

BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2017  
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**Madame Thank Heaven for Eleven** – Lorie Tidwell called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Present were Lorie Tidwell, Tina Bush, Darlene Widirstky, Melva Wilzbach, Julia Simpson, Helen Andrews, DJ Ruscik, Beth Nelson, Bev Hart, and Karen Hillier from the 2016 Board. Billie Young was absent. Also present were Jeanene Whittaker, Lois Lemke, Toni Trivelli, Bonnie Gunnoe, and Virginia Neff from the 2017 Board.

**BOARD REPORTS**

- Madame Thank Heaven for Eleven – Lorie welcomed the 2017 Board and thanked the 2016 board for their assistance during the year. Lorie told the Board that our grant proposal to the **Gannett Foundation** was rejected, but we can apply again. There is a lot less competition in the February drawing. We had asked for \$4,000.00 for our Outreach budget. **50/50** - There were several choices including Ryan's Case for Smiles, the Little League Scoreboard, or we could leave the choice up to the general membership. DJ suggested the Moose for their fundraiser. DJ made a motion; all said yea, motion passed. The 50/50 will go to the Moose for the Charity Golf Scramble in support of the Little League Scoreboard. Lorie thanked Tina for doing the Christmas tree which was donated at the **Beacon of Hope's Holiday House**.
- Vice Madam – Tina Bush explained to Helen Andrews what she would discuss at Board meeting and General meetings. Tina had met with Helen earlier in the day and turned over files that she would need as Vice Madam.
- Secretary – Darlene Widirstky asked if everyone had received the documents for the Board meeting; all did. There were no online votes in December. DJ Ruscik made a motion to accept the minutes; all said yea, motion passed. Darlene then told Jeanene Whittaker that the bin of information was for her and they would be getting together to go over details anytime Jeanene was ready.
- Treasurer – Melva Wilzbach – Melva told the Board that there was a mistake in the P & L in the amount of \$175.00. It was a check for merchandise but it was entered as income. Once she had reconciled this she will send a corrected P & L to Darlene for sending out to the membership. Tina made a motion to accept the December financials; all said yea, motion passed. 2017 Budget was also submitted, but would be voted on by the 2017 Board.
- Chaplain – Billie Young was absent, but reported that there was one card showers in December.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Outreach – Billie Young reported that there were no hardship requests in December.
- Membership – Ting Bush told the Board that Darlene had given her the number of members...302 members are listed, 110 are unpaid, and that leaves 192 paid members.
- Merchandise – Bev Hart reported that general meeting sales were \$177.60, plus \$20 in derby shirt sales. Bev would also like to remind the new board that she is ready to relinquish the merchandise responsibilities but would be very happy to help and meet with her replacement as needed.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**1. FUNDRAISERS**

**A. DEDICATED**

- Beacon of Hope- Wine Tasting Event - Julia/Nancy/Darlene – Sunday, February 19, 2017 – Darlene told the membership that tickets were available at \$35.00 per person. Posters would soon be put up. The next planning meeting is on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Island Grill. **Please**

join in with us and **bring** a bottle (or 2 or 3) of fine wine for the mystery wine part of the event. You can also bring **bottles of fine wine to the January general meeting.**

- Scholarships
  - a) Note Cards-Billie Young – Note cards are available at Bert’s Bay, Chamber of Commerce, Trader’s Hitching Post, Matlacha Post Office and Island Girls Fitness Club. We sold 21 packs at the Carney.
  - b) Art Fest—Lorie Tidwell & Theresa Kramer – February 3, 4 & 5, 2017 We have quite a few vacancies so a Hooker Herald will be going out to fill those vacancies. More will be discussed at the general meeting.
  - c) Bag N’ Tag – DJ Ruscik & Beth Nelson – March 11, 2017 DJ told the Board that she needs an insurance notice. Items can be delivered to Trader’s Hitching Post, Century 21, or the January general meeting.

## **B. GENERAL**

- Hooker Booth

## **2. COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

### **• DONATIONS**

- Pine Island Food Pantry – Beth Nelson said that hamburger helper, canned tomatoes, and small packs of rice, potato, and/or noodles were needed.

### **• ASSISTANCE**

- Adopt-A-Road – Billie Young reported that December 15 was successful with Deb Shekey, Genie Andrews, Beth Nelson and herself. Next pickup will be on February 23, 2017.
- Blood Drive – DJ Ruscik said the next drive would be on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the firehouse in the center. Details to follow
- F.I.S.H. -- Christmas Caroling – a total of \$2130.05 + \$21.00 +\$130 from December 50/50 totaling \$2181.05 for F.I.S.H.
- F.I.S.H. Christmas Cookie Tins for seniors – Bev Hart reported that F.I.S.H. cookie tins went very well. The total spent was \$84.84.They were completed and delivered to the church. We had 10 recipients this year so we decided to include more goodies. Each recipient got cookies, clementine oranges, note cards from us and homemade ones from Melva, 4 postage stamps, \$5 Winn Dixie gift cards donated by Joannie Clay, a beautiful ornament and pen procured by Chaplain Billie Young from Spymal Financial.

## **FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

**OTHER** – The Clam Jam was brought up. It is to be held at the German-American Club on January 28 & 29, 2017. The person in charge would not reveal who the money was going to, and the event is not not-for-profit. After discussion the 2016 Board decided to not participate, but left the final decision up to the 2017 Board.

**Wrap up and review** – Tina Bush asked that the 2017 Board be as respectful to Robin’s place of business as the 2016 Board was; i.e., turn off lights, lower A/C, etc.

A motion to dismiss was made by Tina; all said yea, motion passed. The 2016 Board adjourned at 7:08 pm

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2017**