

## **Flagship Niagara League**

Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021

Via Google Meet

**Members Attending:** Ann Halupczynski, Will Bloomstine, Pat Federici, Steve Konzel, Pat Leary, , Liz Lincoln, Mike Martin, Heather McBrier, Scott Nick, Jim Scheider, Joe Vahey, Joe “Skip” Zimmerman

**Members Unavailable:** Sara Kim, Rick Liebel, Rebecca McCormick, Craige Pepper Victor

**Guests Attending:** ED/FC Billy Sabatini, Site Administrator Jim Hall, Niagara Captain Chris Cusson

**Call To Order:** President Ann Halupczynski called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the of the February 23, 2021 meeting by Jim Scheider, Seconded by Skip Zimmerman. Unanimous Approval.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

- Liz reported that good progress has been made getting our books in order. She expressed confidence that Katie will have 2020 ready for the audit.
- 2021 balance sheet still needs work correcting for prior years.
- Our cash position is good but we still have to minimize our spending.
- Billy reported that Felix & Gloekler has completed the in-person part of the 2020 audit. We are waiting for the adjusting entries.

### **Niagara Captain’s Report:**

- Keystone Project – we are still waiting for word from PA. The acquisition of lumber will determine the timeline moving forward from there.
- Shipyard:
  - We are still looking for a shipyard for Lettie.
  - A May shipyard timing Niagara would have the ship ready for sailing in late June/early July
  - Mike Martin proposed that Chris, Billy and Jim develop a timeline for the Keystone projects.
  - Shipyard cost options:
    - \$60,000 in the fall for the Keystone Project.
    - \$105,000 in the spring with no keystone project.
    - \$135,000 for both.
- Ann took the opportunity to recognize Chris for his work on virtual sail training programs.

### **Site Administrators Report:**

- The Museum will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning April 30, 2021.
  - The FFS schedule will be in place for at least 2 months
  - No rentals.
  - No large events.
- 21 work requests have been submitted to PHMC.
- A contract has been let to research the flooding problems at the Museum.
- Further discussion of Niagara’s shipyard issues and the impact on deck tours and sailing led to a motion by Skip Zimmerman to send Niagara to shipyard as soon as possible at an expense not to exceed \$105,000. The motion was seconded by Joe Vahey. Unanimous Approval.

### **ED/FC Report:**

- 2021 operations issues have been covered elsewhere in the meeting.

**New Business:**

- The 2021 Mariner's Ball has been canceled.
- A celebration of the Navy's 250th anniversary will be held in Philadelphia in 2025.
  - A 250 Steering Committee has been formed.
  - The Committee has contacted Governor Wolf and requested Niagara's presence at the event.
  - PHMC has been informed of the request.
  - The FNL has no role on the Committee's or its request.

**Next Meeting:** April 27, 2021. This will be the Annual Meeting to be held virtually.

Motion to adjourn made by Liz Lincoln, Seconded by Scott Nick at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Federici