

**Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society**  
**Meeting of September 13, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Santiana. There were twenty three members in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and read. George Finnerty made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Earl Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed. Debbie Santiana reported that we currently have a balance of \$10,453.75 in our regular checking account. Joe introduced new member Lynn Stright to those present.

Historian Report: Bob Frisbie reported there has been no further communication concerning the proposed walkway to the lighthouse. He suggested that the video taken by the society during our 2002 tour of the light with the Coast Guard, be shown at our next meeting as many members have not seen it. He will bring it with him to the November meeting. Joe commented that much deterioration has occurred at the light due to lack of maintenance by the Coast Guard, since the video was filmed.

Old Business: Debbie reported that lighthouse hooded sweatshirts will cost the society \$37.00. Joe made a motion to sell the sweatshirts for that price, amending the motion passed last month stating we would sell them for a society profit of \$5.00. Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joe informed members that if anyone wants information placed on our website they must inform Joe or Lorna who will then pass the information on to Andy, our webmaster. He also asked members to search for any grants that the society may be eligible for and print out all information concerning the grant. He is requesting members to contact local companies concerning donating a 7-10,000Watt generator.

George Finnerty stated he will inquire at a company in Youngstown to be a corporate sponsor. Tom Johnson stated he will speak to a manufacturer concerning the donation of paint. Discussion was held concerning the formation of a Wish List of materials that will be necessary as we begin the restoration process. Karl Rabeneck suggested placing it on our website and in our next newsletter which he will help publish. Postcards of our original painting of the lighthouse are available for \$1.00.

Our application for ownership is still waiting for the final signature from the Secretary of the Interior. Debbie made a motion that we send Rebecca, from the National Park Service, who was so helpful with our application, a society member shirt. Mark Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed. We still have frozen fish left over from the fish fry. Father Miller will be contacted to inquire if St. Joseph Church would be interested in buying it for their fish fries.

New Business: Carol Cunningham will be contacted concerning the planning of the Christmas Party in December. Discussion was held concerning possible fund raising events. Ideas discussed were Ashtabula Lighthouse license plates and a golf outing. Discussion was also held concerning a ceremony commemorating the transfer of ownership of the lighthouse to the society. Items discussed were: local and state officials to invite, location of ceremony, publicity, presentation of the cancelled stamps by the Post Office and refreshments. A Board Meeting will be held before the next general meeting to begin planning. Joe stated that he will make inquiries concerning the designing of our commemorative plaque to be placed in the lighthouse. Matt Zlocki donated two engineering drawings of the lighthouse from 1954. Jan Gibson presented pictures and information concerning her grandfather Koepka, who was a keeper in our light in 1913.

Lorna requested that all members sell raffle tickets for our lighthouse quilt, stained glass window, and lighthouse rug. The drawing will be at our November meeting. Earl made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on October 18, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the old Coast Guard Station.

Respectfully submitted  
Lorna Greicius  
Secretary

