

## MEETING MINUTES MAY 14, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 14:15. Rear Admiral Keith Shikowitz, Commanders Josh Shikowitz, Andrew Sterman, Crewman Steve Ellman, Crewman Recruit Adam Shikowitz and Civilian Liaison Stephanie Shikowitz were present in person and Lieutenant Jg. John Espana, Crewmen Angie Sullivan, Mara Fleischman were present on Zoom. Guests Captain Gerry Parsons and Civilian Tim Bush were present in person as well.

Commander Barbara Viohl and Ensign Tom Orapello are on extended leave until further notice.

Old business consisted of a discussion of the payments for the website and the unlimited time Zoom link. This will cost this ship about \$60 a month. The command crew is still working with VRC Bob Vosseller on putting together a proposal to host the 2025 International Conference. Details will be released to the crew as they come up. Commander Shikowitz made the motion to accept the old business report as read. Crewman Recruit Shikowitz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New business covered an explanation of Operation Aluminum for those who did not know about it as a fund raising tool for the ship. This is where crew members cash in their deposit bottles and cans and turn in the money to the ship's treasury. Captain Parsons said she would do that with her soda and water bottles and donate them to us since Pa does not have a bottle deposit law. June 11 will be the next meeting. We are going to have a guest speaker, Jim Keenan, who is going to do a basic first aid informational session and then a CPR/AED certification session. This will cost \$75 per person who want to do it. Rear Admiral Shikowitz and Crewman Recruit Shikowitz will be doing it. A few others are considering it. Rear Admiral Shikowitz will send out an email to the crew about this event. Commander Sterman made a motion to accept the new business report as read. Crewman Ellman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next order of business was the Convention Report. Rear Admiral Shikowitz commented that it seems that this is going to be a very large report for a long time. The report generally goes in chronological order based on the month of the event. The year is a secondary part of the order. He began with Farpoint 2023 which will be held on February 10 – 12, 2023 at the Delta Hunt Valley Maryland Marriot. No guests have been listed yet. NEAF 2022 postponed until April 2023. All 2020, 2021 and 2022 tickets will be honored and the Lincoln will still be given it's usual table. Rear Admiral Shikowitz told of the adventure he and family had at Chiller Theatre Convention on May 1. Overall, it was a great day. The TOS Set Tour event with George Takei and Walter Koenig was postponed due to scheduling conflicts. Shore Leave is July 15 – 17. Rear Admiral Shikowitz only has one room of the five he booked left with one King Size bed. There are two other events happening that weekend. William Shatner will be at the TOS Set Tour and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Anthony Amoros Cart Show will also be happening on the 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first event in 13 years that Rear Admiral Shikowitz will not be attending that the ship is involved in. In the absence of Commander Viohl, Commander Sterman will be in operational command of the away mission. King Con at the Haverstraw Kings Daughter's Library does not appear to be happening this year. It usually takes place the first weekend in August and we have had no notice on it as of yet. The 2022 Starfleet International Conference has been made virtual and will be held on August 12 – 13 in Tallahassee Florida. I reminded everyone that Tallahassee is one hour behind us and if they say a event is taking place at 1:00 pm, make sure it's 1:00 pm NY time not Tallahassee time. Next in the succession of event is Trekonderoga on August 19 – 21 at the TOS Set Tour. There will be 8 members of the Lincoln Crew on this away team. Tentatively, the 2022 Region 7 Conference will be on the last weekend of October in Cherry Hill NJ at the former Crowne Plaza. November will see the return of William Shatner to the TOS Set Tour from the 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. No crew from the Lincoln will be attending seeing as that is also the weekend of our Pre-Thanksgiving event. Comic Con 2022 tickets went on sale last weekend. No one from the Lincoln will be attending. Commander Sterman made a motion to accept the Convention Report as read and Ltjg. Espana Seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Summer Picnic season is fast approaching and the report explained that the Challenger bbq will be held as usual at VRC Vosseller's house on July 9. \$15 per person. The Lincoln's will be on July 23 and will include the commissioning ceremony for the Prometheus Class USS Abraham Lincoln. Generally an upgrade to a ship does not warrant a commissioning ceremony, but with the events of the past two years, Rear Admiral Shikowitz felt it was something that the crew needed. He figured that since we are starting fresh after the lockdowns and pandemic, we should start fresh with the ship as well. The list of that people are bringing is as follows and the list will be sent out to the crew in an email:

Commander Sterman: Hot dogs & buns

Crewman Recruit Shikowitz: Chips and dips

Rear Admiral Shikowitz: Burgers & Buns

Commander Shikowitz: Fruit platter

Crewman Ellman: Apple Cider

The ship will be purchasing: Paper goods

Cake ½ sheet

Condiments

Drinks (Would still like some other crew to bring drinks also)

We still need or could just use: Side salads, (Coleslaw, mac and potato salad) Chicken, other desserts, and any other main dishes or sides people want to bring. Please let Rear Admiral Shikowitz know so he can update the list periodically. We will be charging \$15 per guest.

The USS Justice will be having their annual bbq at Tourne Park in Boonton NJ and there is a \$15 fee. The Lincoln will not be sending an away team since many who would normally go will be in Ticonderoga that weekend. Rear Commander Shikowitz made motion to accept picnic report as read. Crewman Ellman seconded. Motion passed.

Rear Admiral Shikowitz gave his monthly CO's Report. He informed the assembled on the status of the ship including a new member signing up named Jeanette Toomer. Went over the cost of the Uniform shirts. He explained that the second issue 2 of the newsletter was posted on the website and that the third is being worked on and articles are needed. He also spoke of the upcoming talks with RC Augustson on getting a larger model of the ship, customized. Finally he spoke of the extended leave of Commander Viohl and Ensign Orapello that they had issues that they needed to deal with that will keep them away for a period of time. Commander Shikowitz motioned to accept the CO'S report as read and Commander Sterman seconded. Motion passed.

Temporary XO Commander Sterman gave the update on the Constitution and Handbook revisions. They should be done by the time of the Commissioning. Crewman Recruit Shikowitz motioned to accept the XO's report as read, Commander Shikowitz seconded. Motion passed.

Time getting late and guests arriving for the afternoon event hastened the departmental reports. The only one that was given was the financial report. The ship is financially healthy.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:30. Next meeting is on June 11 at 2:00 pm at Rear Admiral Shikowitz's house.

Respectfully Submitted

Rear Admiral Keith S. Shikowitz

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