

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

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

Meeting called to order by Matt Griffin at 1700 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 6 September 2022 meeting were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Distributed and reviewed by Board. We are in good shape financially. Received Council rebates for first half of 2022 from National for Community Affiliates. Motion to accept as distributed.
3. Membership (Len DiLorenzo) – Total of 229 members reported. Motion to accept.
4. Sea Cadets – Rob Winneg/Tom Feeney will reach out to Brandi Bansemer for update.

Current Business:

- a. NCC/NSC picnic recap (Walt/Pat) – Successful. Under budget (\$4,000), \$3,758. Better review of food to be purchased for next year. Thank you letter sent to Mark Turner and VFW members for their help at the picnic. Photos in Newport This Week article (Anne Huot).
- b. Rob/Len/Mike – USCG Fast Response Cutter Commissioning in Bristol in 2023. Board Member Jonathan Wolstenholme noted that the first new ship arrived in Boston with pre-commissioning event held.
- c. Military Appreciation Night update – (Pat): Invitations delivered to all military commands. (Work form sheet required to be submitted to PAO (Bruce Katz) for attendance approval.) In process. Subcommittee updates to be scheduled.
- d. Council Newsletter update in process by Anne Huot (pictures, etc.). More discussion off line.
- e. Newport Council G Mail and Drop Box – Walt Wasowski. Discussion of use of both by Board. Recommend change of G mail to a non-profit account.

New Business

1. Website proposal (Moonbird Studios) – Board Members Matt Griffin and Walter Wasowski met with Moonbird. New website for our Council is underway.
2. Calendar through December was reviewed. November – SEA Graduation 18 November: Tony. December: SWOS 8 December: Tom Feeney; SEA Graduation 16 December: Rob/Matt.

3. MSON update – Emeritus board member Anne Huot discussed further development of informal relationship with MSON. Invite Stephanie Bahr to join our meeting, possibly joining our board. Anne Huot was supposed to attend Scholarship Committee event, but could not make it. The \$200 check donation from Newport Council will be reimbursed by Anne. Board Member Jon Wolstenholme mentioned that the Coast Guard just started a Spouses of Newport group and will discuss with Anne.
4. Future Event Possibilities (Ongoing)
 - a. Guest Speakers
 - b. Team up with other local organizations to jointly host Speaker series (VFW, MOAA).
 - c. Social Gatherings (Discussion of a no-host Happy Hour/holiday party at the Wyndham). The expanded holiday party to include Community Affiliate members and held early in December was proposed by Board Member Len D’Lorenzo, seconded by Board Member Walt Wasowski, and motion carried. Budget of “about” \$1,000-\$1,500 to be approved by President.
5. Other Business
 - a. Received e mail request from OCS for support of the 2022 Navy Ball scheduled for 15 October. After reviewing budget, motion was made by Board Member Walt Wasowski and seconded by Board Member Len D’Lorenzo to donate \$1,000. Motion passed.
 - b. Board Member Jon Wolstenholme will present a brief update to the Board on Coast Guard growth plans for the Naval Station and region at the next meeting.
 - c. Board Member Tom Feeney will contact Ambassador Middendorf and ensure that his 50-year Life Membership in the Navy League will be recognized at the Military Appreciation Night.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE WYNDHAM.

Meeting adjourned at 1810.