

2017 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

MATLACHA HOOKERS

APRIL 10, 2017

Opening

Madam Douzie, Julia Simpson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Treasurer Ginny Neff lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Chaplain Billie Young. Special prayers are requested for Carol Lutz who is gravely ill. There were 50 members present at the meeting.

Madam Julia introduced Elsie Sterns and the new President of the Beacon of Hope, Jane Bennington. The proceeds in the amount of \$12,000 from the Wine tasting event were presented to the Beacon of Hope. Rob and Kathy Kiernan provided all the wine and the Hookers recognized their generous contribution. Elsie and Jane thanked the Hookers on behalf of the Beacon Bites program.

New Members

Vice Madam Helen Andrews introduced the new members: Kathy Kienan, Yancy Quesada, Rhonda Czarneke and Kate Swanstrom. The new members introduced themselves and received their leis from Vice Madam Helen. Madam Douzie then administered the oath. Vice Madam Helen thanked the call girls and the membership committee for their help at tonight's meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Douzie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50 Donation. Darlene Widirstky made a motion the 50/50 proceeds be donated to the Randell Research center. Motion passed.
- b) The Hooker Brochure has been finalized and distributed. Copies are available for everyone at tonight's meeting for anyone who would like them.
- c) Hooker Art Night painting with Mel Meo will be April 24th at the Island Conclave Gallery. The cost is \$40 and will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There are 20 seats available so let Julia know if you want to participate.
- d) Ad Hoc Committee. At the last meeting, the membership voted to seat an Ad Hoc Committee to research possible changes to the By Laws. Melva Wilzbach has volunteered to chair this committee so anyone who would like to participate may contact Melva directly.
- e) Ideas for other fundraisers. The Board of Directors discussed other activities for fundraisers. Anyone who has ideas may send them to Madam Julia.
- f) Basket for Bobby Holloway. The winner of the Hooker Basket was Fran Lee from Trafalgar Middle School
- g) Financial Requests. No financial requests were received in March.
- h) Business List. Madam Douzie is going to work on updating the bess list that is on the web site so anyone who would like to be listed can contact Madam Julia.
- i) Thank you cards and letters were received from Gloria Van Duzer from the Pine Island Elementary School art program for the \$1,600 donation; Steven Hook, the principal of Pine Island Elementary School for the assistance in the school's carnival and from Maija Gradient for the contribution to the Manatee Cape Connection.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership Update.

- b) Hooker Appreciation Night Wednesday, April 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Olde Fish House Marina.
- c) April birthdays were recognized and the membership sang happy birthday.

Secretary – Jeanene Whittaker

- a) Review and Approval of March 2017 Minutes. Nancy Chandler made a motion to accept the March minutes. Motion passed.
- b) Website Update. No update.
- c) Hooker Herald Update. Anyone who has items for the Hooker Herald should send them to the Secretary's email at 2017HookerSecretary@gmail.com.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Review and approval of Jan/Feb/March 2017 Financial Reports. Nancy Chandler made a motion to accept the January 2017 financial report. Motion passed. Darlene Widirstky made a motion to accept the February 2017 financial report. Motion passed. Vicki Morrison made a motion to accept the March 2017 financial report. Motion passed.
- b) 2017 Budget. Discussion ensued regarding the scholarships budgeted for the year. A donation from the Rhiem family has been received in memory of Jeremie Rhiem. An additional donation in the amount of \$1,000 has been received for the scholarship fund. Sandy Kerr made a motion to accept the budget for 2017. Motion passed.

Chaplain – Billie Young

- A) Outreach Report. There was one card shower for Vicki Kearns, server at the Island Grill. Two hardship requests were received in March.

Events & Activities

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

- 1) Beacon of Hope – Veni, Vidi, Vino. The proceeds have been distributed to the Beacon of Hope.
- 2) Scholarships – Lois Lemke provided an update. Fifteen scholarship applications have been received. Mr. George Gobel made a \$1,000 donation to the scholarship fund. Lois invited anyone interested in observing the review process may come to her house.
A: Note Cards. Billie Young reported the All Occasion cards are almost sold out.
B: Merchandise Report. Beth Nelson and Lorie Tidwell have an appointment with a vendor to order more inventory. They are having a fire sale on the old PIE shirts. \$5 each or 2 for \$8.00. The old inventory of remaining T-shirts is going to be sent overseas.
C: Bag N Tag. D.J. Ruscik and Beth Nelson reported the profits from the event raised over \$2,300. The bake sale itself raised nearly \$400. It was suggested the event be held next year at the Moose Lodge to have access to restroom facilities.
- 3) PIE Derby. Co-Chairs D.J. Ruscik and Toni Trivelli. The new date is October 1 to take advantage of the double-tide on that day. The first planning meeting is Wednesday April 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Island Grill. Kate Swanstrom volunteered to assist in co-chairing the event.

2: Community Support

A. Assistance:

1. Blood Drive. DJ Ruscik/ Ginny Neff . The next blood drive May 13th 10 a.m -2 p.m. at the Pine Bay Gifts.
2. Adopt-A-Road will be this Thursday, April 13 at 8:30 a.m. starting at the Olde Fish House Marina.

3: Donations:

- A. Pine Island Food Pantry. Beth Nelson reported the food pantry requests Ravioli, Chicken Noodle soup (large cans) and Apple Sauce.

Other Business:

D.J. reported that one of our sister hookers, Katie Fisher is expecting a baby girl. If anyone is willing to make a monetary donation, we will be passing the piggy bank at future meetings.

Elida asked for help running the crab races at the Hooker appreciation event on Wednesday.

The 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$112.00 was won by Barb Jameson. Motion to adjourn was made by Sandy Kerr. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Next Board Meeting Monday May 1, 2017

Next General Meeting Monday May 8, 2017