

MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 14:12 by Rear Admiral Keith S. Shikowitz and roll call was taken by Commander Barbara Viohl. Present were, Rear Admiral Shikowitz, Commander Viohl, Crewman Recruit Adam Shikowitz, Crewman Mara Fleishman, Commander Andrew Sterman, Civilian Liaison Stephanie Shikowitz, Ensign Tom Orapello, Crewman Steve Pujols, Commander Josh Shikowitz, and Crewman Angela Sullivan.

Old business was a short discussion. The holiday party was moved to January 15 because the decision was made to hold a formal commissioning ceremony for the Prometheus Class USS Abraham Lincoln and Admiral Wayne Augustson's schedule and that of Commander Viohl and Ensign Orapello would only work on that day. The decision was made to forgo the bowling, arcade and laser tag event for now. Commander Shikowitz made the motion to accept the old business as read and Ensign Orapello seconded. Motion passed.

New business consisted of a discussion of the pre - thanksgiving party from November 20. Rear Admiral Shikowitz reported that the party was attended by about 20 people and all had a good time. There were few leftovers this time. Other possible fall winter events were bandied about, including indoor miniature golf at a place in the Palisades Mall, which was quickly nixed when Commander Shikowitz looked up the prices. Possible movie events were also discussed. Decision was made to wait and see what was coming out since the current releases did not meet with any enthusiasm. Discussion turned to the holiday/commissioning party. Rear Admiral Shikowitz informed everyone that this was going to be a pot luck party. He would make a turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes. Commander Viohl will be bringing a pot roast. Commander Shikowitz will be making mac and cheese and hot dogs like a casserole. Commander Sterman will be bringing a fruit platter. Crewman Pujols, drinks and Crewman Recruit Shikowitz will be making his famous pizza cups. E mail will be sent to the crew to see what those who were not in attendance at the meeting will be bringing. It was decided that the theme for the 2022 calendar year will be TNG 35th Anniversary. Commander Shikowitz made the motion to accept the new business as read and Ensign Orapello seconded. Motion passed.

The Convention Report began with a discussion of Farpoint. As of this meeting only Rear Admiral Shikowitz and Crewman Recruit Shikowitz will be attending. As usual with Shore Leave, Rear Admiral Shikowitz reserved 5 rooms and Commander Shikowitz and Crewman Pujols have taken a room. This leaves three rooms available, 1 double queen and two king. King Con at the Haverstraw Kings Daughters' Library is still up in the air. When the decision is made as to whether or not it is happening, Rear Admiral Shikowitz will be informed. As of now, no one is attending the 2022 Starfleet International Conference in Tallahassee Florida from June 24 – 26. Mostly because school is not going to be over and it is too close to Shore Leave. There is little information on Trekonderoga and no information on NEAF or Comic Con for 2022 yet. No one attended the virtual Region 7 Conference from the Lincoln. The crew reaffirmed its decision to put in a bid to host the 2025 International Conference in conjunction with the USS Challenger. Rear Admiral Shikowitz said he would send out an email to Ed Siemenn to find out what the status is with NEAF 2022. Admiral Augustson and Rear Admiral Shikowitz are working on setting up a conference for April 23. Commander Sterman made motion to accept convention report as read and Crewman Orapello seconded. Motion passed.

Summer picnic report was brief. The only definitive picnic as of this meeting is the Lincoln's set for July 23, 2022. This could be changed to July 16 depending on the situation with Shore Leave. If they go virtual, then there is nothing to prevent us from having it on our normal weekend. Challenger has not set their date yet

and the Justice is having only Justice crew at theirs. Commander Viohl made motion to accept the picnic report and Crewman Recruit Shikowitz seconded. Motion passed.

Rear Admiral Shikowitz's CO's report talked about ship status which is in great shape. New members are being added regularly. Two more people joined in December. Members who need to renew have been doing so. The cost of the new uniform shirts has gone up to \$16 up to 2X and 20 3X and up. Volume 5, Issue 1 of the newsletter is being worked on. I am waiting for an article to come in to complete the issue. A discussion was held about working with an organization called Drug Free World. It is a non – profit organization that promotes not using drugs and trying to prevent people from starting to use and get people to stop using illicit drugs. The crew asked for more information. Rear Admiral Shikowitz will ask the head of the organization Dr. Ben Fialkoff to come to the next meeting on January 15 to talk to the crew.

Commander Viohl's XO's report was short. She spoke about the renewal of memberships and reiterated what Rear Admiral Shikowitz said about it and spoke about possible guests for Trekonderoga 2022. Nothing is firm. She also spoke about Comic Con from this year. It was limited and she did not attend because there was no one she really wanted to see. Motion was made by Ensign Orapello and seconded by Commander Sterman to accept the CO's and XO's reports as read. Motion passed.

The departmental reports began with Commander Sterman giving the financial report. The ship's treasury is healthy. Dues were collected. Medical, Security, and Science's reports not given. Commander Shikowitz gave the engineering report. All is well with the new ship. Engines functioning to specifications. Crewman Shikowitz's Cadet Report again mentioned the need for new cadets. Commander Shikowitz made a motion to accept the departmental reports as read and Commander Sterman seconded. Motion passed.

Trek talk was a busy part of the meeting. Discovery Season 4 is moving along and is fantastic. Still waiting for Picard Season 2 in February and they are already getting ready to film Season 3. Lower decks Season 2 cliffhanger ending surprised everyone. Star Trek Prodigy is okay. Strange New Worlds and the 4th Abrahamsverse movie are being worked on. We will believe the Abrahamsverse movie is coming out when we see the trailers being advertised. The usual H&I, BBC America and MeTV are running as scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 15:15. Next meeting is the holiday/commissioning event on January 15, 2022. Crew is asked to arrive at 11:00 am to set up and event begins at 12:00 pm.