



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 13, 2023

American Legion, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, FL @ 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Tania Watkins

Guests – Aaron Barreda Commander of the American Legion check presentation for building supplies. Presented a check for \$25,000.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

1. 50/50: Island Luau or Sam's Fans (Last time donated was June 2022) Carol Zaremba made motion to give to Island Luau. Motion carried.

2. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:

- a. Island Luau- Joanne and Sandy - Basket making on February 20th at 9:00 a.m. @ Beth's house @ 3343 Manatee Dr., SJC. If you have any questions ask Linda Bohacek. Last committee meeting on Feb. 20th @ 6:00 p.m. at SJC Civic Center. Feb. 25th indoor set up at 12:00 p.m. indoor decor and tables. Feb. 26th @ 9:00 a.m. set up outdoor tables and decorations. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. the day of the event. We are not asking members to make desserts/food. We will have it catered. If you signed up to volunteer, please show up. If you cannot, please let us know. Need to be dressed by noon in Luau attire. Volunteers need to be there at noon if you are signed up to work at 1:00. CW Fudge will be doing dessert. We have plenty of wine for the Mystery Wine. If you are not volunteering, please come and support us. February 16th at 9:00 – 10:30 @ St. James City Civic Center to help Sandy restore the tiki paintings from last year. Take a plant container to place a small plant inside. Take to Luau. Jewelry cleaning on Wednesday at 1:00. See Chris Buntin for more information.
- b. Bag 'n Tag and Pancake Breakfast- DJ- March 18th at the Moose Lodge on Stringfellow Rd., SJC. Requesting donations from members. Bring donations to the Maxwell House at 7830 Lobe Lane, Bokeelia and leave by the double doors. Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 and Bag N Tag starts at 8:30 – 2:00 p.m. We are not asking the community for donations. Call or text DJ when you have dropped off donations. Co-Chairs Carolyn, Sherri Davis, Gwen and Kelly LaMagna . On March 17th the items are packed up and moved the morning of the 18th. Can bring items the day of but the "Chic Boutique" items should be brought a couple of days before.

- c. John R Wood Tournament- Joanne and Linda- In the planning stages for a 5-hole bean bag toss tournament,50/50 drawing(s) music to announce the re-opening of their SJC office. Funds raised will go to Matlacha Hookers Hurricane Relief. Saturday, March 4th 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. @ John P Wood office in SJC. If anyone would like to help, please contact Linda Bohacek.
- d. PIE Walk A Thon-needs volunteers for this Wednesday. See Christy if you can volunteer for 40 minutes.

3. Fundraising:

- a. Travel Raffle- Darcy- Drawing extended until all 250 tickets are sold! \$25.00 each. Can win a \$2,000 travel voucher (airfare not included). The Hookers get \$4,000. Must go through the travel agency. The voucher will be valid a year from the day of the drawing. Must book by, not travel by.
- b. Community Bag Program at Winn Dixie- We have been selected for this month and will be onsite for the Blood Drive on Saturday, February 18th @ Winn Dixie.

4. Hooker Business:

- a. Pine Island Cares/Hurricane Ian Recovery- Julia
 - i. Building supply giveaway on February 20th. Will be increasing the amount of building supplies that individuals can receive.

Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

1. Membership Report: 174 members 68 are new members.
2. Meeting Attendance: 64 members
3. New member swear-in: Julie Gilson, Nicole Bellock, Laurie Smith, Joleen Malot, Robin Cohen
4. Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Genie Andrews. Tracy Chapple, Marion Horigan
5. Birthday celebrations!
6. Matlacha Hooker website members section password will be changed. New password @HMP23 updated on February 15th. Updates will be made to the website with more photos the public page will be updated. Matlacha Facebook private group will be updated. The current members will be deleted and current members will be invited. Tiffany has updated the public FB page. This is all due to our recognition at the national and state level.

Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Review and approval of general minutes- Darcy Conner made motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
2. Mail read 4 thank you notes

Treasurer, Deb Syring (absent)

1. Review and approval of financial reports Julia Gaylor made motion to accept financials. Motion carried.

Chaplain, Tania Watkins

1. Chaplin Report
2. Outreach Report \$500 request. Card Shower will be in the next Herald.
3. Read a joke

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Fundraisers

- a. Merchandise Report- Linda Bohacek- sold \$5,020. \$931. At the Fine Swine event this past weekend. Received more hats. Received Hurricane Ian shirts. Price is \$25.00. More of "Not your normal hooker" t shirts and the tanks also are in stock. New laser burned wooden signs \$30.00. New coasters with coordinates. We have jewelry, hooker necklace and earrings. They are sterling silver. Cutting board made from slate
- b. PIE Derby - Julia- Discuss tentative date. Possibly in May but do not have a location. Waiting for a response from the Tarpon Lodge. The PIE Derby shirts will resume sales on April 2nd. We will have a food truck, music. We will have the kids fishing. Want to have it before the children get out of school

2. Community Support

- a. Blood Drive: February 18, 2023 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. @ Winn Dixie parking lot, 9864 Stringfellow Rd. Need volunteers to sell Winn-Dixie community bags; we will be selling Luau tickets and Travel Raffle tickets. Need a volunteer to help. Kim Graves and Michelle Henderson have volunteered to help. Each donor will receive a \$20 E Gift Certificate if you donate one more time before the end of the year you will receive a \$40. E Gift Certificate. It is encouraged to sign up ahead of time or you can stop by and make a reservation the day of.
- b. Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce Island Fest and Mullet Toss on Saturday, March 25th at the new Publix. We will have our merchandise booth and they have asked for volunteers. Sponsorship opportunities. We will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the next general meeting.
- c. Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Needs are: bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, canned diced tomatoes, and all types of crackers (saltines, Ritz, oyster). Check updates in Hooker Herald. Ask members to bring 2 nonperishable items to the meeting.
- d. Pine Island Cares- meeting on the 9th at Fine Swine to discuss the needs of the island in terms of building supplies. Next supply drive will be on Monday, February 20th. Giving out dry wall screws, paint, etc. Julia applied for the Pro account at Home Depot. Will continue to do the giveaway at the Methodist Church. Dry Wall will be 10-12 sheets per person, possibly

some insulation. Starting a volunteer sign-up sheet for “unskilled labor” (i.e.: helping pack up belongings, taking items to the road, etc.). Feb. 19th another community clean up from American Legion to Flamingo Bay from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Some of the bigger debris will be taken to the Island Center at the Debris Drop Off. Lorie Tidwell works with Adopt A Road and they will pick up the trash. Working with AmeriGas to fill up propane tanks on RV’s that residents are living in and can’t move the RV to fill up the tanks. They will fill 100# tanks. We will be offering and pay for fill up your tank. If you don’t have a 100# tank, they may donate a tank. Julia reached out to the local news and they got Julia in touch with AmeriGas.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$275.00

Tonight’s winners: Kathryn Bunce and Linda Bessette

Tonight’s donation to Food Pantry \$ 116.00

Next Board Meeting: March 6th at 6:00 p.m. @ TBD

Next General Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2023 6:30 p.m. @ House of Omelets, 900 SW Pine Island Rd., Cape Coral

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Julia Gaylor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:01 p.m.