

Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society  
Meeting of March 8, 2006

Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Santiana. There were eighteen members in attendance. The minutes of the November meeting were read. Motion to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Mark Patterson. Earl Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed. Debbie Santiana presented the treasurer's report which showed an ending balance of \$7450.32 in our checking account and \$20,000 in our Sky Bank 4-month CD. Lloyd Bogue made a motion to accept the report. Earl Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice-President Report. Lloyd reported that our application for purchase of the lighthouse was resubmitted on December 28<sup>th</sup>. In mid-February, we received a reply from Brian McCutchen stating that they had received it and expressed his enthusiasm for the additions we had included. Lloyd also reported that he has been in contact with the diver who surveyed the crib and he is willing to do a underwater video sometime this spring. Lloyd made a motion to present the diver, Lynn Stright, with an honorary membership to the society. Dennis Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed. On February 13<sup>th</sup> a number of interested individuals and lighthouse owners met at the Lake Erie Islands Regional Welcome Center in Port Clinton Ohio. Our group was not in attendance because of the short notice and traveling distance. Melinda Huntley, director of the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail National Scenic Byway organized the meeting at the direction of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. The objective of this meeting was to begin a dialog to coordinate our approach of promoting and protecting our lake's lighthouses. We did receive very detailed minutes of the meeting and are hopeful we will be able to attend the next one.

Old Business: Joe has spoken to the organizers of the Alpena Lighthouse Festival and asked that someone speak for our society in order to accept their donation. They agreed. Dennis Hale reported that he is hoping to speak at the festival in the fall and will pick up their donation to our society.

New Business: Janet Pallo and Judith Kaminski presented the painting of our lighthouse by artist Art Fronchowiak. They will inquire as to the price of prints (possibly 5 X 7 or 8 X 12) and report to the membership at the next meeting. Discussion was held concerning how best to unveil the painting and the possibility of having the artist present at that time. A letter of thanks will be sent. Janet made a motion that an honorary membership to the society be given to the artist. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joe reported on a recent article on the *News-Herald* concerning the Fairport Harbor Lighthouse and the efforts of the Lake County Historical Society to find/organize a group that is willing to apply for ownership. The article mentions the Ashtabula Lighthouse and our efforts. Lorna reported that an interview was also aired on WKSU concerning this subject. Mary Schwartz reported that women at the Senior Center are working on a lighthouse quilt. She passed around a few of the quilt squares for members to view. Debbie reported that Donniella Winchell of the Ohio Wine Producers Association has donated to the society a small artificial Christmas tree decorated with

nautical ornaments that we could use for a raffle. Dennis and Barb Hale reported on the progress of the Fish Fry Committee. It was decided that members will actually prepare the meal as the profit for the society will be greater. Tickets will be sold for \$7.00 for an adult and \$5.00 for a child. Discussion was held concerning the sale of beverages, desserts and having a 50/50 raffle along with a small Chinese auction at the fish fry. Lloyd will design and print the tickets. Society members will be asked to sell them beginning in April.

#### Election of Officers for 2006-2008

As there were no nominations sent in to the secretary as instructed in the newsletter and no nominations were offered from the floor, Dianna Patterson made a motion to nominate and elect all present officers to another term of office. Carla Pallo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on April 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the old Coast Guard Station.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Hale. Bob Schwarz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorna Greicius  
Secretary