



BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2020

Call to Order by Madam Deja Vu Deux via teleconference @ 6:02 p.m
Attendance: Jill Filgut, Beth Nelson, Billie Young (6:32), Cindy Walton,
DJ Ruscik, Genie Andrews, Kate Swanstrom, Chris Buntin (6:27) , Theresa Kramer (6:30),
Joanne Correia

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Deja Vu Deux, DJ Ruscik

- a) 50/50: none due to cancellation of May general meeting
- b) Fundraising: many thanks to Jeanelle Havlin for all her efforts in getting pricing etc. for a Hooker Cookbook. Board has agreed to not proceed at this time.
- c) Financial Requests: \$500. request from Monday Music
- d) Hooker business: question of purchasing a teleconference program, tonight's use was a loaner, no further decision was made, Joanne Correia will submit the expense for the wine event conference call

May 11th general meeting has been cancelled

Solicitation for Contributions registration has been renewed

We now have 2 tax exempt cards issued by Office Depot/Office Max

Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership

- a) Membership report: 177 paid members, some of the newer members have jumped right into Beacon Bites, and call gal duties !
- b) Call gals: Billie organized members to personally call each Hooker to "check in" and chat, a wonderful idea which was very well received
- c) Earth Day: Debbie Cundall organized a group of Hookers and friends to do a roadside cleanup on Little Pine Island on April 23rd (photos will be in the next Hooker Herald)
- d) Future meeting places: June at House of Omeletes, July at Moose Lodge on WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH, motion by Billie Young, all in favour, August at Bert's Bar
- e) Notecards: still not selling well, board may want to reconsider selling them at all
- f) Gals Nite Out will be scheduled for January
- g) No vice madam in August

Secretary, Cindy Walton

- a) Review and Approval of April board minutes, motion by Beth Nelson, all in favour
- b) Online Votes: Members voted to deny Monday Music request for \$500.
- c) Read Mail: Office Max/Office Depot Tax exempt cards received, expiration notice from Florida Dept of Agriculture for Solicitation of Contributions registration, donation cheque from Network for Good for \$45.00 (Cindy Walton will deposit to General Account)

Treasurer, Theresa Kramer

- a) Review and approval of March financial reports, motion by Genie Andrews to approve, all in favour.

Chaplain, Genie Andrews

a) Chaplain report

One card shower for Steve Phanco(bereavement on the passing of his wife)

A request for back rent was approved for \$200.00.

A second rent request was approved for \$250.00.

A third rent request was approved but another agency paid first. We gave the client \$50 in Winn Dixie cards instead.

A fourth rent request was tabled for the time being.

Two families with a stage 4 cancer patient and an out of work waitress were each given \$50 in Winn Dixie cards.

One more rent request was approved on April 30; it will be in the May report.

b) Outreach report

The Outreach Committee voted unanimously to suspend, for the duration of the shutdown or until the end of 2020, the rule of helping a family or an individual only once during a 12-month period. The Committee also voted unanimously, for the duration of the shutdown or until the end of 2020, to consider helping people who live off the Island but have lost a job on the Island. At the appropriate time, the Committee will re-vote on these articles. The Winn Dixie cards we are using were a gift from Tom and Marie Johnson of St. James City. They generously gave Outreach \$500.00 in cards for use at our discretion. A thank-you note and tax deductible receipt were sent.

c) Joke: Hearing Test

While sheltering at home during the coronavirus outbreak, an older man noticed that his wife was experiencing some hearing loss.

Concerned, he called their family doctor. The doctor's office replied with the following advice:

"There is a simple test you can perform to find out for sure if your wife is becoming deaf. When she is in the kitchen, stand 15 feet behind her and ask her a question. If she does not respond, keep moving closer and repeat the question until she hears you."

Excited about trying the advice, the man can barely wait until his wife starts to prepare dinner. After a long afternoon sitting by the pool reading a book, she finally heads for the kitchen.

The man stands 15 feet behind her and says, "What's for dinner, Dear?"
No response.

He moves to 10 feet behind her and asks again. No response.

Five feet. No answer.

Finally, he stands directly behind her and asks, "My, Dear, what's for dinner?"

She says, "For the fourth time, I said 'chicken'!"

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1: Fundraisers

a) Scholarships: Chris Buntin:

Funds will be transferred to cover 2 scholarships each for \$2,000. from PIE account and from Matlacha Mariners funds. This year we will award 10 or 11 scholarships each @ \$2,000.17 qualified applications have been received with more perhaps to come. (postmarked May 1st)

b) Merchandise Report: merchandise chairs are looking into new orders of shirts, cups, wine stoppers (omitting food products at this time) They have been budgeted for \$2,900. in 2020 and were reminded that orders above \$1,000. require general membership approval.

c) Wine Event: Wrap-up meeting notes:

- The phone and conference call meeting service Go To Meeting worked well, we had over 10 members attend. Meeting was positive and productive!
- We voted to give the Beacon \$5,000 and hold back \$3,400. for next year.
We spent a lot of time looking to where we can cut expenses, one of the thoughts is to move the event inside and get the location donated.
- We would like to propose the next Wine Event is Sunday March 7, 2021 – We will be looking to secure a spot once we confirm the date with the Board & then the Chamber
- We will be meeting again on Monday, May 18th at 6pm to start the other planning items such as a theme to get a jump start on planning for next fall/winter.
- I have called the Beacon to see when we can meet with them and also incorporate their ideas into the next planning cycle.

2: Community Support

a) Adopt-a-Road will be Saturday, June 13th @ 8a.m Meet at Olde Fish House

b) Blood Drive: May 2nd at Alden Pines had 18 donations, next drive will be August 15th
Location TBA

c) Pine Island Food Pantry needs:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Fruits and Canned Vegetables

- Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Pasta, Tomatoes & Tomato Sauce
- Rice, Canned Potatoes and Spaghetti Noodles
- Canned Tuna, Chicken and Beef
- Macaroni and Cheese & Hamburger Helper
- Baked Beans, Pork and Beans & small packages of instant potatoes
- Chicken Noodle, Tomato and other Hearty Soups
- Toilet Paper, Bar Soap, Shampoo & Toothpaste
- Dry Dog Food & Dry and Canned Cat Food

Their new website is www.PinelandFoodPantry.org

Cindy Walton has been collecting at her home from Matlacha friends, neighbours and Hookers, to date 572 pounds of food and \$40.00 has been delivered to the pantry.

d) School supplies drive suggestions from Chair Karen Durand were discussed by members.

Karen is well organized and will begin distributing in late May. Members will be encouraged to donate financially on our website as social distancing rules continue. Volunteers will be requested and details relayed in upcoming Hooker Heralds.

e) MangoMania is scheduled for July 11 and 12. Further info to come.

f) PIE Derby may require scaling down somewhat this year.

g) July 4th Parade: As always Matlacha Hookers will participate, suggestion of a first responders theme...all suggestions welcome.

OTHER:

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 1, 2020 @ Little Lilly's

Next General Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020 @ House of Omelets

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m on a motion by Beth Nelson

We closed with this prayer by Chaplain Grateful Genie

The Golden Rule by Paul Martin

The Golden Rule is very simple
and I do believe it's true
"Do unto one another as
you would have them do to you".

One thing I have discovered
which I rely upon and trust,
the way we treat each other
will come right back to us.

The Golden Rule is undeniably
a rewarding way to live;
we receive from one another
precisely what we give.

When we ask ourselves sincerely,

how would I like this done to me?
It's then we see more clearly,
how to behave respectfully.

Be guided by the Golden Rule
when we're together once again,
we'll treat each other kindly and
we'll be the best of friends.