

MATLACHA HOOKERS

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2019

Call to Order by Madam Philosophy at Caloosa Club [Cape Royal Golf Club] @ 6:36 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Philosophy Helen Andrews

Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain

Attendance: 22

Due to minimal attendance this meeting is informational only and no voting will be held. A quorum of 32 members is necessary.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Philosophy Helen Andrews

- a) Tonight's 50/50 recipient will be Rae Ann Hutchins. Rae Ann is a 30-year bartender veteran at Pine Island Moose Lodge, who recently had a full shoulder replacement and will be out of work for a substantial time. Members will vote at the September General meeting to approve payment of funds to RA Hutchins. 50/50 payment to Hooker winners was paid.
- b) Fundraising - Belk's Charity Day **in-store coupon sales** by Matlacha Hookers **July 27 raised \$145. Remaining** Hooker in-store sales days are: August 17 11am-3pm, August 20 10am-2pm & August 24 10am-2pm. [Additional Hooker volunteers needed; contact Cindy Walton.] Belk's coupons may be bought by customers now for \$5 [entire \$5 goes to Matlacha Hookers]; customer may use the \$5 coupon immediately in store; however, purchases made prior to August 24th will be held in store for pick up on Saturday, August 24th or will be shipped free of charge to any continental US address. Urge early shopping for best availability. Coupons also offer a minimum 25% discounts & rewards.
- c) Financial Requests: We received a letter from the Pine Island Kiwanis Club soliciting our financial support of the **Kiwanis Park** [playground in St James City]. There is a front-page article in this week's *The Pine Island Eagle* with more details on the project. The Matlacha Hooker Board proposes that we make a one-time donation of \$1,000 [Silver level] to the Kiwanis Club for this project. Vote to approve will be held at the September general meeting.
- d) Other Hooker business - Julia Simpson is in the process of renewing our trademark which will expire September 30/19

Vice Madam Billie Young [on vacation] Membership report by Madam Philosophy

- a) Membership Report: 220 paid members, 22 in attendance tonight
- b) No new members to swear-in
- c) 2020 membership dues are now being collected, \$20.00 and \$21.00 if paying online through PayPal, ALL MEMBERS are asked to fill out a new membership application so that our database may be corrected or any changes
- d) Call Girls - Thank You to tonight's **Call Girls Genie Andrews & Kate Swanstrom**. Volunteer for next month's meeting DJ Ruscik
- e) August Birthday celebration for 3 Hooker sisters !

Secretary Cindy Walton

A HUGE THANK YOU TO CHRIS BUNTIN WHO DID A FANTASTIC JOB FILLING IN FOR CINDY AT BOTH JUNE MEETINGS AND THE JULY BOARD MEETING!

- a) Review and approval of **June & July** General Minutes to be voted on at the September General meeting
- b) No Online votes
- c) Read Mail – 2 thank you notes from PI Food Pantry, resignation letter from Karen McKee, thank you letter from Cape Coral Technical College for Taylor Newman’s scholarship, thank you note from Glenda Busscher for 50/50 donation, thank you note to Sandy Reynolds from Glenda Busscher
- d) Our new g-mail account is still in the works, but due to difficulties in confirming ownership of our domain name and bulk e-mails still being problematic members are urged to continue to look to our webpage and Facebook page for info.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

Review of **June & July** Financial Reports, approval vote will be at September General meeting. Members were reminded to contact Ginny anytime for explanations/clarifications of any financial questions.

Mango Mania volunteers earned \$615.00 in merchandise sales and \$361.00 in tips.

School drive success: \$750.00 in cash donated. \$1,000.00 donated to 10 needy students in the form of clothing, shoes and gift cards.

Chaplain - Genie Andrews - Chaplin & Outreach Reports:

In July there were five hardship requests totaling \$1,014.37

No card showers; two prayer showers [for Katt & Tom Parton and Katyn Horney]

Members are urged to remember Bonnie and Bob Kellen who are both experiencing health issues.

Genie received a donation of \$1.00 from teens on the Matlacha bridge just for being a “hooker”! Proudly sporting her Matlacha Hookers shirt!

Lorie Tidwell provided tonight’s joke, perfectly delivered by Genie Andrews “all the necessary equipment”.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1: Fundraisers

Dedicated

- A. **Scholarships:** Ginny Neff reported that she received \$2,000 check from Holly Aldridge to be used for a 2020 scholarship.
- B. **Merchandise Report:** [Jeanene Whitaker] Jeanene took over the position and physical merchandise June 20 and has completed a thorough inventory, folded, sorted and packed all. New Derby shirts are now available. She will be providing each style in each size to meetings for sale. If members know what they wish to purchase they should e-mail Jeanene in advance of the meeting so that she is sure to have it there.
- C. **P.I.E. Derby:** [Sunday, 11/3/19]: planning meetings have begun. Next planning meeting on Thursday, 8/29/19 6 PM @ Little Lilly’s Deli. **Volunteers in most areas needed;** please see Chairs Julia Simpson, Kate Swanstrom or Sandy Kerr.
- D. **Wine Event:** First planning meeting will be scheduled for September. This year’s event may be in March

2: Community Support & Assistance:

- A. Adopt-A-Road** – Next clean-up date is Saturday, **September 14, 2019**. Contact our Chaplain, Genie Andrews, to volunteer. Hopefully mowing will be completed by then and the grass is very long.
- B. Blood Drive** – blood drive on Saturday, August 3, 2019 @ Island Visions & Great Licks resulted in 22 total donations. Next blood drive in November; date and location TBD.
- C. Pine Island Food Pantry** July needs are for toiletries, Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, canned/package potatoes, tuna. Note: when toiletries are requested, large bars of soap are preferred.
- D. Mango Mania** - Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14 10 AM – 5 PM at German American Social Club of Cape Coral. Matlacha Hookers manned beverage & merchandise booths. **Ginny's Financial Report:** Merchandise sales \$615.00 & tips \$361.00 for a total of \$976.00. Tips from beverage sales given to Matlacha Hookers will be used in Scholarship Fund.
- E. FISH** [Fellow Islanders Sending Help] - last month Matlacha Hookers approved \$1,000 to FISH for new school clothes for ten children. This and other events we routinely support will be included in next year's proposed budget. Thanks to Julia Simpson who organized the drive and included a beautiful uplifting note with each donation bag.
- F. School Supplies Drive** – Hookers sorted donated school supplies & presented to school along with a \$750 check on Monday, 8/6/19. Thanks to Karen McKee who organized this year's drive and the many volunteers who assisted.

NEW BUSINESS & OTHER:

1. For health reasons, M.H. Director Karen McKee submitted her letter of resignation from the M.H. Board of Directors. D.J. Ruscik offered to fill this position for the remainder of Karen's term through December, 2019. Julia Simpson made motion to appoint D.J. Ruscik to this position, all board members present voted yes to approve (Ginny Neff, Kate Swanstrom, Genie Andrews, Chris Buntin, Helen Andrews, Jeanelle Havlin, Cindy Walton) Members are urged to send thoughts and prayers to Karen for continued healing. No card request at this time. Thank you to DJ for stepping up.
2. We have received a number of "Go Fund Me" requests promoting other people's fundraising. The Board discussed this new method of solicitation and determined that for the present time, "Go Fund Me" requests will be presented & individually reviewed by the M.H. Board to determine if further action is warranted.
3. 50/50 total collected \$81.00 Tonight's M.H. winners of \$41.00 are Verna Hayley and Melva W. (payment to RAH held for approval vote at September general meeting, Hooker sisters paid)
4. Tonight's donation to Food Pantry is \$35.00

Next **Board** Meeting: Tuesday, 9/3/19 6 PM @ Little Lilly's Island Deli, 10700 Stringfellow Rd, Bokeelia

Next **General** Meeting: Monday, 9/9/19 6:30 PM @ House of Omelets, 900 SW Pine Island Rd, Cape Coral

Future TENTATIVE locations:

Monday, 10/14/19 6:30 PM @ House of Omelets, 900 SW Pine Island Rd, Cape Coral

Monday, 11/11/19 6:30 PM @ House of Omelets, 900 SW Pine Island Rd, Cape Coral

Monday, 12/ 9/19 6:30 PM @ American Legion, 4106 Stringfellow Rd, St. James City

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m