



MATLACHA HOOKERS

February General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Feb 12, 2024

American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City

Call to Order by Madam Linda at 6:31 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Linda Bohacek

Guest - Introduction for Michael Galbreath, P.I.E. new Principal

Presentation of second installment of funds for school from proceeds of 2023

P.I.E Derby by DJ Ruscik. Derby was a success last year even though it was paired down. Dr. Galbreath was presented with a hat and t-shirt from last years' derby. Dr. Galbreath gave a speech about how welcoming the community has been since he started.

Guest - F.I.S.H. - check presented to President Jim Wentz in the amount of \$5430. This was what was raised from our Christmas Caroling specifically for the Basket Brigade.

1. 50/50: Local Girl Scout troop #819 (who helped with Anniversary Party) Motion made by Natalie Gazda, motion carried.
2. Financial Requests - none
- 3.. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:
 - a. Luau - Feb 25th Joanne, Sherri Davis, Sandy Kerr - sign up sheets were passed around or you can contact Cindy Walton (info in the Herald)
 - b. Bag 'n Tag and Breakfast – Saturday, March 16th –Theresa Shattuck and Carolyn Ryzanych are Co-Chairs; Julia and Tania will Co-Chair the pancake breakfast with Natalie as the cashier. - Storage Pod will be at the American Legion for storage of items and a place to sort them. The trailer is at the Maxwell house but will need to be moved to the American Legion. Sort date will be announced soon. Volunteer sign sheet was passed around. If you have items, please text DJ before bringing them to the Maxwell house. All small appliances, household items need to be in a covered bin or box.
 - c. Merchandise volunteers - Garden Gala, Saturday, February 17th, Island Market, Saturday February 24th, Island Fest with Mullet Toss, March 9th. See sign up sheets for details. -Linda B
 - d. Chamber of Commerce Island Fest with Mullet Toss, Saturday March 9th - see sign up sheet for details - Beth Sowers This event will be held at Phillips Park. Lots of areas for volunteers.
 - a. Pine Island Derby – DJ and Julia, Lisa Perry and Monica Kochel co - chairs- Jug Creek on May 19, 2024; kids only derby; volunteers needed for the event. Planning meeting to be announced soon.
4. Fundraising:

- a. Travel Raffle - Darcy Conner drew the lucky ticket. Winner drawn was Dan Clemens. He will be contacted.
- b. Merchandise Report- Jill Filgut stated we sold \$5757 for January. There are new items in our store. 25th Shirts still need to be picked up for those that pre-ordered them. The anniversary party shirts are now being sold for members at \$20.
- c. Island Luau- Joanne and Sandy - Next planning meeting is this coming Monday, Feb. 19th at the St James Civic Association 6pm.
- d. Shoes with Heart presentation -Linda Bohacek and Christy Rau did a zoom meeting with the company. We have all the materials to start and we have a personal coach. Gently worn shoes will be collected from March 25th to May 25th. Co-chairs will be Kitty Kline and Amanda Rathmell.
- e. Christmas Caroling- Tracy updated us that we will make use of social media for next Christmas Caroling event as people stated they did not know we were coming and would have shown up to support us.
- f. River District Alliance Art Walk - Co chairs Lorie Tidwell, Joyce Boyer, Kelly LaMagna, Theresa Kramer, begins June 7th, More info to follow. This event will be 5- Fridays. We will be at the beverage area, we not only get to keep tips but a portion of the sales go to us.

5. Hooker Business:

- a. Member satisfaction survey report highlights - Carolyn
Awesome feedback on the surveys, we are putting some changes into place. One of the requests was a place to meet in Cape Coral. Over Time Pizza will host us. Food and drinks will be available. Some more social events are in the planning stages. Watch the Herald for updates.
- b. Board social meeting/planning meeting update - March 13th will be our next meeting. Last one identified areas for change and improvement. Thank you to Joanne Correia for moderating. This upcoming meeting will focus on Facebook changes and Tiffany Noel will lead the discussion.

Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Membership Report: 152 members of which 29 are new.
2. Meeting Attendance: 65 in attendance
3. New member swear-in: Kitty Kline, Patti Montgomery, Joyce Conaster, Patty Monahek, Gwen Pitts, Karleen Canes, Susan Bosworth and Marie Kocher
4. Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Billie Young and Cindy Walton
6. Birthday celebrations for February members were sung.

Secretary, Monica Kochel

1. Review and approval of general minutes - Darcy Conner made the motion, motion carried.
2. Mail was read

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Review and approval of financial reports - Joanne Coreria made the motion, motion carried
2. Accounting 101 for members will be held at 5pm at Salty Girls Cafe on March 4th.

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report - none

Anna did inform all about Ms. Mattie's facelift and boob job.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

a. Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Needs are: Feminine Hygiene, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Cereal, Saltines, Wide Egg Noodles, Items for Kid's Snach Bags. Check updates in Hooker Herald. Bring items to the General Membership Meetings. Every member is asked to bring two non-perishable items to each Meeting and a Donation Jar is available.

b. Blood Drive – Last one was this past Thursday with 16 donors. May will be the next one.

c. Free the Girls- donate gently used bras; organization supports girls who were trafficked in third world countries. Bring bras to general membership meetings. End of month DJ will be sending out what has been donated to date.

d. Adopt a Road - Lorie – 14 people at last event, 16 bags of garbage picked up. Next date will be announced in the Herald.

e. Harbor Cruise Social Event - Darcy Conner - March 20th is the saved date for Hookers, spots are filling up fast. This is a historical cruise by Captiva Cruises.

f. Camp Noah- Teresa Shattuck informed us that volunteers are needed for this camp which is to be held March 18th - 22nd at the Civic Center. This camp is for elementary age children who have been in a disaster. The Lions club is hosting this camp which is sponsored by the Lutheran Social Services. Camp is from 8-4, volunteers do not need to do the whole week, but are encouraged to do so.

g. One Hole over the Pond - Feb. 17th 10-4 pm American Legion Auxiliary - our merchandise team made a basket for this event.

h. 25th Anniversary Event - Event ended up being held at the Moose Lodge due to weather. Nancy Goodwin, our founding Madame flew in for the event. 25th Anniversary event shirts are still available for purchase.

i. Elvis Tribute- February 14th- member social- all tickets sold and thank you to Christy Rau for organizing the event.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$370

Tonight's Winner:\$185 to Monique Lee Volunteer of the month winner: \$185 to Heidi Lutz

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$150

Next Board Meeting: March 4th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girls Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday, March 11th, 2024, 6:30 p.m. @ Overtime Pizzeria and Sports Pub, 1708 Cape Coral Parkway W, Cape Coral.

Motion by Darcy Conner to adjourned at: 8:17 PM