

## **USS Lafayette Association**

## **Business Meeting Minutes**

Groton, CT - May 18, 2013

Call to Order: President Dennis Lauze at 1330z

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplin John Fornicola

Pledge of Allegiance: President Dennis Lauze

Financial Report: The financial report by Treasurer Joe Geiger

Balance	reported on 09-01-2011	\$13,530.00
Debits	2011 reunion final	\$452.00
	Storekeeper	\$736.00
	Website	\$170.00
	Groton Inn deposit	\$500.00
		\$1,858.00
Credits	Dues Donations	\$2,398.00
	2013 Member reunion Deposits	\$9,824.00
Balance	As of 05-01-13	\$23,894.00
	Expected Reunion Expenses	\$13,595.00
	Expected Post Reunion Balance	\$10,299.00

**Election of Officers:** Association President Dennis Lauze asked for nominations of officers.

President Tom Tinney
Vice President Gary Christopher

Treasurer Joe Geiger

Secretary Bill Liles, Wayne Phillips

Chaplain John Fornicola
Newsletter Editor Carl Brown Jr
Historian Bob Porter
Ship's Storekeeper Pierre Messier

A motion was made and seconded to elect all nominees except Secretary. Motion Passed

A motion was made and seconded that Bill Liles be secretary and Wayne Phillips Assistant Secretary. Motion Passed

**New Business:** Discussion of Shipmates on Eternal Patrol for next Reunion for honoring them. A motion was made and seconded that Lost Subs and only the Shipmates that depart on Eternal Patrol after May 2013 will be on the Eternal Patrol Roll Call at the next reunion. Motion Passed

After some discussion about the need for backup, it was decided that the Board will appoint assistants for all officers.

A motion was made and seconded that a Letter of Appreciation be sent to John Marsh and his staff of the Groton Motor Inn. Motion passed.

Gary Christopher announced that he will donate the model submarine to the Groton Motor Inn.

A motion was made and seconded that a Letter and a Donation check of \$300.00 for the USS California, to be sent to the XO for the tour of the USS California. Motion Passed

Gary Christopher announced the Reunion attendance totals of 184 shipmates and guests.

**Next Reunion:** Discussed where to hold the next reunion. Five locations were suggested, Boston, San Diego, San Antonio, Jacksonville and Las Vegas. Board will decide and announce the location in less than six months.

**Benediction:** Chaplin John Fornicola

**Adjournment:** President Dennis Lauze called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1500z.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bill Liles