

**Minutes of the Fourteenth Biennial Meeting
of the
USS SAINT PAUL Association, Inc.
held in
San Diego, California on September 4, 2008**

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Gale Lee at 8:32 A.M.
- 2) The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Kiffin Gilbert.
- 3) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Mike Thyberg.
- 4) A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mike Berezny.
- 5) The association's officers and staff were introduced by Gale. He presented tokens of appreciation to each of them.
- 6) It was announced that the minutes of the 2006 meeting had been approved by the review committee and had been published in the September 2006 issue of "The Roving Saint". For this reason, their reading was dispensed with.
- 7) The Treasurer's Report as of September 3, 2008 was presented by Dennis McFadden and was filed. The report is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
- 8) Archivist Chan Zucker updated the membership on our memorial exhibit aboard USS MASSACHUSETTS (BB-59) in Fall River, Massachusetts. He reported that \$2,811 had been donated to the Memorial Fund earlier in the meeting by passing the bowls. He thanked the members for their generosity.
- 9) Director Bob Board reported that 2,763 shipmates have joined the association and that the number of active members is approximately 1,900. A suggestion was made that member Bill Whitt be requested to call members on the "Man Overboard" list to attempt to bring them back aboard.
- 10) Rose Marie Austin reported on the status of the Ship's Store, stating "All is going well!" Following her report, mention was made that she and Tom desire to be relieved after having operated it for 12 years. (Subsequent to the meeting, Bob Sacher agreed to take on the duty.)

The next order of business was the election of officers and directors. The following names were placed in nomination by the nominating committee:

President:	Gale Lee
Vice President:	Hank Koehler
Secretary:	George Takis
Treasurer:	Dennis McFadden

Directors to serve until the year 2014: Jim Giles, Bruce Jacobson, Ray McFadden, Dexter Moen, David Ratte, Ralph Souza and Bill Whitt. Ray McFadden and Dexter Moen requested that their names be withdrawn.

A call for nominations from the floor was made for each office and the director positions. No nominations from the floor were received. As a result, the Secretary was requested to cast one vote for each of the candidates for the unopposed positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This was done.

Ballots for the director positions were received and were counted by the tellers. As a result of the elections, the following officers and directors will serve the association:

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These gentlemen join Past President John Hannabach and continuing Directors Bob Board, Ed Darrington, Mike Thyberg, Joe Cooper, Mike Goracke and Bob Kolb as the association's Board of Directors for the next two years.

The next order of business was the selection of the site for the 2010 reunion. The candidate sites were Myrtle Beach, Norfolk, Providence, Richmond, Savannah and a New England cruise. Gale spoke briefly about each of the cities and then introduced the cruise company representative who described the cruise in some detail and took questions. Comments were made by a number of members on behalf of the various cities and the cruise. The vote was taken for each city and the cruise. The city of Providence was the winning choice, with the understanding that if the President and Vice President found that suitable arrangements could not be made there, the next choice would be another city in the Providence/southern New England area.

The next meeting is scheduled for the year 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Channing Zucker, Acting Secretary

