

S. P. L. K. A. ANNUAL MEETING

On September 14, 2019, the membership and friends of Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association met at the United Methodist Church of Ludington, located on Bryant Rd. The purpose of the meeting was to fulfill our obligation of holding an annual meeting as prescribed in our By-Laws, and to update and inform our members of the past year's operation and how we plan to **Preserve, Protect, and Educate** the public about our four lights. The dinner was served buffet style and was exceptional. The meeting room was more than adequate. Comments and notes that were received applauded the meeting format and the friendliness of all who attended or took part in the program.

I-FELLOWSHIP / REGISTRATION-

II-WELCOME- MR. BOB BALTZER-PRESIDENT, MR. PETER MANTING-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

III-PRAYER- ROGER PASHBY-SECRETARY

IV-DINNER IS SERVED- Over 100 members shared in the wonderful dinner.

V-BUSINESS MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER-Mr. Bob Baltzer-President

1-Secretary report -The Minutes from the **2018** meeting were reviewed, motioned to accept as published. No changes suggested, accepted as presented.

2-Treasurers report-Ted Robinson-Treasurer. "Debits equal our Credits"

*We are behind on our budget planning with the Breakwater Light due to closures on account of the weather-Averaging opening only 3/7 days a week. Water is too high.

*Merchandise sales are up this year, thanks to quality items that have been made available.

*The 9-90 tax statement is available for inspection.

3-Executive Director's Report- Peter's report will be posted on the website, and available to all.

*Peter thanked all the faithful members who made 2019 a successful year.

*Peter thanked all of his staff who have labored diligently to keep our lights open.

4-Board President Report-Mr. Bob Baltzer.

*Bob thanked "ALL" of the staff for their unselfish efforts for making SPLKA work.

*Thank you to all the table sponsors who made the evening a success.

*Bob presented a gift to Lenore Janman, retiring from the Board after 9 years of dedicated work and involvement with the organization. She will be missed from the Board.

*Election of Officers to the Board- A slate of two names was presented for approval by those in attendance. Mr. Ted Robinson was reelected for a three-year term. Mr. Larry Stulz was also elected to a three-year term.

*Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting portion at 19:40. Approved.

VI-Presentation by Mr. Al Coconni- Vice-President.

Al presented a power-point program, showing our needs as Keepers of our Lights, and how we can accomplish the goals that have been set. WE have a fund-raising goal of \$200K dollars, which includes repairs to the BSP Tower, and cost of an HSR for BSP. Bottom line is that the repairs to the Tower is not an option.

Al took some comments from the audience and answered some questions. One comment from the audience was concern over our being in "Competition" with the Maritime Museum and other historical organizations. The individual's concern was that we should compliment each other, not compete.

VII-PETER'S CHALLENGE-We have a big challenge before us, for the next two years.

*\$1.7-2ml needed to complete Phase 1 projects.

*Grants, gifts, end of Life giving, and donations will help accomplish this goal.

*Trex boards have been a big success in helping to work towards the goals.

* Envelopes are available on your tables to make gifts or pledges to SPLKA.

* An anonymous donor has pledged to meet dollar for dollar up to \$20K.

VIII-Meeting adjourned at 20:30, following a brief Q & A session. See you next year.

Submitted by Secretary- Roger Pashby.