

# MATLACHA HOOKERS

## General Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2018

*Called to Order by Madam DouZie @ 6:34 p.m*

*Pledge lead by – Ginny Neff*

*Invocation – Chaplain Billie Young*

*Special Guests: Mango Mania Queen Kayla was unable to attend and will be pinned at Mango Mania.*

*Principal Hook and 5 P.I.E. teachers were present. Principal thanked the Hookers for all they do and read the letter written by a P.I.E staff member which served as the nomination for our Florida Alliance for Arts Education award. Each teacher then spoke of the specific project the Hooker grant allowed them to do along with pictures, letters and thank you notes from the students.*

### BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50 Motion by Natalie Gazda for funds to support Hookers 4<sup>th</sup> of July Float expenses, all in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Ideas of making money for the general account were discussed. Suggestions included spaghetti dinner, Chippendale night, 5 Below 10% give back, Amazon Smile, raising dues, taking a percentage of the profits from major fundraising events, house tour, pub crawl ... all ideas sound great but any effort needs members to commit and be involved to organize and support.
- c) Financial Requests – Board voted \$1,800.00 to sponsor 3 students in the G.E.D. program, Joanne Correia motioned to approve that vote, all in favor.  
Gulf Coast Kayak camp sponsorship for 3 P.I.E students was approved by the board for \$555.00  
Board voted to approve \$200.00 donation to the Pine Island American Legion for July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks.
- d) Hooker Business – Plaque from Little League Flying Stone Crabs Team was received in thanks for our sponsorship.  
Best of 2018 Pine Island plaque was received.  
Florida Alliance for Arts Education awarded the Matlacha Hookers their Community Volunteer Leadership Award. Madam DouZie will attend the awards reception June 21st in Ft. Lauderdale to accept this honour.
- e) 4<sup>th</sup> of July float will honour our commercial fishermen with the theme “Salute to our Roots”. A truck, trailer and boat are needed.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership now stands at 227. One new member was sworn in tonight.
- b) Call Girls – thank you and volunteers for next meeting are DJ Ruscik and Lorie Tidwell.

Secretary – Cindy Walton

- a) Review of May 2018 minutes, motion to approve by Joanne Correia, all in favour.
- b) 2 Online Votes: 1. May 17/18 motion by Lorie Tidwell to approve rent of \$618.00 for hardship applicant, all board members voted in favour.  
2. June 7/18 motion by Cindy Walton to approve request of \$555.00 to sponsor 3 PIE students to attend Gulf Coast Kayak Camp, all board members voted in favour.

- c) Mail: 1. Gulf Coast Kayak sponsorship request 2. Florida Alliance for Arts Education recognition reception invitation and contribution request 3. Thank you letter from Principal Hook for donation towards new sound system.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Review Financials – May Financials were not voted on at the board level as the statements were not yet available from the bank.  
There is no outstanding debt owed the Matlacha Hookers.  
Urging for members to strongly consider new ways to fund the general account as annual requests exceed \$5,000.00

Chaplain – Billie Young

- a) Chaplin Report: 2 card requests
- b) Outreach Report: 2 rent requests

Events & Activities –

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

- 1) Scholarships – a: Note Cards – Report Billie: new note cards for sale \$50.00 worth sold tonight. Recommendation that we offer the cards for sale through the website.  
b: Scholarship committee has finished their business for 2018 with a wrap-up meeting and your new procedures which will be posted to the website soon.
- 2) Merchandise Report – Lorie Tidwell – Board members modelled new t-shirts and hats! \$300.00 collected tonight in sales of new hats and T-shirts. E-mail Lorie Tidwell or Beth Nelson to purchase merchandise.
- 3) P.I.E Tourney- Chairs for 2018 are DJ Ruscik and Kate Swanstrom, a third chair would be welcomed! Entrance fee for adult anglers this year is \$75.00. Members are urged to get involved and attend the next planning meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>, location TBA.

2: Community Support

A) Assistance:

- 1: Adopt-A-Road – Billie Young – Thursday, June 21, 2018 7:45 for coffee at Perfect Cup workers meet at The Olde Fish House back parking lot 8:30 a.m. Lee County is NOT clearing roadsides which make this effort so important. All volunteers' names and the cleanup effort are reported to both county and state.
- 2: Mango Mania is July 14 and 15, 10a.m–5 p.m. Bonnie Gunnoe is organizing, sign-up sheets for volunteers in the beer booths and merchandise table are available with 2 shifts each day, 10-1:30p.m and 1:30-5p.m .

B) Donations:

- 1: Pine Island Food Pantry – Lorie Tidwell – Needs this month: Toiletries (soap, shampoo. Toilet paper, deodorant, diapers)
- 2: School Supply Drive- Jean Dickason/Karen McKee drive has begun and ends July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER:**

Owners Denise and Gabe thanked us for holding our meeting there, Gabe delighted the membership with his smooth “Rat Pack” vocal selections.

Deb Cundall won \$77.00 in the 50/50.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m

Next Board Meeting: Monday July 2, 2018 @ Little Lilly’s Deli 6 p.m

Next General Meeting: Monday July 9, 2018 – Bert’s Bar & Grill