

USS Allen M. Sumner DD-692 Reunion Association  
Reunion Business Meeting  
Embassy Suites, Savanna, Ga.  
May 8, 2018 1400 hours

**Officers Present:** President Frank DiBello, 1st Vice President Dave Robson, 2nd Vice President Pete Hart, Secretary Don Hayden, Treasurer Pete Dromms, Chaplain Bobby Moore, Master-at-Arms Pete Dromms and Historian Fred Willshaw

**Officer not Present:** Past President Bob Kelly

**Directors Present:** Joe Drabick and John Hruska

**Directors not Present:** H. Kelly Brown III

**Other Shipmates Present:** Daniel Barrs, John Barry, Dennis Carroll, Paul Delasco, Francis Embrey, James Frederickson, Bruce Fulbright, Jose Garcia, James Gorman, Bob Harderer, Bill Juzwiakowski, Bob Kearns, Scott Kopfstein, Mitch Malpass Hank Pelz, Paul Rosskamp, Clifford ,Selig, John Shea, Dale Surber and Gerald Williamson.

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 1400 by President Frank DiBello

II. Minutes of last meeting

Motion was made and seconded to waive reading of the minutes which were put on the website last year and a copy of which was included in all reunion crew attendees packets prior to the meeting. Motion passed.

II. Treasurer's Report

A synopsis of the treasurer's report was given stating that the balance on May 1st 2017 was 16,016.94 in the treasury and on May 1st 2018 it was 14,509.36 or \$1507.58 less. As of the printing of these minutes, the final bills for Savannah including the bus company overtime charge have yet show up. A breakdown of the Savannah reunion costs will be posted in an upcoming newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

III. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

IV. New Business

A. Officers Election

Frank DiBello was nominated to serve as president. No other nominations were made. Motion made and seconded to elect Frank DiBello as president. Motion passed.

Dave Robson was nominated to serve as 1st vice president. No other nominations were made. Motion made and seconded to elect Dave Robson as 1st vice president. Motion passed.

Pete Hart was nominated to serve as 2nd vice president. No other nominations were made. Motion made and seconded to elect Pete Hart as 2nd vice president. Motion passed.

Pete Dromms was nominated to serve as treasurer. No other nominations were made. Motion made and seconded to elect Pete Dromms as treasurer. Motion passed.

Scott Kopfstein was nominated to serve as secretary. No other nominations were made. Motion made and seconded to elect Scott Kopfstein as secretary. Motion passed.

Daniel Barrs was nominated to serve as director in a term expiring in 2021. No other nominations were made. Motion made and seconded to elect Daniel Barrs to serve in a term expiring in 2021. Motion passed.

B. Presidential Appointments

Bobby Moore was selected as chaplain, Pete Dromms was selected as Master-at-Arms, Fred Willshaw was selected to be historian and Don Hayden as newsletter editor. Dale Surber was selected to serve on the Committee to oversee the shipmate assistance fund along with Dave Robson and Jose Garcia.

C. Various Issues

In reference to complaints about getting things on the internet we must remember that the new webmaster has a family, works for a living and cannot devote the time like previous webmaster Fred Willshaw.

That said Pete Dromms who lives in North Syracuse has offered to have a face-to-face meeting with Ron Babuka who lives in Ithaca concerning the deadlines of both parties. Exceptions: In some cases (like reunion photographs), they should be sent to Fred as Ron will have no idea what they are about.

To aid in selection of reunion accommodations it is asked that those planning to attend give notice as soon as possible so as to give the president and treasurer ample time to make appropriate reservations.

Reservations made by credit card may be cancelled 48 hours before arrival without being charged and anyone who has made a registration payment and cannot attend will have that money refunded.

In light of hotels charging \$150 for microphone usage, Frank DiBello purchased a Karaoke machine for \$138 which is battery powered and can be used on location. He asked that the association reimburse for the funds. A motion was made and seconded that he be reimbursed. Motion carried.

In the past the association used to donate \$500 to preservation of the USS Laffey (the last Sumner Class Destroyer on display) at Patriot's Point, SC. No such donation have been made for several years as there was no way to determine if there were enough funds to do so.

Under the current treasury system we know exactly what we have and believe funds are available for the Laffey. Fred Willshaw motioned that \$500 be made available for rehabilitation of the Laffey; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was some discussion about paying for a band and/or DJ and based on participation a motion was made and seconded to stop paying for one. Motion passed.

There was even more discussion about attire at the banquet and based, in part, on flight limitations it was decided that "business casual" be the style.

Women should wear a combination of a skirt or dress slacks, blouse, sweater, twinset, jacket (optional), and hosiery (optional) with closed toe shoes. Sandals or peep-toe shoes may be permissible in some cases.

For men, appropriate business casual attire is dress slacks or chinos, a shirt with or without a tie, dark socks, and dress shoes. Khaki, gabardine, wool, or cotton pants, neatly pressed are permissible.

There was also discussion about joining with other ships' reunions as a way to cut down on expenses and it was suggested that an ad be placed in Tin Can Sailors to that end. No action was taken.

**D. 2020 Reunion Location**

Top three locations were Nashville, Tenn. and Washington DC and Seattle, Wash,. There were 26 total votes cast with Nashville receiving 18 which was more than 50 percent of the vote. Nashville will be the location for the 2020 reunion.

**E. Adjourn Business Meeting**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 1530. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

Secretary: \_\_\_Don Hayden\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_May \_16, 2018\_\_\_\_\_