

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

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

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

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 1 August 2022 Board of Directors meeting were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Distributed and reviewed by Board. Noted donations received from Coast Guard Birthday celebration. Motion to accept and passed.
3. Membership report (Len DiLorenzo) – Total of 221 members reported. Discussion of involving and engaging Community Affiliates in Navy League events, i.e., sponsorship of ships, cruises when offered. Motion to accept and passed.
4. Sea Cadets – Board Member Brandi Bansemer was absent from meeting. Tom Feeney will contact Brandi for update.

Current Business:

- a. USCGC TAHOMA and CAMPBELL Homeport Change to Newport Ceremonies. Good event, attended by Navy League Newport County Board Members Rob Winneg, Mike Slein, Peg Murray, Pat Burke and Walt Wasowski. Special thanks to Pat and Walt for the cakes and punch. Thanks to Anne Huot for publicity in the Newport This Week.
- b. Rob/Len/Mike – USCG Fast Response Cutter Commissioning in Bristol, June 2023.
- c. BM Jon Wolstenholme noted that 5-6 new ships will be going to Boston. Also, the Eagle will be visiting the area 23-25 September.
- d. International Students Picnic scheduled for 10 September, 1200-1500 at Glen Park. Details discussed and assignments made. VFW local post members volunteered to help.
- e. Military Appreciation Night – 27 October 2022. Committee meeting to be set up for next week (Pat Burke).
- a. Newsletter Editor – any Volunteers? Should be published quarterly. Pat Burke volunteered.
- b. Newport Council Gmail and Dropbox – BM Walt Wasowski discussed benefits of Gmail and Drop Box. Walt has volunteered to explain how to use to Board Members.

New Business:

1. Website proposal (Moonbird Studios) – Board Member Matt Griffin reported that he has been discussing website update for a couple of months. He is recommending Moonbird Studios to set up and maintain website at a cost of \$800 to \$1,500. Additionally, there are annual costs to consider, i.e., maintenance, security. Treasurer Walt Wasowski reported that \$1,000 was in the budget, of which \$720 had already been spent. Motions were made that we increase the total budget for Web Services to \$3,000. Motions accepted and passed. Motion to designate Board Member Matt Griffin as Web Manager and passed. Further discussion will be off line with committee.
2. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings were discussed. New CA (Saccucci Honda) will be added to calendar.
3. MSON update – BM Merrilee Zeller has resigned from the Board, but will help on a volunteer basis.
4. Future Event Possibilities – Ongoing, starting slowly:
  - a. Guest speakers
  - b. Team up with other local organizations to jointly host Speaker series (VFW, MOAA).
  - c. Social gatherings (linked to speaker events)

Other Business:

Board Member Len DiLorenzo shared photograph of an award selected for former Ambassador Middendorf which will recognize the Ambassador's 50 years as a life member of the Navy League.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.**

Meeting adjourned at 1800.