



MATLACHA HOOKERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2020.

Call to Order by Vice Madam Billie Young at Moose Club @ 6:04pm
Madam DJ Ruscik and Secretary Cindy Walton both attending remotely.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Billie Young
Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Madam	DJ Ruscik (remote)
Vice Madam	Ginny Neff (absent)
Secretary	Tara Efrid (remote)
Treasurer	Terri Batdorf (present)
Chaplain	Annita Jannotti (absent)
Director	Lucinda Good (replacing Chris Buntin) (present)
Director	Joanne Correia (replacing herself) (present)
Director	Monica Kochel (replacing Kate Swanstrom) (present)

Those candidates present introduced themselves and spoke of their desire to serve on the board of directors.

Ballots were distributed to the members present who voted. All candidates were voted in.

BOARD REPORTS

Vice Madam, Billie Young

- a) 50/50: suggestions of F.I.S.H. Basket Brigade or PI food pantry. Motion by Lorie Tidwell to support PI Food Pantry, all in favour.
- b) Hooker Business: status of WebEx purchase for Hookers' meeting use. Joanne Correia reported that the cost would be \$20/month and the program would be organized through the secretary for all meetings. Motion by Karen Durand to approve purchase of a program, all in favour.
- c) Fundraising: Krispy Kreme online fundraiser: sales of digital coupons for a suggested \$10 (our cost \$5) Sales can be made in person or collected online via our Paypal. Once paid the purchaser will receive an email with a coupon for 1 dozen delicious glazed donuts. The coupon never expires and is good across the USA with the exception of Connecticut. Our purchases must be for 25 or more (initial investment \$125 generates a profit of \$125) Approval pending further discussion.
- d) Motion by Theresa Kramer to donate \$100.00 to F.I.S.H., all in favour.

Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership

- a) Membership Report:2020 membership:176, 2021 membership:91
- b) Meeting Attendance: 28 in person and 3 online
- c) New member swear-in: no new members tonight
- d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers:
- e) November Birthday celebration !

Secretary, Cindy Walton (remote)

No report due to the poor internet quality.

- a) Review and approval of October general minutes will be in December.
 - b) Online Votes: members voted to approve August financial reports, members also voted to approve Karen Durand as our webmistress, Julia is stepping down with our grateful thanks, welcome Karen !
 - c) Mail: \$2,000. cheque received from Holly and Rod Aldrich as sponsors of a 2021 scholarship, thank you note from PI food pantry for 71 lbs. of food donated in October
- **reminder to members that all reports, minutes, agendas and financials can be found on our website

Treasurer, Theresa Kramer

- a) Review and approval of September financial reports. Motion by Elida Byard to approve, all in favour.

Chaplain, Grateful Genie Andrews

- a) Chaplin Report: 1 card shower for Dee Hanks
 - b) Outreach Report: 1 rent request for \$200.00 approved
 - c) Vintage merchandise requested for repurposing into pillows. Donations will be gladly accepted at our December meeting.
 - d) BoH is looking for volunteers to assist in teaching the GED program on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays (can be as few as once a month). They are also looking for volunteers for their fundraising committee and a Thursday afternoon receptionist.
- The BoH will have the Christmas eve dinner delivery, volunteers looking to cook, prep, or deliver should call 239-283-5123. Call if you would like a turkey for Thanksgiving.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1.Fundraisers

- a) OLMM bazaar raised \$270.00, all left over items were donated to the food pantry.
- b) Merchandise Report: Linda Bohacek reported that new items are now available but the online store is still pending. Members are asked to spread the word to encourage sales.
- c) Wine Event: Joanne Correia reported that the event will be Sunday, February 28th 1-4p.m at SJC Civic Centre, it can be a mixture of indoor/outdoor depending on the weather and covid measures. Volunteers are needed for soliciting and basket making. Tickets are on sale now \$30.00. Posters are also available tonight for distribution.

d) PIE Project: January 9th pancake breakfast drive-thru at Moose. Ginny Neff is organizing the kitchen and DJ Ruscik and Beth Nelson are co-chairs. Bricks will also be sold for \$5. and to be painted by PIE students. Proceeds from both events will be dedicated to outdoor beautification at PIE. More details to follow in upcoming Hooker Heralds.

e) Bag'n Tag: tentatively scheduled for March 20th, a December sort date will be announced soon.

f) ArtFest: February 5, 6, and 7, all beverage sales will be cashless. Volunteers can sign up at our December meeting, previous volunteers will be contacted directly through their email. Covid safety precautions will be in place.

g) Christmas Caroling at the Tarpon Lodge Holiday House event Saturday December 5th. Hookers will sing at 6pm and again at 7pm - sign up tonight

2. Community Support

a) Adopt-A-Road: December 5th @ 8:45 behind Olde Fish House, those meeting for breakfast will meet at 7:45 @ Perfect Cup

b) Blood Drive in November had 25 donors (possible assistance to 75 people in need) Next drive will be in February.

c) Pine Island Food Pantry needs:

Pine Island Food Pantry is now collecting donations of seasonal meal fixings to provide our clients with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Most needed items include:

- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Chicken Broth
- Cream soup
- Cranberry sauce
- Gravy – can, pouch or bottle
- Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes – pouch or box
- Canned Yams
- Olives/Pickles
- Box muffin or bread mix
- Box dessert mix

Personal Care products, such as toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, razors and laundry detergent, are also welcome as these items are always in high demand.

Please bring your donations to an upcoming meeting. No need to mark or bag your donations in a particular way as the pantry volunteers will assemble the holiday bags for distribution. Or if not attending a Hooker meeting in person, donations can be dropped off at the following locations: Winn-Dixie, V.F.W., American Legion, Moose, Elks, Stonegate Bank, Matlacha Post Office or the Pine Island Food Pantry at OLMM church. Visit pineislandfoodpantry.org to learn more.

The pantry is accepting new clients, so if you know of anyone on the island who needs food now or for the holidays, please encourage them to stop by during their open hours, Monday and Thursday, 8:30- 10:30 am at OLMM, 12175 Stringfellow Road in Bokeelia. Pre registration for holiday meals will be in October.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$125.00 Tonight's winner of \$62.50 is Theresa Kramer.

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$38.00

Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 7th @ Little Lilly's, new 2021 board is invited

Next General Meeting: Monday, December 14th, 6:30 pm @ American Legion in SJC, pizzas will be ordered

Meeting adjourned @ 7:39 p.m.