



SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.

Board meeting

October 1, 2021

6:00 PM on the Mess Deck Vander Clute Hall

Board members present: Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Joe Donovan, Larry Castello, Andre Amrhein, Betsy Grabher, Jeremy O'Brien

Board members absent: Suzie Donovan, Keith Reilly, Tim Felice, Zameena Salim Rasheed.

Guest parents: Stephen Biscotti

Call to Order: Joe Sesack called the meeting to order at 6:20PM

Approval of the September 10, 2021 meeting minutes: Copy of meeting minutes emailed to all board members.

Approved by Betsy Grabher, 2nd Joe Donovan

President's report:

- Our first parents meeting on September 10th had very low attendance. There were about 18 parents in the audience and 15 on Facebook live. Our guest speakers included Provost & VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Jennifer Waters, Myron Pryjmak, Chief of University Police, and Jesus Fanilla, Student Government President. Chartwell's provided a coffee and cookie station. Water bottles also provided.
- We must get new members to participate. Hopefully we meet new parents at Homecoming. We discussed adding membership application and meeting schedule in to the bags of all purchases at Homecoming. Also ordering new banner and lawn signs for homecoming. We will also have one table specifically for membership. Betsy and Steve volunteered for membership recruitment.
- Encourage your students to have business cards made up.
- Since our last meeting we have had 5 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 will reach out to Christine about this matter.
- Thank you to Keith Reilly for coming to our house to help us set up Facebook live for tonight's parents meeting.

Admiral's Dinner

- Tuesday Sept. 21 at 5:30-8:30
- Board voted by email to approve a table for 10- \$7500



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- Jeannine and Andre attended as board members. Larry and his son could not attend this event due to a soccer game. We will put them first on the list for the Alumni dinner which is usually in January at Tribeca 360 in Manhattan.
- Capt. Hanft approved and invited all Cadet names submitted to her: Kaitlyn Amrhein, James Donovan, Matthew Sesack, Arif Rasheed, Olivia Grahber.
- We sponsored Student Government Association President Jesus Fanilla. Capt. Hanft requested that we sponsor Cadet 1/C Stephen Reiss (Regimental Operations & Training Officer) and 2/C Rushawn Henry (Assistant Operations & Training Officer). As they did a terrific job during Indoc. Cadet Henry was previously invited to sit with his uncle who is being honored. Capt. Hanft requested that Cadet 1/C Kimiko Carrington take his place.
- Jeannine and Andre had discussion with Alumni Association President Kevin Danko regarding the need to reach out to the freshman parents. We are in desperate need for new members to take over executive board positions. We will reach out to him for further discussion.

Treasurer's report:

- Currently we have \$ 31,893.04 in our account. We have not paid the \$7500 for the Admiral's Dinner yet as we have not received the invoice.

Shop report:

- Store room is stocked and ready to go for Homecoming. New jackets, mugs, and green Maritime shirts have been ordered.

New Business: Our second parents meeting is today at 7pm. Guest speakers include President of Maritime College: Admiral Alfultis, and Peter Froshauer from Chatwells. Dean of Student Affairs: William Imbriale, had to cancel for this evening and will be rescheduled in the spring semester.

SMPA will pay for dinner of our guests so they can sample the food their students eat.

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming

- Our next opportunity for sales, Saturday October 16, 2021. We will meet at storeroom at 8am.
- I will put word out to Jesus Fanilla for student volunteers to help with boxes to and from storeroom to football field. He gathered many for us in 2019.

Meeting Schedule for the fall semester:

- Friday Nov. 5th 6PM in the TIV- top Floor McMurray Hall followed by 7PM parents meeting.
- Friday Dec. 3rd will be our Holiday Parting in the Special Events room behind the Mess deck.

Adjournment:

- Joe Sesack adjourned the meeting at 6:50 to greet our parents and speakers.



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Attendees at our Parent's Meeting in addition to our board meeting:

Kate and Dan Waag
Colleen Hionas
Sandra and Joe Lamarque-Apollo
Cleo Gakshteyn
Denise Sochran
Eugene Corrao

Cleo is very interested in becoming a board member. She has been the treasurer of her students PTA. She is interested in joining the board.

Viewers of Facebook live:

Our sincere apologies for the low volume. As our corresponding secretary and Tech assistant were not at the meeting and we had never done this before.

We had anywhere from 8-15 viewing on line.

Liz and Frank Harnos
Barbara Eckert Cosgrove
Carolina Tolentino Schaefer
Pam Drews Coyne
Katie Spencer Anderson
Rob Williams
Colleen Moloney