

**Navy League of the United States, Sarasota - Manatee Council
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
May 7, 4:15 PM (60 minutes)**

Zoom Meeting (link attached in the invitation)

- Call the Meeting to Order** **Gene**
Called to order at 04:15pm.
Motion by Doug Crowder with second by Gene Moran. Motion passed.
- Approval of Minutes, April 5, 2024 Meeting** **Don-via email**
Motion to accept by Al Burda second by Marsha Grogan. 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**
Jerry-No report this month.
Marsha- USCGC Resolute Change of Command scheduled for 07/09/2024.
- 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-via email**
No report this month. Noted that three security bills passed this month.
- Youth Programs** **Steve/Al-via email**
Update provided by Steve and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.
- Old Business**
- Sarasota County Fair Fundraiser Update** **Steve-via email**
Update provided by Steve and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.
- New Business**
- Report from FL Regional Meeting** **Jerry**
Update provided by Jerry and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.
- Giving Challenge Payout** **Jerry/Gene**
Data is still in process. A final report is expected next month.
- May and June Upcoming Events** **Gene**
May event at Bird Key is rescheduled for January 2025.
There is a Blue Angel IMAX Event at Sarasota Square theater on 05/19/2024.
The June USNA/NROTC luncheon is on track.
- SOPs and POAMS** **Gene**
Gene will provide a sample POAM format to get agreement on our set format to use.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday 07/09/2024, 4 PM (90 minutes)**
Zoom Video Conference.

ADJORN

- Motion to Adjourn – made by Joe Hayden and seconded by Jerry St. Germain.**
- Motion passed.
Meeting Adjourned at 05:15pm.

Financial Report April 2024

4 May 2024

Income:

April Luncheon Donations	\$76.87
Wreaths Across America	\$35.00
Member Rebates	\$390.28
County Fair	\$5000.00
Total Income	\$5502.15

Expenses:

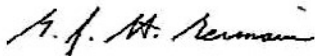
April Luncheon	\$967.54
Postage	\$10.35
Adoption Frames	\$39.84
Supplies	\$165.58
Awards	\$374.04
Annual Support JROTCs	\$6000.00
Annual Support to YMs	\$2000.00
Deposit to BKYC for May Social	\$500.00

Total Expenses: \$10,057.35

Check Book Balance April 30, 2024 \$24,033.40

Endowment Balance March 31, 2024 \$188,050.00

Respectfully Submitted,



Jerry St. Germain
Treasurer

Comments

Included in this report is the endowment status at the end of March 2024. In May we will have to pay \$4500 to the National Flight Academy for our three students and in June or July, provided that they meet the requirements, we will have to renew the scholarships of Eli Paver at The Citadel and Christian Bell at Embry Riddle for a total of \$5000. In addition, we will be paying for the first year of scholarships for Troy Montgomery and Elizabeth Mopps which will require an additional \$5000. In the next 3 or 4 months we will have outlays of at least \$14,500. On the positive side, we should be receiving the distribution from the Giving Challenge soon.



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Fund Statement March 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024

Fund Balance as of March 1, 2024	\$183,306.34
Contributions	0.00
Investment Activity:	
Interest and Dividends	660.40
Realized Gains/(Losses)	351.98
Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	3,742.15
Investment Fees	(10.87)
Disbursements:	
Grants and Scholarships	(0.00)
Administrative Fees	(0.00)
Fund Balance as of March 31, 2024	\$188,050.00

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.

Summary of Florida Regional Meeting 27 April, 2024-Key West Florida

The Florida Region annual meeting was convened in Key West on 27 April. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Region officers for the next year and to discuss best practices for councils.

The Key West Council hosted a social hour at a rooftop venue next to the Truman Little White House. Marty Jenkins their president and many of their board members were present. There was a great view, good food and drinks and great camaraderie.

Attendees were: NLUS-Chris Townsend, National President and Sea Cadets-Lynn Atkinson-Drucker Chair of the Sea Cadet Committee. Region: Andy Mohler, Region President, Area Presidents: St. Germain and Beck. Council Presidents: Marty Jenkins-Key West, Jay Rinchack-Treasure Coast, Glenn Wiltshire-Broward, Abiud Montes-Fort Lauderdale and Jeff Leibowitz-Palm Beach by zoom.

Andy Mohler will remain as Region President for next year. Mike Motko will take over as Area President for Central Florida. Shelley Beck will remain as Area President for SE Florida. Andy is seeking a President for NE Florida. Andy is still seeking names for National Delegate. Gene Moran will be nominated for next year. We have many open slots for people who can attend the convention to vote on our officers.

The meeting began with Chris Townsend our National President giving his enthusiasm filled presentation regarding the status of the Navy League. He is very pleased with the progress we have made during the first ten months of his tenure. He highlighted the recent publication of Navy League Guidance which is on the website and recommended that everyone read it. Here is a link: [Navy-League-Guidance 2024-2025.pdf](#) (navyleague.org) Then, the attendees shared their best practices with regard to council operations. Lots of good ideas were discussed. What works

for one council does not necessarily work for others but a long list of menu options was presented for consideration. There was a detailed presentation given by Jeff Leibowitz by zoom regarding the shortcomings of the new data base and roster system. There was unanimous agreement among the attendees. Our National President will take this up with staff upon his return to DC.

I gave a slide presentation regarding Region Legislative Affairs. We only had six MOC interactions reported to NLUS last year. However, the discussion revealed that there is a lot more going on than what is reported. Key West had frequent interactions with the MOC, Gimenez although they reported none of them. Hopefully, that is happening with other councils as well. I also briefed the upcoming Fly-in on May 15th in DC.

The next annual region meeting is scheduled for March 2025 in Jacksonville.

Respectfully submitted,
G. St. Germain
Area President-Central Florida Area

**Navy League of the United States
Sarasota-Manatee Council
May 7, 2024**

Dear Fellow Board Members:

As of May 6, 2024 the Sarasota-Manatee Council of the Navy League of the United States (NLUS) has 115 active members per the official roster posted on the NLUS national website. The National Website no longer provides a list of "New Members", "Dropped", "Lapsed" or those with impending membership expirations. I have been able to review the spreadsheet and data in it and can provide an estimate which is below.

New Members

None

Renewed/Lapsed/Expiring/Dropped

The following is the estimated status of our Lapsed/Expiring chapter members per the national roster spreadsheet:

Dropped:	Undetermined
Renewed:	Lawrence Chambers, Don and Erin Saba, Carol Pearson, Dionel Aviles, John Keyser, Jr., Katherine Ashton, Richard Petrucci, Andrew Morabe
Lapsed:	Dean Krom, James Champion, Gary Brister, Giles Pearson, Gayle Thompson,
30 day expiring	3 (Ted Smith, William Fry, Larry Balok)
60 day expiring	None
90 day expiring	4 (Katie Ward, Bo Hamrick, Joseph Gleason, Wade Evans)

Jerry has met with Cindy Dickson who has offered to help out with membership. I will be getting her copies of my previous reports so that she can have a list of "new" members that I was unable to print out certificates to give to them, as well as membership pins.

Best regards,
Joe Hayden

Gate 4 Final Report – 2024

We finished Gate 4 of the Sarasota County Fair on 24 Mar 24. There was one day that was cancelled for weather, and we had 4 non-Navy League people take some of our slots. We were at risk of losing our full compensation as we did not have all positions covered by our people.

However, Matt Woodall worked some 'Management Level' positions for Rory Martin while during this event and we were able to be fully compensated for the event. Jerry has received a check for \$5,000.

The hours are long, but not hard, except for \$2 Tuesday! Should we desire to participate in this event next year, we need to have more work spots reserved in advance. We can change/substitute among ourselves later as needed. Another reason the Fair management team likes the Navy League is we tend to have 'sellers' do back-to-back shifts. That means that they don't have to reissue a cash box and do extra counts.

It was relayed to me that Gate 4 is the gate with the fewest cash discrepancies, the fewest tech issues and the most efficient of all the gates.

Congratulations and 'Thank You' to all Gate 4 volunteers.

Youth Groups Activities

May 2024

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

The Units are ending the SY and getting ready for the summer. End of school activities include supporting graduations, School Awards ceremonies and setting up the Cadets or YM staffs for next year. In some school courses, seniors have already started taking selected final exams. There is a lot going on. Plus, there is usually double duty with Memorial Day Color guards.

Joe Hayden and I attended the NJROTC awards dinner/ceremony to present awards for CHS in Punta Gorda on 26 April. The week after I presented Navy League awards at VHS.

In general terms, the Navy League gave 8 Teddy Roosevelt medals, and 36 Sustained Superior Service medals (6 each to 6 units). These were delivered with Nicely printed certificates that Dick Petrucci made. TRs are about \$16 each without shipping. Engravement is \$10 each (up \$5 from last year). The SSPs cost about \$4.05 each. The net cost of the luncheon after we paid for guests and added the donations was \$1,414.09. Between the luncheon and the awards, but not counting certificates/ mailing/award sleeves, the event cost about \$1,767.89.

Unit support checks totaled \$7,500. The 3 new NJROTCs each received only \$500 while the 3 other JROTC units were given \$1,500 each, as we have allotted in the past. We will need to review how we distribute Support funds next year. All equal amounts? Increase our distributions to the new units or reduce funding to existing units?

Awards Luncheon observations. I need stronger, enforced deadlines. Dick and Jerry work on the various Certificates and Adoption forms and they often get pushed into a box with regards to time. Even trying to get an accurate head count for parents can be a problem. We do this for the students and their parents, so I am likely to accommodate late changes for their sake.

QA. Some sloppy work on my part with the spelling of names and tracking numbers. Next year I'll look to have some help in that area.

Plantation menu/costs. We had a disconnect with Plantation but later came to terms with them. Lesson learned.

A couple of questions: Do we still like Plantation? I think the answer is 'Yes' as most of the schools are in the south. PPHS has never attended. Would a dinner be better? I'm not sure but I think not. Cost prohibitive.

Venice High School Update: VHS MCJROTC

40 Cadets - Summer Leadership Trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC

24 - 28 July - this should be a real eye opener and hopefully help bond my Cadets together.

4 Cadets going to Summer Leadership Camp at Camp Outdoor Odyssey in Boswell, PA

21-27 July - See attached description - it sounds amazing

4 Cadets going to a Staff Leadership Conference in Front Royal, VA

16-22 July - See attached description - should set us up for success for next year

Busy, Busy.....

We'll start training over the summer for next year's Raider Competitions. Twice a week for the month of July.

We'll be working on the Obstacle Course over the Summer as we have to sand each obstacle, so we have a few days of sanding ahead of us. TBD

Capt Krom

Imagine School of North Port Young Marines.

11 May - Flag retirement Ceremony then BBQ on campus

25 May - Flag placement at Sarasota National Cemetery

27 May - 2 CGs. City Hall and Maris Point

VMS YM:

Coming up...

- Senior Day (*graduating Seniors come back to the VMYM and share their wisdom...*)
- Unit Commander's Cup
- Annual Salsa Challenge (*where VMYM join their culinary expertise and use the fresh ingredients from the Young Marine garden to make the best salsa*)
- Presentation of shadow boxes to the promoted student's
- Costa Rico trip (*service project/outreach*)
- Junior Leadership School

PPHS – CGJROTC

Thanks for the support,

Master Chief Mike Collis

Sea Cadets: LT Tina Brown

Australia was GREAT! It was one of the most challenging trainings in Sea Cadets I have ever experienced! I plan to participate as Escort Officers in Maine Coast Guard Training in June and Basic Airman Training in NAS Lemoore in July.

SR Bell, Raegan 1st year ribbon, E-1 Seaman Recruit Course Score 100%, Completed 20 hours of Community Service. Plans to participate in Recruit Training Summer 2024

SR Bowe, Erik 1st year ribbon, Physical Fitness Ribbon, 20plus hours of Community service, Plans to participate in Recruit Training Summer 2024

SR Brown, Melinda Community Service Ribbon 50 plus hours of Community Service, 2023 Maritime Eagles League Cadet of the Year Award, Completed League Cadet Ceremonial Honor Guard Training Summer 2023. Plans to participate in Recruit Training Summer 2024

SA Yerra, Krishav, 3 Community Service Awards, 100 plus hours of Community Service, Completed E-3 Course, Plans to Participate in Recruit Training Summer 2024 participate in LPO Training Summer of 2024

LC2 Yerra, Krathiv 2nd year ribbon, 26 hours of Community Service, Completed NLCC part 1 Apprentice, Plans to participate in NLCC Orientation Basic Training Summer of 2024

Our final Drill for this school year will be 04MAY24 at Manatee School of the Arts in Palmetto, FL. We will be preparing for Summer Training, PRT, and having an awards picnic with families. There will be no Drills during June and July because cadets will be participating in required Summer training. Drills will resume in August.

NPBS: Nothing to report

CHS: Nothing to report

LBHS: Nothing to report

PCHS: Nothing to report

Color Guards for our events:

Jan -ISNP

Feb – LBHS

Mar – ISNP

Apr – VMS

May – Not required

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

Created initial process tracking spreadsheet:

- Grant Sources/Donor Contacts
 - Identified four foundations for initial grant submission.
 - Identified one site that lists organizations that provide Education grants.
 - Separately Steve and Jerry are pursuing a grant from NLUS.
- Identified seven companies for one site that lists organizations that provide Education grants.

Next Steps moving forward:

- Build out Contact Information for identified companies.
- Develop consistent Key Messages.
 - Utilize existing documents.
 - Utilize scripts from new video clips.
 - Utilize open-source information from NLUS website.
 - Utilize open-source information from NLUS related websites.

Respectfully,
NLUS Engagement Sub-Committee