee station at meetings. Henry, Peter, Linda, and servers at the party
- We also have given out 4 \$500 scholarships by check to students- one per each year. If we all approve we will randomly select names at our December meeting. It was suggested that we give to a student in need. It would be hard to keep the information confidential. We donate to the Admiral's Scholarship dinner which helps those students in need. It was also suggested that the \$500 goes straight to the students tuition bill. Capt. Hanft said we can contact Roxanne Thompson for taking care of that. All Approved.



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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.
- January 27, 2022 Alumni Dinner at Tribeca 360 in Manhattan. 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 sponsor 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.
- February 13, 2022 Board meeting and Super Bowl Party on the Mess Deck-start sending out emails regarding new board member positions.
- March meeting TBD
- April last meeting of the year. Elections to be held.

Adjournment:

- Joe Sesack adjourned the meeting at 7:00.