

Project Liberty Ship
Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2009, On Board

Board Members Attending:

Mark Allen	Ted Dietz	Jo Ann Malpass	Carlos Ralon
Joan Burke	Diane Jerbi	Stacia Miller	Frank Schmidt
Art Jensen	John Jerbi	Clifford Myers	Mike Schneider

The meeting was called to order at 0900. Minutes of the meeting of 29 August were distributed in advance, and were accepted as distributed. The minutes of the 25 July report were accepted as corrected (just some typos).

The Treasurer's reports for 30 June and 31 July were approved. Stacia reviewed the balance sheet and profit and loss items.

Chairman

The current fundraiser (raffle) has brought in about \$36,000 so far. Next fundraiser will be mailed in October and will be a year-end appeal for funds and bequests, and store merchandise offerings will be included. Jo Ann continues her labors on updating and consolidating the thousands of names on the various mailing lists.

2010 steaming schedule – we maybe able to use the cruise terminal, but still plan to use MPA Pier 4 for all cruises. We have been invited to Norfolk again for 2010, but have stated that any such visit must be at least a break-even proposition before it will be considered. The Board voted to decline the invitation to Halifax, Nova Scotia, because of the distance and costs. A visit to Buzzards Bay (Mass Maritime) is a possibility. PLS has suggested holding a mini-cruise on 15 September for the 9th Maritime Heritage Conference in Baltimore, but the conference committee has not made a decision.

The cruise committee is considering the following proposed changes to crew discount ticket policy: increase price to \$70, which is the average per person cost, start a waiting list no earlier than 30 days before the cruise date and fill orders from that list beginning two weeks prior to cruise date, and limit discount tickets to four per crew member.

Coming events – General meeting on 3 October followed by holiday party, JWB Schoolship Alumni reunion on 10 October, Veterans Day cruise on 7 November, a possible work party from Ft. Schuyler – Diane will check with them.

Holiday greeting cards – Mike stated the cost to print and mail is about \$1K. Some discussion followed on expanding the list. Jo Ann suggested setting this up as a page in the newsletter.

Departments

Master – not present.

President – not present

Secretary – already covered in coming events and fundraising.

Deck – paint chipping continues; working on winches at #2; John Confair has finished work aft. Chipping and painting on the boat deck is next. Carlos asked if the stack could be covered between cruises – Joe Carbo will talk to Frank Schmidt about this.

Engine – a new sanitary pump has been ordered. The gyrocompass has been repaired. The problems with the port generator have been assessed, and needed repairs have begun.

Electrical – Ted outlined the work he recommends for overhauling both generators and presented several options. His son will look into getting a microphone for the flying bridge.

Special Events – party set for next Saturday. Be sure to bring food and gifts for kids.

Youth – one overnight was cancelled due to no docents being available.

Store – average per person for 2009 cruises: May - \$13; June - \$7.80; September - \$6.

Museums – Mike said a special display will be needed for Providence in 2010. He will ask Brian Hope to do some research.

Old business – Mark Allen has contacted some organization regarding formulating his strategic plan. Asked them for some basics on how their organizations operate.

New business – have nominating committee get names of nominees for Board before newsletter goes to press in December.

Meeting adjourned at 1032.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Burke, Assistant Secretary