

2018 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MATLACHA HOOKERS

January 8, 2018

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Madam Douzie. Treasurer Ginny Neff lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with the opening invocation by Billie Young. There were 71 members present for the meeting.

Madam Douzie introduced Principal Hook from Pine Island Elementary and presented a \$2,500 installment of the proceeds from the Fishing Tournament. The total amount raised from the event was \$20,000. The event Chair, D.J. Ruscik and Principal Hook made comments thanking everyone who assisted.

Madam Douzie introduced the representatives from F.I.S.H. Mary Jo Roane and Vickie Morrison who received a check in the amount of \$2,737.20 from the proceeds from Christmas Caroling. Vickie Morrison provided the membership with a history of the F.I.S.H. Basket Brigade and thanked Mary Jo Roane for her efforts.

Madam Douzie introduced Hooker Founder, Nancy Goodwin, who administered the Oath of Office for the 2018 Board of Directors. The new Board is as follows:

Bonnie Gunnoe, Board Member

Lorie Tidwell, Board Member

Billie Young, Chaplain

Virginia "Ginny" Neff, Treasurer

Helen Andrews, Vice Madam

Julia Simpson, Madam

Debbie Cundall, Board Member

Karen McKee, Board Member

Jeanelle Havlin, Board Member

NEW MEMBERS:

Vice Madam Helen introduced new members Jodi Shaw, Julie Nygren and Sandy Yost. Madam Douzie administered the oath and the new members received their lei's.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50. Madam Julia asked for nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Joanne Correia to donate the proceeds to the Helping Paws Animal Sanctuary. Motion passed.

- b) Fundraising committee update. Madam Julia reported on the Applebees dine and donate held on December 18. On January 19th, 20% of all proceeds from Crispers will be donated to the Matlacha Hookers general fund. Detailed information is available at the Board table. The Matlacha Specialty Market offered to participate and donate 20% of proceeds purchased over the next 90 days until April 8th. Amazon Smile is also another opportunity for fundraising.
- c) Website. Madam Julia reminded everyone that a log-in request has to be submitted. Any questions should be sent to Madam Julia. Paypal continues to be a challenge given the fees associated with this vendor. Madam Julia indicated that once our non profit status is confirmed, the fees will be reduced.
- d) The Matlacha Mariners are dissolving their organization. All of their remaining funds and equipment are being donated to the Matlacha Hookers.
- e) The Snowbird Marathon January 23. Team sign-up sheets are available. Proceeds go to the Elks scholarship program. Billie Young is collecting the money for the team(s).
- f) Financial Requests. No requests have been received, however, Madam Julia suggested the Hookers sponsor a Little League team. Madam Julia will get more information and report at the next meeting.

Vice Madam

Vice Madam Helen thanked the membership committee for their assistance with check-in and renewals for this evening's meeting. Confirming an accurate membership count is difficult because of the ongoing renewals. We are running a month behind and should have more finalized members by February. There are 206 paid members as of tonight's meeting. January birthdays were recognized and everyone sang happy birthday. Vice Madam also thanked the Call Girls for this evening. Next month's call girls will be Debbie Cundall and Joyce Boyer.

Secretary – Jeanene Whittaker

- a) Review and Approval of General Minutes. No changes were requested to the minutes from the previous meeting. Nicole McQuay made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.
- b) Mail. There were 2 Christmas Cards and a letter from the Bobby Holloway Memorial Fishing Tournament.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Financials. December financials are not ready.
- b) Budget. Treasurer Ginny reviewed the Budget. No dedicated fundraisers are included. The 2018 budget is an estimate based on previous experience with expenses. The Board approved the budget as submitted. Madam Julia reminded everyone that General Fund monies are used for expenses or increases in dedicated fundraisers.

Chaplain Report

- A) Inspirational cards will continue to be distributed.
- B) Outreach Report. Three financial requests were fulfilled.
- C) A card shower was provided for Bonnie Kellen's husband. Bonnie thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards. Paulette Crippen had back surgery and a card shower was requested for Paulette.
- D) Christmas Caroling was a huge success with over \$2,700 raised for F.I.S.H.
- E) Adopt-A-Road. The next pickup will be February 15 beginning at 8:30 at the Olde Fish House Marina. Breakfast is at 7:45 at the Perfect Cup.
- F) All occasion note cards have been selling very well and are included on each table for sale with all proceeds going to scholarship. Chaplin Billie reviewed all the locations where cards are available for purchase.

Events & Activities

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

- 1) Scholarships
 - a) Note Cards. See Chaplain's report.
 - b) Art Fest. Lorie Tidwell, Deb Cundall and Theresa Kramer are chairing this year's event to be held on February 2, 3 and 4. There are still a number of volunteer slots to be filled. We still need 45 – 50 more volunteers. Last year, the Hookers raised over \$4,000 to benefit the scholarship fund.
- 2) Bag N Tag and Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Moose Lodge March 24th. Sign up sheets will be distributed next month. Donations for the Bag N Tag are being accepted, drop off at D.J.'s house, Traders Hitching Post and Century 21. Proceeds from this event will go to the Scholarship Fund.
- 3) Wine Event (benefits the Beacon of Hope's Senior Programs). Darlene Widirsky provided an update. Tickets are available this evening. This year's theme is "Peace, Love and Wine" remembering the 60's and 70s. The date is February 18th from 2:00 – 5:00 at Alden Pines. Everyone is asked to please bring in good quality wine – we do not have enough wine for the Mystery Wine. Donations for the Silent Auction are also requested. The next planning meeting begins at 6:00 on January 25th at Island Grill or refer to the website for more details.
- 4) Merchandise Report. No update.

2: Community Support

A. Assistance:

1. Adopt-A-Road. See the Chaplains report.
2. Blood Drive. The next event will be held on February 10th at the Sandy Hook Restaurant from 10:00 – 2:00. Sandy Hook will be offering a "Pint for a Pint". We partner with One Blood but if anyone would like to donate through Lee Health, you can give the same day at the Moose.
3. Deb Cundall provided an update on the Mullet Toss. The mullet toss will be held on the Island on March 10 beginning at 10:00. The Hookers will provide registration, a 50/50 drawing and merchandise. Sign ups for volunteers will be available at the next meeting.

B. Donations:

1. Pine Island Food Pantry. Last month we donated 56 pounds of food and \$54 donated in cash.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Clam Jam is January 27th and 28th if anyone would like to pour drinks in exchange for a table slot to sell merchandise.

The 50/50 raffle raised \$284. The winner was Julie Nygren who will receive \$142 with the balance going to Helping Paws Animal Sanctuary.

There being no further business, Vicki Morrison made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Monday February , 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Little Lily's Deli.

Next General Meeting Monday, February, 2018 at the American Legion.