



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Moose Lodge, Pine Island
July 15, 2020

Call to Order by Madam Deja Vu Deux at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Deja Vu Deux

Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Deja Vu Deux, DJ Ruscik

- a) Madam DJ advised group that tonight we have 16 members in attendance in person and five members on on-line web conference call. This is not a quorum [32] so no motions/official voting will be done tonight.
- b) **50/50:** Board approved motion to donate July 50/50 to Little Lilly's Deli in support of "Robin Lilly's Mission" of providing meals for those unemployed locals because of the shutdown. We will proceed with this donation without motion.
- c) **Hooker Business: Fall elections** – Nominations for Officer & Director Board positions August & September; "meet the candidates" in October meeting; voting/election in November meeting. We have six Directors & five Officers; will vote 11/9/20 for three Directors & four Officers. Madam emphasized that it is understood that Board members may occasionally miss meetings. New Board will take office 1/1/2021. Question posed earlier: Do Directors need to be full time residents? Answer: Yes for efficiency.
- d) Financial Requests: None
- e) **State of Florida** – Madam Déjà vu Deux recently updated Board on "situation" regarding our possible non-compliance with a FL State Statute. Madam 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 gave the Board the details for compliance and a motion to adopt this policy per the guidelines provided by the State was approved. Madam DJ is still negotiating with the State regarding possible fine & timeline.
- f) **Website/Hooker Heralds/Facebook** - Hooker Herald will be published 3x/month on 10th, 20th & 30th, then published on Face Book & on our website. Submissions at least two days previously. Suggestion from Karen Durand that HH be published at least 48 hours prior to General Meeting each month [instead of firmly on the 10th]; consideration will be given this suggestion on how to implement & standardize.
- g) General Membership August Meeting: date & location TBD. Check your Hooker Herald.
- h) **Matlacha Hookers' trailer** currently on Chamber property. DJ Ruscik attended Chamber meeting to hear status of property. [Madam Déjà vu Deux is still officially Mango Queen!] Jennifer Jennings [GPI Chamber Director] returned our trailer key. Because the Chamber office is not open every day and, in an abundance of caution about furloughed

our trailer's security, we are moving our trailer this week to same storage facility as our Hooker Hut [Doug Taylor Circle]. Billie was quoted a monthly fee of \$150 for both our Hooker Hut & trailer storage.

UPDATE SINCE MEETING: Our trailer is too long for any of the currently available spaces at storage facility on Doug Taylor Circle. For the immediate future, Madam DJ is pursuing our getting a new trailer lock for door and wheel lock & chain.

Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership

- a) Membership Report: approximately 175 members. Three renewals tonight. Julia Simpson is in process of contacting all 2019 members who did not renew in 2020 to encourage them to renew.
- b) Tonight's Meeting Attendance: 16 in person & 5 on-line web conference call = 21
- c) New member swear-in: none
- d) Call Girls Thank You [Jeannie Glenn] and next month's volunteer: Lori Tidwell
- e) Birthday celebrations

[Secretary, Cindy Walton;] Acting Secretary, Chris Buntin

- a) Review and approval of June, 2020 General Meeting minutes – with no quorum tonight, approval of June General Minutes will be delayed until next meeting with quorum. [No May General Meeting.]
- b) Online Votes - none
- 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 was closed but now is staffed on limited dates, the board and volunteers are remotely handling the daily tasks, the board is considering selling the building and moving to a smaller location.

Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to staff 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 that the center is open. **To volunteer, call 239 283-0888.** For more details, go to PinIslandChamber.org.

- d) 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

Review and approval of **financial reports** [February, March, April, May & June]: with no quorum tonight, approval of these financial reports will be delayed until next meeting with quorum.

Chaplain, Grateful Genie Andrews

- a. Chaplin 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 – 11 “Hooked on Education” Scholarships were awarded in our June, 2020 General Meeting.
- b) Merchandise Report [Jill Filgut] – Sales in June meeting \$217 & Linda Bohacek deposited \$228 in sales. Sales in tonight’s meeting \$60.
- c) **Wine Event for Beacon of H.O.P.E. [for Senior Programs]:** next planning meeting scheduled for July 20th & meeting location changed to Joanne Correia’s home [3844 Plumosa Drive, SJC] & 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]
- e) **P.I.E. Derby :** Madam DJ gave brief history of P.I.E. Derby history & led discussion on whether this should be a year to take a “break”. Board agreed that the Derby should be cancelled for this year. The “Derby” was originally started as a way to fund & elevate an accelerated reading program in school library. General discussion tonight on our supporting library needs, possibly refresh school library & to ask new principal for guidance. Group in favor of this direction for this year’s event. Per Theresa Kramer, P.I.E. Derby account now has \$8,710.57 and will pay out money already pledged to school of \$,2500 raised from 2019 Derby.

Madam DJ is asking for **volunteers** of those who will serve on this year’s P.I.E. Derby Committee.

- f) 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 [2/28/21] or future Bag ‘n Tag [March, 2021 garage sale].

P.I.E Tournament & Derby update – Olde Fish House Restaurant closed as of 7/3/20 indefinitely. Fish market open.

- g) **Bag ‘n Tag** – 2021 date: sometime in March, 2021; maybe 3rd or 4th week of the month. Natalie Gazda to check with Moose Lodge on available dates.
- h) **ArtFest** first weekend in February, 2021
- i) **Christmas Caroling** – we want to do it; the “how” TBD.

2. Community Support

- a) **Adopt-A-Road:** June 13th event had eight Hooker volunteers. Two pink safety vests seem to be missing; Genie to check storage shed. Next date: **Saturday, 8/29/20 – time TBD.** [Genie Andrews]

- b) **Blood Drive** scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2020 @ Island Grille [by Winn Dixie, SJC] from 10 AM – 3 PM. Recent area blood drives have been well attended and Madam DJ passed on a recommendation that prospective donors go on-line to OneBlood.org & make a reservation for our Big Red Bus 8/15/20 date! OneBlood is now also testing [from donated blood; no nasal swab] for Covid19 antibodies and will report to donor with other results. [D.J. Ruscik]

- c) **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.

Food Pantries: Methodist Church mobile pantry – drive thru Friday 10 AM-12; Catholic Church food pantry 8:30 – 10 AM on Monday & Thursdays. Beacon of Hope food pantry 9 AM – 11 AM Saturday [Publix & Feed America]. NEXT MONTH, MH to ask for goods to restock Food Pantry & monetary donations.

- d) **F.I.S.H. Clothing Drive** - under way; distribution set for 8/1/20 @ P.I. United Methodist Church portico. Ginny Neff coordinating “buying of clothes” program for Matlacha Hookers. We budgeted \$1,000 [\$50 x 20 students]. Donors may “adopt” a student or make a monetary donation.
- e) **MH Back to School Supply Drive** – supply donation locations throughout the island and monetary donations may be made on line or by mail to our PO Box [put “school supplies” on check or donation form]. List of needed supplies on our website & in this week’s *Pine Island Eagle*. Karen Durand is coordinating this program for the Hookers; donations must be received by July 31.
- f) Karen Durand advised us of BTS Drive PHOTO OP with new principal at Pine Island Elementary School on Tuesday, 7/28/20 @ 8:30 AM. Come join in this photo op.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$115; tonight’s winner: Madam DJ Ruscik \$57.50

Tonight’s donation to Food Pantry \$110.00.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2020 @ Little Lilly’s Deli – 6 PM

Next General Meeting: August date & location TBD – check your Hooker Herald [6:30 PM meeting]

Meeting adjourned @ 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted by Christina Buntin, Acting Secretary, for Cindy Walton, OFFICIAL SECRETARY EXTRAORDINAIRE