

Navy League of the United States, Sarasota - Manatee Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes -- February 12, 4 PM (90 minutes)
Via Zoom Video Conference (attached in the invitation)

Call the Meeting to Order **Gene**

Called to order at 04:00pm.

Approval of Minutes, January 16/ 2024 Meeting

Don—via email

Motion to accept by Doug Crowder with second by Bo Hamrick. Motion passed.

Approved – Official Copies Filed.

Financial Report

Jerry—via email

Update provided by Jerry and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Coast Guard

Jerry/Marsha—via email

Update provided by Jerry Germain and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Update provided by Marsha and her submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Membership and Retention

Joe—via email

Update provided by Joe Hayden and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Government Affairs

National/Regional/Area

Gene

Gene shares concerns about the delay in the release of the government budget and its impact on funding for the National Defense Authorization Act.

Youth Programs

Steve—via email

Update provided by Steve and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Old Business

Website Revision Update

Bob

The discussion, on the website update, focused on the implementation of online payment capabilities and the need for content creation.

Community Foundation Grant (<\$10k)

Gene/Al

No current or anticipated programs were put forth that would possibly fit the grant category. A Project Plan would need to be developed to submit for a grant.

Sarasota County Fair Fundraiser Update

Steve Bartek

Update provided by Steve and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

New Business

Giving Challenge

Gene

Gene presented plans for a social media campaign, an email drop campaign to boost contributions, along with the potential for cash awards from the foundation. The board members expressed support for the initiative and the benefits of utilizing modern methods and resources for the campaign.

Heroes Dinner

Marsha

Update provided by Marsha and her submitted report/announcement is attached to the official minutes.

Annual Report (Due 15 Feb)

Gene—via email

Next Meeting: Monday 03/11/2024, 4 PM (90 minutes)

Selby Library Sarasota. Zoom Video Conference option available.

ADJORN

Motion to Adjourn – made by Gene Moran and seconded by Steve Bartek.

- Motion passed.

o Meeting Adjourned at 04:50pm.

Financial Report January 2024

2 February 2024

Income:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| January 50/50 | \$250.00 |
| January Dinner Donations | \$634.00 |
| Challenge Coins | \$28.00 |
| Total Income | \$912.00 |

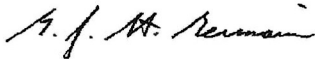
Expenses:

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| January Dinner | \$592.00 |
| Venice Middle Young Marines | \$1200.00 |
| Resolute Certificates | \$1286.20 |
| Florida Secretary of State | \$61.25 |

Total Expenses: \$3139.45

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Check Book Balance January 31, 2024 | \$29,027.10 |
| Endowment Balance December 31, 2023 | \$179,025.19 |

Respectfully Submitted,



Jerry St. Germain
Treasurer

Included in this report is the endowment status at the end of December 2023.



Navy League of the United States-Sarasota Manatee Council

Mr. Carl Cramb
Navy League of the United States Sarasota-Manatee Council
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Fund Statement December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Fund Balance as of December 1, 2023 | \$171,216.23 |
| Contributions | 0.00 |
| Investment Activity: | |
| Interest and Dividends | 1,285.36 |
| Realized Gains/(Losses) | 669.07 |
| Unrealized Gains/(Losses) | 5,864.89 |
| Investment Fees | (10.36) |
| Disbursements: | |
| Grants and Scholarships | (0.00) |
| Administrative Fees | (0.00) |
| Fund Balance as of December 31, 2023 | \$179,025.19 |

Please help keep our records current by sending us a list of your Officers when there is a change.

For questions concerning your Fund Statement, please contact the Philanthropy Team at 941-955-3000.

There were no grants during this statement period.

dparoser@gmail.com

From: dparoser@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:49 PM
To: 'GERARD ST GERMAIN'
Subject: RE: Endowment Fund Contacts

Jerry –
The Endowment Trustees are: (approved at JAN 2024 meeting)
Gene Moran
Steve Bartek
Jerry St. Germain
Don Roser
Bob McChesney
It was in one of the submitted reports.

I just reviewed the minutes and will amend those to include that formal vote.

Best regards,
Don

Don Roser
205.706.4157
dparoser@gmail.com

From: GERARD ST GERMAIN <gstgermain@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:33 PM
To: Don Roser <dparoser@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Endowment Fund Contacts

Don,
I know that we approved the new trustees for the endowment fund but I cannot find where that is documented. Do you know whom was appointed?

Jerry

On 02/12/2024 1:28 PM EST Don Roser <dparoser@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Sir!
Blessings,
Don

Sent from Roser's iPhone

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 1:23 PM GERARD ST GERMAIN <gstgermain@comcast.net> wrote:
Don,

dparoser@gmail.com

From: tobeachtoo@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:41 PM
To: Gene Moran; Jay Plager; NavyLeagueRodneyHeard;
NLYoungMarinesImagineNorthPortSteveBlackDr; NavyLeagueBobMcChesney; GERARD
ST GERMAIN; Donald Roser; Steve Bartek; NavyLeagueDougCrowder; Joe Hayden; Al
Burda; Roger Betts; NavyLeagueBoGeorgeHamrick; NavyLeagueGeorgeHofmann;
NavyLeagueWadeEvans
Cc: Marsha Grogan
Subject: Update for BoD Call 2/12/24 GROGAN

Station Cortez - President has been invited by Chief Waters to visit and present SoQ on Wednesday morning 3/20 8:00. BoD also welcome.

USCGC RESOLUTE BBQ & SoQ 3/7/24
Defer.

Sea Services Heroes Dinner 3/27 SaraBay CC. Email to groups going out today: 9 youth groups, Sector, Air Station, Station Cortez, Resolute, Shrike, participating.

V/r,
Marsha Grogan

From: GERARD ST GERMAIN <gstgermain@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 2:33 PM
To: Steve Bartek; Roger Betts; Black, Steve; Al Burda; Crowder, Doug; Evans, Wade; Grogan, Marsha; Hamrick, Bo; Hayden, Joe; Heard, Rodney; Hofmann, George; McChesney, Robert; Moran, Gene; Plager, Jay; Roser, Donald
Subject: Info in support of 2/12/2024 BoD meeting

Coast Guard

The Resolute has returned from Patrol. They will have four attendees at our February dinner. They are planning a BBQ for us but the date is apparently undetermined at this time. Their XO, Commander Mario Gil, is detaching in April and will be the Deputy for the Coast Guard contingent of several hundred in Bahrain. Marsha and I recommend that we recognize his leadership for Resolute with at least a Certificate of Appreciation at the Feb. 20 dinner. We purchased "Order of the Ditch" certificates and "Shellback" certificates for each of the crew members since on their last patrol they crossed the equator several times and transited the Panama Canal. On that patrol they confiscated a large quantity of drugs and got some excellent publicity for that.

Shrike will be standing down soon with personnel being reassigned. I'm thinking that perhaps we could have them schedule an underway opportunity on Tampa Bay for us. Is there interest in that?

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry

**Navy League of the United States
Sarasota-Manatee Council
February 12, 2024**

Dear Fellow Board Members:

As of February 10, 2024 the Sarasota-Manatee Council of the Navy League of the United States (NLUS) has approximately 113 active members per the official roster posted on the NLUS national website.

The Navy League “launched” a new website and membership database at the beginning of the year that should incorporate several security measures to protect members’ personal data. We have had to designate 2 members who would have access to our Council members’ information and have designated Gene Moran and me as our reps. (Jerry is in the process of getting access via his role in Regional Leadership for the Navy League.).

Unfortunately, there have been “growing pains” with the launch of the new website and we are in close contact with the national NLUS staff as we resolve access issues to our membership data. Gene Moran was able to download a spreadsheet with member data late last week, so our membership numbers are fairly current. An example of these issues is that several of our members were double-counted in the spreadsheet Gene obtained (Roger Betts, Dennis Turner and myself), while several new members were not listed. Hence my report of active numbers is “approximate”.

I am confident that we will be able to work closely with the NLUS staff to improve our access to information in the near future as they have been exceptionally responsive to our feedback.

But that’s it for this month!

Best regards,
Joe Hayden

Youth Groups Activities

Feb 2024

1 MCJROTC
1 CGJROTC
4 NJROTC (NPHS, LBHS, PCHS, CHS)
2 YOUNG MARINES (VMS, ISNP)
1 SEA CADET
9 TOTAL

Venice High School Update:

1st In Sarasota County Air Rifle League (4 Schools – typically 6 or 7)
3rd in National SCOPOS Air Rifle Competition (over 100 schools registered)
Orienteering has done 3 competitions to date:
GT Bray – 3rd Overall,
Admiral Farragut Academy – 2nd Overall
North Port High School – 2nd Overall
We will compete in another Orienteering Competition on the 10th Feb in Tampa
We will simultaneously HOST a 100 Lap Relay Race on Sat. 10th Feb. (3 schools: Venice, Lemon Bay and Charlotte)
We will compete in another Orienteering Competition on Sat. 17th Feb. @ Lemon Bay HS
We will support Venice Yacht Club with their 7th Annual Charity Bike Ride Event on Sun. Feb. 18th. We provide 25 Cadets to make everything run smoothly.
We are scheduled for a USF Visit on Fri. 23rd Feb. where we will tour all ROTC Programs and do a Campus Tour.
We have a Color Guard on the 29th Feb. at Laurel Nokomis
Reserve Officers Association Dinner on Wed. 6th Mar.
We will administer an ASVAB on Wed. 20th Mar.
We will host the Oscar Scherer State Park Orienteering Championship on Sat. 23rd Mar.

Capt Krom

PPHS: PPHS CG JROTC is doing well and staying busy:
Yesterday, our Academic team competed in the Level 2 JLAB virtual competition, they are trying to qualify for the national comp in Washington DC.
We are preparing for our Annual inspection on March 4.
We continually perform Color Guard for events, 3 more events planned for this month.
Our Raider team competed at a National competition in Georgia in November, resulting in a 7th place overall, not bad for our first year at nationals.
Rifle team has competed at 3 events and is ramping up for another competition next month.
We have 3 field trips coming up in the next 3 months, CG Sector St Pete, Air Station Clearwater, and a camp out in Myakka City.
Lastly, we are on track to win our first Distinguished Unit award.

NPHS: We qualified and went to back-to-back Academic State Championship for the first time.
We have earned 12 trophies so far this year (which is a record) and still have 4 more comps left
We have earned 37 medals so far this year
We are heading up to Mayport Naval station on Friday (9 Feb) Orientation visit (overnight)
We have had 93 promotions this year
we are over 4,000 community service hours
we earned/qualified for more 2 million dollars in scholarships funds
Academics scores increased by 21 percent from last year
on paper, it was not a bad year considering I am flying solo.
I have a new long-term substitute, FCC SAMUEL KIPE,
who is waiting for the certification board to convene in March, who will most likely be the new NSI.

VMS YM:

February
Archery (*continued*)
Marksmanship
Fishing

Volunteering at Challenger Baseball (2/10)
Color Guards for Chuck Ryder & Challenger Baseball (2/10)
Shoot for the Stars 5K at Taylor Ranch School (2/24)
Color Guard & Table Ushers for Sarasota County School-Related Employee of the Year (2/29)

March

Sky Zone Trampoline Park (End of Q Celebration)

Jennifer Blanchard

Young Marines

PPHS – CGJROTC

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Thanks for the support,

Master Chief Mike Collis

Sea Cadets:

This month we are scheduled to do a community service event "Nokomis Day" on 2/18/2024 where cadets will be assisting with parking as well as an information booth to recruit. We are also conducting drills weekly on Fridays at Laurel Civic Community Center <https://www.laurelcivic.org/>

Our numbers continue to trend downward but we continue to maintain a core group. The new elementary school at MSA has not fulfilled their promise to allow access to their 5th grade students which we were hoping would become a feeder for our League Cadets. Mr. Charnell is still in coms with the principal of that school and we remain hopeful.

I've asked Tina Brown (OPSO) cc'd to add you to the distro for our monthly POM.

Best regards,

Dennis Turner

CHS: Nothing to report

LBHS: Nothing to report

PCHS: Nothing to report

ISNP: Nothing to report

Color Guards for our events:

Jan -ISNP

Feb – LBHS

Mar – ISNP

Apr – VMS

May – May be added

Jun – Likely will not have one. Schools are out.

Funding note: Included in the budget are funds for:

Unit Direct Support - \$7,500

NFA scholarships (2) for \$3,500

Academic Scholarships (2) for \$10,000

VMS request to support trip to Costa Rica summer of '24 - \$1,200 - complete

Medals and awards meals - \$1,000

USNA/ROTC/USCG awards recognition expenses - \$300

Total Youth Support Budget: \$23,500

Sarasota County Fair – Gate 4

We remain on track to work at Gate 4 at Robart's Arena at the annual County Fair. The dates are 15 – 24 March 2024. I have been in contact with Mr. Martin and we are locked in for 'Gate 4'.

There are 82 hours of operation for the fair which generates a requirement for 288-man hours of work at our gate. For this the Navy League will receive \$5,000. That works out to be about \$17.36/hour. Below is the suggested Notice to Members that I would like to have sent out after the 20 Feb dinner.

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Volunteers are needed for the Gate 4 Navy League project at the Sarasota County Fair!

There are 2 types of jobs: Ticket Sales and Ticket collection. The County Fair officials will train volunteers for these positions. The training takes about 10 minutes. Although tickets sales involve handling cash and credit cards, the apps used in the booth will help with counting and making change. After about 10 minutes working at the window, you will be a pro!

We work sales in a closed, airconditioned booth. Ticket takers use a scanner and are located immediately next to the booth. Behind us are Uniformed Security Personnel.

The work is not hard, but the evening hours can be long. Most Navy League members who work there for first time find it fun with an opportunity to socialize with other members. With extra volunteers, members can take turn visiting the fair without cost. A chance to see the 'Pig Races' is included!

Bring a friend. They do NOT have to be a member of the Navy League. Students 16 years old and up may participate as well. I can sign off for Community Service Hours.

I will start looking for volunteers by mid-February. If there are any specific dates you would like to reserve now, please contact me at: SteveBartek@juno.com

<https://signup.com/go/LBkbTvQ> is link for directly sign up. Please let me know what spots you will be participating.

**Navy League 2024 Sea Services Heroes Dinner
BoD info, copy of announcement and instructions. Marsha**

Greetings, on behalf of Gene Moran, President, Sarasota-Manatee Council, Navy League of the U.S., it's time to consider your honoree selections for the 2024 Sea Services Heroes Celebration Dinner at SaraBay Country Club on Wednesday, March 27.

What's new? We have changed the Annual Celebration date from late September to late March and the Board of Directors has approved refined criteria. Also, there will be 4 additional Heroes this year! We have added 3 NJROTC units from Lemon Bay, Port Charlotte, and Charlotte High Schools; and the USCG Air Station Clearwater Command.

Here's our list of participating Commands and Youth Groups. Please individually contact me or Steve Bartek if there are any corrections/changes.

USCG Sector St. Petersburg
CAPT Michael Kahle

USCG Air Station Clearwater Atlantic East
CAPT Scott Phy

USCG Cutter Resolute Atlantic East
CDR Michael Ross

USCG Cutter Shrike
LT David DeMaio

USCG Station Cortez
Chief Derek Waters

NJROTC North Port HS
LCDR Dempsey Barnes

MJROTC Venice HS
Capt. Dean Krom

CGJROTC Pinellas HS
MC Michael Collis

US Naval Sea Cadets Maritime Eagles
Manatee School of Arts
Dennis Turner Commanding Officer

Young Marines Venice Middle School
CAPT Fred Thompson

Young Marines Imagine School North Port
COL Richard Borkowski

NJROTC Charlotte HS
Billie Rankin, Major, USMC (Ret.), SNSI

NJROTC Lemon Bay HS
Michael Dubrule, MAJ, LBHS, SNSI

NJROTC Port Charlotte HS
Geoffrey R. Dufur, SNSI
Chief Boatswains Mate, USCG (Ret.)

The Council is funding 2 guests from each Group, and the 4 Color Guard plus Chaperone. We also encourage you to invite others. Information about cost, timelines, and dinner selections will follow later.

This year please follow this format to describe your Hero on a one page word document we can print for the Ceremony:

Name of Honoree

Title of Honoree

Sponsor's Name

Sponsor's Title

Command or School

Reason for Selection: 3-5 brief bullets as time is of the essence with 14 Honorees.

Criteria for Selection of Honoree:

1. Volunteers of active-duty service members such as, but not limited to, Ombudsmen, general volunteer, club leader, etc., non uniformed. One per active unit the Council supports.

2. Civilian advocate of Youth activities the Council supports, such as a school administrator or parent. Nominated by unit commander, school leadership, or community leaders. Current Young Marine or Cadet students not eligible.

What we ask right now is that you select your honoree by 3/1 and provide their name and title with yours to us so we can begin working on the Program and Certificate documents. You may submit the word document by 3/15, or sooner if you'd like.

The Council wishes to express its gratitude for your enthusiastic participation in this 3rd Annual Event! As always, don't hesitate to contact me or Steve with questions, comments, and suggestions. See you there! V/r, Marsha

Marsha Grogan
Director & USCG Liaison
Sarasota-Manatee Council
Navy League of the US

2024 Sarasota Manatee Council NLU\$ Event Calendar (as of Jan 29, 2024)

Black—Scheduled

Green – Completed

Blue – Board of Directors

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Theme</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Venue</u> | <u>Coordinated or Joint Event?</u> | <u>Other Considerations/ Color Guard</u> |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| December | 05 Dec | Annual Meeting | BMC Waters, USCG Station CORTEZ | Sara Bay CC | Lunch | |
| January | 16 | Board Meeting | | Northport Library - Approved | | Zoom available, invite to be sent separately |
| January | 24 | Navy | Charles "Towny" Townsend, National President | Sara Bay Country Club | Dinner | Installation of officers. Flyer sent to membership. |
| January | 28 | CGC Blackthorn Memorial | | Blackthorn Memorial Park | Gene Moran Jerry St Germain attend | |
| February | 12 | Board Meeting | | Zoom | | Zoom available, invite to be sent separately |
| February | 20 | Engagement / Fundraising | VADM Ron Boxall, USN (Ret.) | Sara Bay Country Club | | |
| March | 11 | Board Meeting | | Selby Library - Approved | | Zoom available, invite to be sent separately |
| March | 15- 24 | Engagement/ Fundraiser | 87 th Annual Sarasota County Fair | Sarasota Fairgrounds | | Man Gate 4 during operating hours to process personnel entering the fairgrounds. Steve Bartek Coordinate |
| March | 27 | Sea Services Heroes Celebration | CAPT Mike Kahle, USCG, Commander, SECTOR St. Petersburg | Sara Bay Country Club | Dinner | Sponsored Commands, NJROTC and Young Marines provide names of honorees. |
| April | TBD | Advocacy | | | Senate area directors | Meet with Congressmen Vern Buchanan, Greg Steube, Mario Diaz-Balart |
| April | 8-10 | Sea Air Space | | Gaylord National | | |
| April | 9 | Board Meeting | | Fruitville Library - Approved | | Zoom available, invite to be sent separately |

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| April | 16 | Youth Programs | Ms. Cynthia Dixon, CAPT USN (Ret) | PLANTATION Golf and Country Club | VHS MCJROTC NPHS NJROTC PPHS CGJROTC YMs, Sea Cadets | NPHS NJROTC Color Guard TR Medals All Youth Program Scholarships Outstanding Young Marines |
|-----------|-------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| April | 26-27 | USNL Regional Meeting | | Key West | | |
| May | 7 | Board Meeting | | Northport Library | | Zoom available, invite to be sent sepa |
| May | 9 | Navy | | University Country Club | | |
| June | 5-8 | USNL National Convention | | Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego | | |
| June | 12 | Sea Service Academy Appointments & NROTC Scholars | | TBD | Joint with USNA Alumni Assn | Lunch |
| July | 15 | Board Meeting | | Zoom | | Off month — no event |
| August | 21 | Coast Guard Birthday | | Gecko's / Social | CG Sta Cortez, USCGC Resolute And CG Sector St Pete | Sailors of the Quarters |
| August | 12 | Board Meeting | | Zoom | | Zoom available, invite to be sent sepa |
| September | 10 | Board Meeting | | Selby Library | | Zoom available, invite to be sent sepa |
| October | 8 | Board Meeting | | Fruitville Library | | Zoom available, invite to be sent sepa |
| October | 20-24 | Propeller Club International Convention | | Tampa Marriott Water St | | |
| October | 21 | Engagement | | Lakewood National Golf Course | | Golf Tournament / Annual Fundraiser |
| October | TBD | Navy Birthday | | Dinner Cruise Marina II | | |
| November | 6 | Board Meeting | | Zoom | | Zoom available, invite to be sent sepa |
| November | 13 | Marine Corps Birthday | | TBD | Dinner | |
| December | 4 | Annual Meeting | | TBD | Lunch | |
| December | 10 | Board Meeting | | Fruitville | | Zoom available, invite to be sent sepa |