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**SUNY Maritime College Parents Association Corp.**

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**Board meeting  
September 6, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Zoom meeting**

**Board members present:** Joe Sesack, Jeannine Sesack, Jeremy O'Brien, Luis Davila, JoAnn Davila, Frank Harnos, Liz Harnos, Joe Donovan, Sue Donovan, Zameena Salim Rasheed, Stephen Biscotti, Cleo Gakshteyn, Keith Reilly

**Board members absent:** Betsy Grabher

**Guest parents:**

**Call to Order:** Joe Sesack called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Approval of the April and June meeting minutes:** meeting minutes from both April and June meetings emailed to all board members. Approved by Cleo 2nd JoAnn.

**President's report:**

- Welcome to all, looking forward to a great 2022/2023 school year.
- Thank you to Liz for setting up this zoom meeting.
- We hope to start handing some tasks like membership, website, over as this is our last year. If you are considering a position on the executive board next year please let us know.
- Mission statement and constitution was emailed along with meeting minutes so that board member positions can be reviewed.
- Looking for a hospitality chairperson to run our holiday party and super bowl party with our help of course. This will also include reaching out to Henry or Peter at Chartwells for a coffee station at our in person meetings and ordering dinner at our meetings.
- Jeannine will continue as acting recording secretary to take meeting minutes. This is an elected position which was not filled in April.

- Keith will remain technology assistant.
- We need new board members. Starting this year we have 14 board members including Betsy Grabher who has not been attending our meetings or events. Joe made a motion to remove Betsy from the board. This was 2nd by JoAnn, all approved. Our constitution says the “board shall consist of not less than 10 or more than 25 members of the association.”
- Dean Imbriale resigned in May and Capt. Hanft also resigned at the end of post-cruise. She has been a strong supporter of our parent’s association and will be missed. CMD. Adam Grohman is now the interim Commandant of Cadets. We have been in communication with him and are looking forward to working with him. He will be a speaker at tonight’s meeting.
- Accepted students day we have had 23 new members with many following online. We had 10 new members join at ship departure, with more joining after the event online. We had 21 new members join at orientation, which was virtual. 9 new members joined at ship arrival. 13 parents joined since the eve of Indoctrination drop off! 28 new members joined at the Indoctrination Recognition Ceremony and the days that followed. As of today we have:
  1. Class of 2027- 1
  2. Class of 2026- 107
  3. Class of 2025- 71
  4. Class of 2024- 44
  5. Class of 2023- 61
- We had a very successful summer thanks to all of you. Between the apparel sales, memberships, and boat ride tickets we made:
  1. Accepted Students Day - \$7422.14
  2. Orientation- virtual- \$4160.23
  3. Ship Departure- \$21,528.77 which includes some boat ride tickets.
  4. Ship arrival- \$14821.54
  5. Boat ride profit - \$4,500
  6. Indoctrination Recognition Day- \$ 16,215.08
- Thanks to Joe and Frank for setting up FDNY fire boats and NYPD Aviation units. Thanks to NYS Courts Pipes and Drums.
- Admirals dinner is back to the Marina Del Rey on September 20th. Traditionally, The Parents Association pays for the President and spouse. More often than not, one of us would stay home and we’d give the other ticket to another board member that we felt was deserving, especially a board member of a senior. This year Jeannine and I will both attend since it is our last year. The rest of the board

could purchase tickets at half price. The cost of a ticket is \$800. The Parents Association would pay the other half. We will reach out to our board members who have seniors to see if they would like to attend this event in the next few days.

- We traditionally sponsor 10 students. We will forward our list of students to CMD. Grohman and Dean Romeo to be sure they are in good standing.
- It was decided that we should email the President, Admiral Alfultis and his cabinet to find out how to go forward with the logo discussion. Also we need to find out if there is a new vendor at the school store. Also in the email we will thank them for allowing us to raise funds which will pay for the Admiral dinner and our very generous donation to the new student union.
- FACEBOOK-we ask you all as board members to respect our private Facebook page. Please feel free to visit the other New York Maritime Parents Association page but please do not share the perks of being a paid member of the parent's association. We DO NOT MONITOR this page. Please do not copy what our administrators (Joe & Zameena) post and post there. Maybe monthly you can post. Please see the SUNY Maritime Parents Association website at [sunymaritime.org](http://sunymaritime.org) to join our parent's association. Please note-this is the only Facebook group monitored by the current Maritime College Parents Association's President and board and approved by Maritime College.
- We had a bunch of new members saying they are not getting the email blasts. After posting on fb to confirm receipt of our email blast for this meeting we received many more saying not getting mail.- Zameena is currently working on this.
- Please be sure everyone is familiar with the school calendar located on the school website homepage on the top.
- Jeremy- Jonathan does not have an update on the yearbooks for the 2022 graduating class.
- Keith suggested we have graduates speak at one of our meetings. We already had this in our plans. We will try to get males and females both civilian and regimental to speak.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- We welcome Cleo as our new treasurer
- As of today we currently have \$62,335.35
- This time last year we had \$45334.23
- Boat ride profit was \$4500
- Our tax forms need to be signed and sent in. We owe Danielle \$1000 and NYS \$50 fee.

- Admirals dinner will be \$8000 for 10 students. \$800 per person.
- Super Current- \$3840
- Joe D. For storage bins- \$840
- 3 invoices to Ace- \$15,150.30
- \$108.13 for the zoom lens rental
- Ace \$723

#### **Club fund requests:**

- Last year we gave out \$4500 to various clubs.
- The new SGA President Liam Reddan and Dean Arianne Romeo from Student Affairs will meet with club presidents and explain to them our process of applying and distributing funds to them. Our limit is \$500.

#### **Shop report:**

- Going forward Joe D will do all of the ordering for apparel.

#### **Additional Comments:**

- We want to be sure parents and students are aware from the beginning of this year that Cadet Shipping is a much less expensive alternative to SST. Traditionally, it is offered to 3/C cadets. 2022 SST cost \$13,500. We spoke of Billy a few years ago having a summer bill of around \$2200. Liam Reddan will discuss his experience at our meeting next month.
- The SUNY Maritime Foundation thanked us for our \$250 donation to the Senior Awards and \$5000 for SST.
- We had a family in need of help for their cadet this summer on SST. We were able to get them in contact with the counselor on the ship and they told us she was very helpful.

#### **Unfinished business**

- New logo and apparel designs, we have 4 designs-Logo contest. We received 1 design from Luis Davila and one more last evening from Oscar L. Suarez-Veloz. Liz Harnos suggested the bridge and will be working on that design. We like the bridge for our new parents association shirts and letterhead.
- Donation to the new student center opening in 2023
- Luis reported that the weight room could use improvement. His son Luis will report back to us what their needs are.

#### **Upcoming Events and Meeting schedule for fall semester:**

- Admiral's dinner Tuesday September 20th at 5:30pm Marina Del Rey

- Board meeting Friday October 7th at 6pm followed by the general meeting at 7pm. Guest speakers include Student Government President Cadet Liam Reddan 1/C and Henry Raposeiro from Chartwell Catering services. All in attendance are welcome to a meal provided by Chartwells. Special Events Room, Vander Clute Hall 2nd floor.
- Homecoming Saturday October 29th. Volunteers will be needed.
- Board meeting Friday, November 4th at 6pm followed by the general meeting at 7pm. Special Events Room, Vander Clute Hall 2nd floor.
- Board meeting Friday December 2nd at 6pm followed by our Holiday Party at 6:30. Special Events Room, Vander Clute Hall 2nd floor.

**Adjournment:**

Joe adjourned the meeting at 7:55.