

**Project Liberty Ship**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
October 31, 2009, On Board

**Board Members Attending:**

Rick Bauman	Art Jensen	Frank Schmidt
Joan Burke	Diane Jerbi	Mindy Sacks
Ron Carlson	John Jerbi	Mike Schneider
Joe Colgan	Jo Ann Malpass	
Ted Dietz	Carlos Ralon	

The meeting was called to order at 0900. Minutes of the meeting of 26 September were distributed in advance, and were accepted as distributed.

John Jerbi presented the Treasurer's report for 30 September for Stacia and read notes for 31 August report. Net income for August was higher than normal due to cruise ticket sales. Funds were transferred to the Smith Barney account, and most CDs have maturity dates in advance of the next drydocking. August report was approved in final.

**Chairman**

The next fundraiser will be mailed soon and will be a year-end appeal for funds and bequests, and store merchandise offerings will be included. 2010 steaming schedule promotional material has been printed. The train collectors' group has guaranteed 450 tickets for the June cruise. An automatic ID system is needed. Equipment will run about \$3,000, with total costs estimated at around \$5K. Motion was approved to authorize expenditure of funds. A motion was also approved to shift \$150K to the drydock fund.

Generator repair – Ted has not been able to locate parts. He gave options, but recommended replacing both generators with new units. A single replacement could be obtained for about \$22K, or two units for around \$40K. Although Ted is still exploring options, both he and Rick explained advantages of getting new units. A portable generator will be obtained for the Veterans Day cruise. Anyone wishing to help get it aboard should report on November 4.

The cruise committee's proposal for crew tickets will be implemented as described at the 26 September meeting – increase price to \$70 (average per person cost), start a waiting list no earlier than 30 days before the cruise date, fill orders from the wait list beginning two weeks prior to cruise date, and limit discounted tickets to four per crew member.

Rick outlined the schedule for the Veterans Day cruise. The captain of the port will be aboard. Joe said everything is set for guest speakers, entertainers, etc. 459 paid as of October 30. Fort Schuyler contingent of 12 will assist on cruise, and Helen Bentley is coming. Mike has not received some of the names lists of groups planning to attend and needs them ASAP. Mike met with the SSHSA regarding the September 2010 port visit – much support is evident. An MOU will be distributed to the cruise committee.

Coming events – MEBA 11/3-4, load portable generator on 11/4, MD Historical Trust to visit 11/4 for inspection, general meeting on 11/14. Next board meeting will be on 11/21 and will combine November & December.

Holiday greeting cards – will ask each director to sign some as in last year. Regarding a visit to Norfolk in May 2010, Mike has not heard back yet from the Propeller Club. Also, no word yet from the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Maritime Conference group on the possibility of a mini cruise during their event in September 2010. John Jerbi will form a nominating committee to find members to fill four terms that expire in 2010.

Works in progress - #3 lower hold work progressing to make space for container, including disassembling the half boiler, which the SAVANNAH group has expressed an interest in preserving. Larry Freeman will fabricate supports for the container. Water and sanitary pumps have been replaced. Larry Knapp is getting new vent covers. A HS student is looking for a community service project, and a Scout is searching for an Eagle Scout project aboard.

### **Reports from Officers and Departments**

Master – has received P&I insurance bill from AON. PLS will have AON extend the current coverage to include pier and parking facility. For the pollution insurance, AON recommended we switch companies, to WQIS, and this was done. PLS directors concurred with all insurance changes.

President – Frank says he has been very busy attending to various financial matters.

Secretary –Brian Hope has written letter for next mailing.

Deck – covered previously.

Engine – covered previously.

Armed Guard – will be breaking down some of the guns and will need parts.

Electrical – Ted said anything new will be 440. He is trying to sell some of the old breakers.

Special Events – Jo Ann thanked all for gifts brought to holiday party in October. Rick thanked Jo Ann for putting together such a nice affair. The Board agreed to continue having this event in the fall rather than in December.

Youth – we have three new docents. There are still some open dates for 2009.

Store – no report.

Museums – Rick and Diane discussed uniform preservation and display methods with an expert on fabric care, who said the seven uniforms she looked at were in good shape and did not need any restoration. Finished convoy display will have a projector as part of the presentation. Diane will buy software that will manage museum inventory and membership, donations, etc.

Old business – wireless credit card equipment is installed for testing. Effectiveness will be evaluated on the Veterans Day cruise. Frank will change clocks back to EST today between 1200 and 1500.

New business – none.

Meeting adjourned at 1045.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Burke, Assistant Secretary