



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2020

Called to Order by Madam Deja Vu Deux at Little Lilly's Deli 6:04 PM

In Attendance: Jill Filgut, Natalie Gazda, Beth Nelson, Billie Young, DJ Ruscik, Genie Andrews, Kate Swanstrom, Chris Buntin, Joanne Correia

Absent: Cindy Walton, Theresa Kramer

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Deja Vu Deux, DJ Ruscik

- a) **July 50/50:** Suggestions made by Madam D.J. Ruscik to donate July 50/50 to either Pine Island Food Pantry or to Lilly's Deli in support of "Robin Lilly's Mission" giving out free food to unemployed locals. Motion by Natalie Gazda to approve donation to Lilly's Deli; motion passed.
- b) **Financial requests:** None
- c) **Hooker business: Fall elections** – Billie Young interested in being on Nominating Committee. Nominations August & September; "meet the candidates" in October meeting; voting/election in November meeting. Board will take office 1/1/2021. Do Directors need to be full time residents? Discuss at July General meeting.
- d) **State of Florida** – Madam Déjà vu Deux updated Board on "situation" regarding our possible non-compliance with a FL State Statute. DJ shared that we have an annual certification due for the State of Florida under statute 496.4055(2) called "**Annual Certification of Compliance with Conflict of Interest Policy**". She passed around the details for compliance and made a motion to adopt this policy per the guidelines provided by the state. Motion passed.
- d) **Website/Hooker Heralds/Facebook** [Hooker Herald will be published 3x/month on 10th, 20th & 30th, then published on Face Book. Submissions at least two days previously.]
- e) **General Membership Upcoming Meetings - July 15 [Wednesday]** – Natalie Gazda gave report on **Moose Lodge** available space for JULY 15 General Meeting. We can have a maximum of nine member tables with 4 to 5 per table; no head or merchandise tables so we can accommodate members. 32 for quorum. Meeting must be done by 8 PM. Doors open at 5 PM for dinner; meeting @ 6 PM.

August 10 [Monday] @ Bert's – Billie to contact Bert's to confirm they have available space with required distancing requirements & whether we would have food. Also will check with other venues such as the Elks.
- f) **Matlacha Hookers' trailer** still on Chamber property. DJ Ruscik attended Chamber meeting to hear status of property [Madam Déjà vu Deux is still officially Mango Queen.] Jennifer Jennings [former GPI Chamber Director] still has our trailer key & planned to give it to either Genie or Billie. Plans underway to obtain key & DJ to contact manager Kathy of our storage unit location to get cost to possibly move our trailer there. Motion by Billie Young to proceed with these plans; motion passed.

Vice Madam - Billie Young, Membership

a) Membership report: no report

Secretary [Acting] - Chris Buntin

a) Review and approval of June Board Minutes – Natalie Gazda made motion to approve minutes; motion passed.

b) No online votes

c) Mail: Letter from GPI Chamber of Commerce to update members on the consequences due to loss of Mango Mania funding; the administrator has been furloughed, the building remains closed with a projected October 1 reopening, the board and volunteers are remotely handling the daily tasks, the board is considering selling the building and moving to a smaller location. **UPDATE - SEE #F Community Support below.**

Letter of thanks from scholarship recipient Zachary Potter-Zimmerman, thank you letter from PI Food pantry for June donation of \$55.56 and 49 lbs. of food, thank you/receipt from U of Florida for scholarship to Zachary Potter-Zimmerman

Treasurer - Theresa Kramer

Theresa e-mailed financial reports to Secretary & they were distributed to Board members (March financials, April & May Profit/Loss Statements). Discussion in meeting about names being shown under “Outreach”; consensus is preference that individual names not be shown. DJ Ruscik will send note to Theresa [& copied to Genie & Bille] asking her to remove the names from reports and send revised reports to Chris Buntin so they may be included with General Meeting Agenda being sent to members this week.

Chaplain - Genie Andrews

a) **Chaplain report** – no card shower or prayer requests in June.

b) **Outreach report** – two requests received for rent assistance @ \$200 each & were approved.

Half year report: 17 requests were received; 13 were approved for a total of \$3,320. \$300 in Winn Dixie cards were gifted.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1: Fundraisers

a) **Scholarships:** 8 of 11 2020 recipients were present at the June general meeting to receive their awards (certificate, check, and note card pack). Same mailed/delivered to other three recipients. Meeting general discussion of future applicant qualifications and should some qualifications carry more “weight” than others [i.e. GPA, financial need, etc.] DJ offered to attend future Scholarship Committee meeting [perhaps also invite Karen McKee] to offer insight & history of scholarships. [Chris Buntin]

b) **Merchandise Report:** Sales in June meeting \$217 plus \$75 paid by Principal Hook. Linda Bohacek also deposited funds. [Jill Filgut]

c) **Wine Event for Beacon of H.O.P.E. [for Senior Programs]:** next planning meeting scheduled for July 20th at SJC Community center and via call in. Event is planned for Sunday, 2/28/2021 @ SJC Civic Center 1-4 PM. For information or volunteer, call Joanne @ 603 494-0780 [Joanne Correia]

- d) **P.I.E. Derby:** Discussion on whether this should be a year to take a “break”; Board agrees that the Derby should be cancelled for this year. Discuss @ General Meeting. The “Derby” was originally started as a way to fund & elevate accelerated reading program in school library. Center our efforts this year on refreshing school library? P.I.E. donations sorting date TBA [October?]. Primarily of items donated by Harwood family. Some items may be used in baskets for wine event or future Bag ‘n Tag [garage sale].
P.I.E Tournament & Derby update – Olde Fish House Restaurant closed as of 7/3/20 indefinitely. Fish market open.

2: Community Support

- a) **Adopt-A-Road:** June 13th event had 8 Hooker volunteers, 2 pink safety vests are missing. Genie is going to check the shed. Next date: **Saturday, 8/29/20.** [Genie Andrews]
- b) **F.I.S.H. Clothes for Kids:** Ginny Neff volunteered to coordinate. [M.H. budgeted \$1,000? Budget shows \$2,000 School Cloths & Supplies].
- c) **Blood Drive:** scheduled for a Saturday in August; details of date & location TBA [D.J. Ruscik]
- d) **P.I.E. School Supply Drive:** supply collections underway at locations throughout the island & will continue through July. School starts in August. MHs may wish to make monetary donations on the MH website and type “Back to School” in the notes section or mail check to MH PO Box. Per Billie, we have received four checks for school supplies that will be given to Theresa. Karen Durand [new Director of Food Pantry] coordinating school supply drive. [MH donated \$750 check & tables of school supplies in 2019 per Karen D.]
- e) **Pine Island Food Pantry** needs: boxed cereal, canned tuna, cans of fruit, jelly [strawberry & grape], rice [small/singles, ex Rice a Roni], cans pork & beans. **Helping Paws** requesting donations of cat food & kitty litter.
- f) **Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce** seeking volunteers for the Welcome Center per Beth Sowers. Building reopened as of 7/2/20 & plans to be open & staffed Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM until they have enough volunteers to extend dates. To volunteer, call 239 283-0888.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Cindy Walton has a granddaughter - Claire Emily born 6/25/20.
- b. M.H. trailer registration renewal stamp received per Billie, who will apply it to tag.

4. OLD BUSINESS

OTHER:

Next General Meeting: **Wednesday, July 15th at Moose Lodge** – doors open @ 5 PM for dinner; 6:30 PM meeting

Next Board Meeting: Monday, August 3rd at Little Lilly’s @ 6 PM

Motion to adjourn at 8 PM by Beth Nelson; motion passed.