

Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society
General Meeting of October 18, 2006

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Santiana. There were sixteen members in attendance. The minutes of the September General Meeting and the September Board Meeting were distributed. Earl Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mark Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Debbie Santiana reported that we currently have \$10,179.70 in our checking account. Mark Patterson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Earl seconded the motion. Motion passed. Debbie reported that membership shirts are available.

Old Business: Discussion was held concerning the frozen fish that was left over from our summer fish fry. Earl made a motion to donate the fish to a local food bank or soup kitchen. George Finnerty seconded the motion. Motion passed. Amy Winger spoke to those present concerning the possibility of the society conducting a Golf Outing as a fund raising event, next summer. She indicated, from her research, that the society would not make a profit from the event itself but from the acquisition of sponsors for the event. She will continue to speak with others that have conducted this type of fundraising activity. Discussion was held concerning contacting a company/person to design and construct the two plaques for the lighthouse. Dennis Hale will be checking on an etched glass plaque while Debbie will be contacting local companies concerning a wooden plaque with brass engraved names. They will report back to the membership in November. Dennis also reported on his trip to Alpena to the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival where he received their donation to our society and delivered our gift basket that was donated for their raffle. Joe informed those present that he has received an email from the National Park Service indicating that our application is next in line for the signature of the Secretary of the Interior. Lorna Greicius reminded those present that all raffle tickets need to be sold before the Christmas party when the drawing will be held. If anyone needs additional tickets, please contact her. Debbie Santiana will be collecting all monies and ticket stubs.

New Business: The "Wish List" for materials that will be needed to begin the restoration process was handed out to those present along with a tax-exempt form for businesses that wish to donate items. Joe encouraged all those present to make an effort to solicit companies for the needed materials. Carol Cunningham reminded the members of the Christmas Party on December 15th. She also suggested that the society adopt a family for Christmas. She is willing to purchase any gifts if the society members will make donations of money at the November meeting. Dennis made a motion for the society to adopt a family with any monies brought in at the November meeting by members. Mark Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be November 8th at 7:00 P.M. at the old Coast Guard Station on the east side of the lift bridge.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorna Greicius
Secretary