

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY COUNCIL
ATLANTIC RESORT, MIDDLETOWN, RI
6 JANUARY 2020

Attendees: Mike Slein, Mike White, Peg Murray, Len DiLorenzo, Pat Burke, Walt Wasowski, Rob Winneg, Tom Feeney, Rich Rainer, Jose Taboada, Edna Wardwell, Jean Peterson, Rod Smith.

Meeting called to order by Acting President Slein at 5:05 PM – Pledge of Allegiance.

Mail Call – None

Appreciation to all annual appeal donors. Solid response of \$3,300. Thanks to Walt for planning the Christmas Social and to Gigi Davis for the excellent job on the Newsletter, well done. President Slein noted that he received a call from Mrs. Joseph (Barbara) Strasser with appreciation for the sincere memorial to her late husband, Rear Admiral Joseph Strasser, in our newsletter.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 2 December 2019 were distributed and approved.
2. Treasurer / Annual appeal – Good response from appeal letter resulted in a good year end of approximately \$16,000. Setting up a Pay Pal account will be discussed at a separate meeting with Mike Slein, Rod Smith and Walt Wasowski. President Slein commented that we will need a fundraiser in 2020. More discussion will be held. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Rod Smith and seconded by Len DiLorenzo.
3. Membership Report – No new members reported. Some issues with renewal process by National were reported by Edna.
4. Sea Cadets – Jose Taboada reported a good year for the students. Formal report with needs and paid expenses was sent to Walt and Tom. Jose discussed the need for new uniforms for the Cadets in 2021. He also requested that two students be sponsored by our Council. Budget will be reviewed by Mike Slein and Walt Wasowski. Jose briefed the board about the upcoming Naval Sea Cadet Ball scheduled for 28 March 2020 at Quonset Officer's Club. Navy League Board members are encouraged to attend. Details have been sent by Jose.

Old Business:

1. Coast Guard Person of the Year – BMI Carl Heise will be honored at a luncheon on 10 January. Len DiLorenzo will chair the event in President Slein's absence.
2. Visit to Quonset Point (Sean Davies) is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 January. A total of 11 attendees have signed up, 3-4 per car.
3. Donation acknowledgement letters will be sent out by end of January.
4. Web site update: Rod Smith will set up a meeting with President Slein and Walt Wasowski to review details of building/designing new site from existing site seamlessly, and present to board for approval. Meeting slated for week of 20 January
5. Updated board list in process.

New Business

1. Military Appreciation Night (May 2020) – Planning committee to be set up. Possible speaker – Rear Admiral Chatfield with backup of Capt. Glander, CO Sector SENE. A 30 minute courtesy visit with the NWC President, RADM Chatfield is slated for 15 January with RADM Mike White and Mike Slein to discuss our Council events, etc.
2. Sailors of the Quarters – Schedule at Castle Hill, Ida Lewis, Juniper, and Oak for January. More board members should attend.
3. Veterans Memorial at Paradise Park in Middletown donation. President Slein discussed with Teresa Santos. She is taking under advisement and will get back to us.
4. MOAA Luncheon scheduled for Friday, 24 January at Noon, Officer's Club. Speaker is Captain Mark Nicholson, Commanding Officer, OTC(N). Board members are encouraged to attend.
5. Fundraiser: Polo sponsorship – Board Member Rich Rainer contacted the President of Polo and reported that he would be happy to help the Navy League. Rich will have more details at next meeting.
6. Annual Report (2018 for reimbursements); (2019 due 31 January) - President Slein has submitted 2018 Report and is working 2019 Report.
7. Community Affiliates (CAs) – Ceremonies for Atlantic Resort and USAA. Date to be determined (Walt). All board members are invited to ceremonies for photograph.
8. Sea Cadet Parents - Council reduced rate membership possible? Len/Jose.
9. Quonset Airshow – end of June. Any volunteer interest – Pat, Len, Tom? The Sea Cadets participate and give out brochures. Mike will contact General D'Agostino to ascertain their needs.

Schedule - January – April reviewed.

Other Business

1. Board Member Ed Webb volunteered to sponsor one or two new Navy League Newport County members per year.
2. Navy League National new logo for Councils: stationery, business cards, etc. with implementation by April 2021. President Slein recommended we use up old stationery first.
3. Discussion of a webpage with a link to Facebook for events and relevant Navy League articles. To be continued at a future board meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 3 FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE ATLANTIC RESORT IN THE MARINER ROOM AT 1700.

Meeting adjourned at 1817.

