

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
4 APRIL 2022

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Mike Slein, Matt Griffin, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Tom Feeney, Roy Callahan, Tony Cercena, Anne Huot, Jean Peterson, Andrew Bartlett, Zack Bartlett.

Meeting called to order by Interim President Rob Winneg at 1700 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Appreciation to:

- All members of the Board who are representing the Council at monthly events.
- Anne Huot, Board Member, and past President, for her long-time service to the Navy League Newport County. Anne announced her retirement from the Board, but will be available to help if needed. Motion made by Board Member Walt Wasowski to add Anne to “Emeritus Status.” Seconded by Len DiLorenzo. Motion approved and passed.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 7 March 2022 Board of Directors meeting were distributed. Motion to approve as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Budget distributed. Good financial condition. Annual tax return mailed this month as reported by Walt Wasowski, Treasurer. Motion to accept and passed.
3. Membership Report – (Len DiLorenzo) Discussion of Community Affiliate memberships and correct e mail addresses ongoing. Working to coordinate National’s records. Report of 193 members.
4. Sea Cadets – Lt. Andrew Bartlett, Executive office of Sea Cadet Program, and Sea Cadet Zack Bartlett attended board meeting. Lt. Bartlett thanked the Navy League, Newport County for the support of the Sea Cadets, and the \$1,000 donation for the Sea Cadet Ball held on 2 April 2022. Food was excellent; great time by all. Well run. It was a family event. Lt. Bartlett also thanked the Navy League Newport Council board members who attended.

Current Business:

- a. Calendar review (April – June) for recognition events, CA meetings. Noted plaque was presented to CA Morgan Stanley on 1 April by board members Mike Slein, Pat Burke and Peg Murray. USCG Cutter Oak Change of Command is scheduled for 13 April. Board members Rob Winneg, Mike Slein, and Peg Murray will attend
- b. Planning for active duty memberships: Awaiting JAG opinion on contact methods – continuous follow up. Information from National update: Interim President Rob Winneg sent to Board.
- c. Board Member Mike Slein updated Board on Regional Nominating Committee. (Dave Samuels area President; Rusty Robertson will work directly with Councils.)

- d. Award Winners:
- 31 March: OCS Leavitt Award: Ensign Abhijitsinh Kosamiya to VFA 14 as AMDO.
 - 31 March: NSCS Honor, Courage Commitment Award: Ensign Joseph Burgo to USS San Antonio (LPD 17).
- e. Board Member Tom Feeney asked to bring up items at this time under current business:
- NAPS: Need board approval of \$150 for watch to be presented on 13 May. Approved.
 - Preliminary board discussion plans for Coast Guard birthday celebration in August. Date, type of event, location, invitees, caterers (deliver/pick up) etc.
 - Budget to be established for Coast Guard birthday (re-program money, \$20PP, in budget).
 - Committee to be set up (Anne, Mike Slein, Roy Callahan, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Tom Feeney). Invite SE, Castle Hill, three cutters. Suggested date first week in August.

Motion made to transfer \$2,000 from the NSC/NCC (2022) budget to the Coast Guard birthday celebration (family event). Motion passed unanimously. Follow up at May Board Meeting.

New Business:

- a. Military Appreciation Night Planning
- Committee Appointment - Board Member Pat Burke to set up a small committee meeting.
 - Guest speaker recommendations – Board members will submit names.
 - Planning timetable
- b. Future Event Possibilities
- Guest speakers
 - Team up with other local organizations to jointly host/partner Speaker series (VFW, MOAA, American Legion, KoC).
 - Social gatherings (linked to Speaker events?) Report at next board meeting.
- c. Hiring Website Design Firm - Board Member Rod Smith resigned from Board due to work commitments. Need to bring website to current standards. Investigate cost of hiring a professional.

Other Business:

Board Member Len DiLorenzo reported that five (5) new Coast Guard Cutters will be commissioned in the next few years. One, Maurice Jester, will be commissioned in Bristol, R.I in June 2023.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 2 MAY 2022 AT THE WYNDHAM, 1700.

Meeting adjourned at 1810.

