

2017 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MATLACHA HOOKERS

June 12, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Madam Douzie Julia Simpson. Treasurer Ginny Neff lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening invocation by Cindee Tolliver, who was standing in for Chaplain Billie Young. There were 48 members and one guest in attendance at the meeting.

New Members

Fran Lee has renewed her membership but has already been lei'd. Vice Madam, Helen introduced Ann Van Kirk who introduced herself and joined the Hookers at the "Hookers Night Out". Madam Julia then administered the oath of membership and Ann was welcomed by everyone.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50 Raffle. 4th of July Float decorations/candy or VFW fireworks show. Motion made by Sandy Kerr to donate the 50/50 proceeds to the July Float decorations. Motion passed.
- b) Fundraising committee. Arlene Stornello is chairing this committee. The first meeting is this Thursday, June 15 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Blue Dog Restaurant.
- c) 4th of July Float. Madam Julia suggested the theme "Pirate Hookers" which would allow for use of some existing decorations. The first planning meeting is this Thursday June 15th at the Blue Dog Restaurant beginning at 6:00 pm. We need a boat on a trailer but we have a truck to pull. D.J. Ruscik reminded everyone there is a float competition so keep the theme "under wraps".
- d) Beth Nelson, Helen Andrews and Julia Simpson attended the fifth grade graduation at PIE and the Hookers were given an award for "Helping us Soar". Madam Julia displayed the trophy given by the school. Madam Julia also suggested implementing an award to be presented to the 5th grader (or any grade) as a "Good Samaritan Award". Further discussion will be undertaken in the future. This type of award will also provide an opportunity to further our mission statement to support our community.
- e) Read Mail. A thank you letter was received from the University of Florida for the donation to the Randell Research Center.
- f) Financial Requests. No requests have been received.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership. As of tonight, there are 229 members in good standing. Vice Madam Helen thanked the Call Girls Lorie Tidwell and Tina Bush and membership committee Tina, Peggy and Verna for their help with tonight's meeting. June birthdays were recognized and everyone sang Happy Birthday.

Secretary – Jeanene Whittaker

- a) Review and Approval of May 2017 Minutes. Secretary Jeanene thanked Diane Wickes for taking the minutes at the May meeting. Jeanene also thanked Bonnie Gunnoe for handling the check-in at the May meeting.
- b) Hooker Heralds. Jeanene informed the membership that no one has objected to or responded in the negative regarding the frequency of Hooker Heralds being distributed. Jeanene also let everyone

know that the Secretary's gmail address receives solicitations regarding non-Hooker related topics that are not being distributed. Unless the Board or membership directs otherwise, these types of messages will be disregarded. There was a member who indicated she did not receive the Hooker Herald sent out on Friday, June 9 that distributed the documents needed for tonight's meeting. So Jeanene performed an audit today (June 12) of the distribution list she uses for the Heralds against the most recent version of the database. The audit results are as follows: Total database entries were 229; total emails included in the distribution: 214. There are 11 members who have elected not to include their email addresses leaving 3 members not receiving Heralds which are probably the most recent new members. Jeanene will circle back with membership and update the distribution list. If anyone would like to see the audit or verify their email address, they are welcome to check the audit list after the meeting. Everyone was reminded to check their spam folders to ensure the Heralds are not being re-directed from their email inbox.

- c) E-mail and Database Maintenance. Jeanene informed the membership that the maintenance of the database with ongoing changes including adds, deletes and changes is being done by Sonya Leonard who does a fantastic job. As the number of addresses continues to grow, the members may want to consider changes to streamline this process in the future. Madam Julia briefed everyone on the current redesign of the Hooker's website to make it more user-friendly and less time-consuming to manage and the options that might be available to incorporate an email service as part of that redesign. Joanie Clay was thanked for her ongoing efforts to keep the Hooker Website up to date.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Review and approval of May 2017 Financial Reports. Treasurer Ginny Neff provided an update on the financials. There being no further changes or discussion, Karen Garside made a motion to approve the financials. Motion passed. Tina Bush reminded everyone that minor adjustments have been made to certain line items that do not change the voting of the financials.
- b) Taxes. Ginny provided an update on extension filed by the accountant. All other business related to the filing of the taxes was completed at the designated annual meeting which is held in November each year.

Chaplain – Billie Young (standing in for Billie – Cindee Tolliver)

- A) Chaplin Report
- B) Outreach Report – In May there were two showers and one prayer request. All note cards have been distributed to the business locations.

Events & Activities –

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

- 1) Scholarships. Madam Julia introduced Carolyn Sprague, the new chairman of the scholarship committee. Peg Cruckshank has retired from this position and everyone expressed appreciation for her work. Carolyn provided everyone with an update on the scholarship activities.
 - A: Note Cards – See Chaplain's report.
 - C: Merchandise Report – Beth Nelson and Lorie Tidwell let everyone know the new merchandise is in. Please visit the merchandise table after the meeting.
- 2) PIE Derby. DJ Ruscik gave everyone an update on the PIE Derby. The event will be on October 1. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00 at the Island Grill. The updated organization chart has been distributed at the meeting. DJ introduced the other

Co-chairs Toni Trivelli and Kate Swanstrom. A copy of the chart will be sent out on a Hooker Herald. D.J. then presented the new shirt options and hats. The membership recommended the shirts be done in two different colors and two different sleeve sizes.

- 3) Mango Mania. Madam Julia introduced the chairman Bonnie Gunnoe. The event will be held on July 15th and 16th. Volunteer Sign-up sheets are being distributed.

2: Community Support

A. Assistance:

1. Adopt-A-Road. The next trash pick up will be June 22, 2017. Meet at the Olde Fish House at 8:30 am.
2. Blood Drive. Ginny Neff. In May, the blood drive raised 14 pints of blood. The next event will be held in August.

B: Donations:

1. Pine Island Food Pantry - Beth Nelson. Last month \$85 and 102 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Food Pantry. Current needs are: Macaroni and Cheese, Hamburger Helper and Cereal.
2. School Supply Drive. Jean Dickinson provided an update on the school supply drive. Jean has distributed a list of supplies that are needed. All donations must be collected by July 31 as school starts August 10th. Boxes will be distributed around the community. Elida mentioned many of the office supply stores run specials in July. Diane Wickes recommended supply packages for children in foster care. Nancy Goodwin suggested Goodwill stores also have school supplies.

OTHER:

The 50/50 raffle raised \$230. The winner of \$115 was Karen Hite with \$115 to be used for the float decorations.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Monday July 10, 2017 @ Blue Dog

Next General Meeting Monday July 17, 2017