

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
7 DECEMBER 2020

Attendees: Admiral Mike White, Rob Winneg, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Walt Wasowski, Mike Slein, Pat Burke, Tom Feeney, Juan Garcia, Anne Huot, Jean Peterson, Rich Rainer, Rod Smith, Merrilee Zellner.

Meeting called to order by President Mike White at 1700.

Moment of silence for Pearl Harbor Day.

Appreciation:

- Len DiLorenzo and Mike Slein for the recognition plaque for Board Member Edna Wardwell in honor of her years of service to the Navy League. Presentation will be made this week by Admiral White and Mike Slein.
- Pat Burke for keeping the recognition at Naval Station Newport going (i.e., OCS/SWOS) graduations.
- Rod Smith for continuing work on website.
- Mike White/Mike Slein for renewals (NFCU) and new Community Affiliates (NETSIMCO).

Reports

1. Secretary – Minutes of 2 November 2020 were distributed. Accepted with one correction.
2. Treasurer – Distributed and reviewed by Board. Progress of Annual Appeal was discussed. Total of \$2,875 received to date. President White will prepare a reminder note to be sent to members. Motion to accept as reported by Len DiLorenzo and seconded by Mike Slein.
3. Membership – Board Member Len DiLorenzo reported a total of 199 members. Noted the procurement of plaques locally (Hyannis) for Community Affiliates (CAs) at a savings of \$20 each. Board discussion followed of design (including year indicator tabs), savings, and recommendation to continue going forward on this. Also recommended a visit to CAs on an annual basis. Finally, it was noted that Len, Walt, and Mike Slein would have a formal proposal next year.
4. Sea Cadets – Jose Taboada

Current Business

1. Naval War College selected two (2) Sailors of the Year. Presentation to be determined and likely virtual. Names will be sent to Pat Burke. (Date will be entered on calendar when received.)
2. Continued virtual graduations at OCS/SWOS.
3. Website update in process. A Zoom meeting will be scheduled soon with President White, Rod and Walt to review. Board Member Anne Huot volunteered to help with graphics and art for the new website.
4. Calendar update – no change.

New Business

1. New Board Member proposed: Ms. Merrilee Zellnor. Discussion by board, motion to approve and seconded.
2. Updated Community Affiliate letter for discussion is in process for Board Members to use.

Other Business

1. Presentation of plaque to Edna Wardwell is scheduled for Tuesday, 8 December.
2. Mike Slein – US Coast Guard recognition updates: Coast Guard Station – waiting for return call from CWO Kevin Bentle. The USCGC Juniper has been replaced by the USCGC Sycamore.
3. Board Member Tom Feeney reported that the Coast Guard Flying Santa will be virtual only.
4. Holiday social postponed until a future date.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 4 JANUARY 2021, 1700. LOCATION TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 1735.