



MATLACHA HOOKERS
DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATE: December 5, 2022
6:00 p.m. @ Firehouse #4
3500 SW Pine Island Road., Cape Coral, FL

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:13 p.m.

Attendance: Julia Gaylor, Natalie Gazda, Joanne Correia, DJ Ruscik, Anita Jannotti, Monica Kochel, Carolyn Ryzanych, Lucinda Good, Linda Bohacek

Absent: Deb Syring

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

- a) 50/50: Request by Cindy Walton to give to "That BBQ Place" in Matlacha
 - a. Where should funds come from or dismiss request? Unable to give funds to individuals; can do a donation through Outreach or Hurricane Relief fund but not 50/50 monies; Julia made motion to donate gift certificate of \$250 to the BBQ Place from Hurricane Relief funds. Motion carried.
It will be presented to Heather at the General Meeting.
 - b. Helping PAWS for 50/50- will bring to the membership
- b) Hooker Business - Donations: Thank you notes-Julia has sent out Thank You notes. She ask Deb Syring if she has sent any to donors.
 - a. \$10,000 from the Cundall Foundation - \$5,000 dedicated to FISH Christmas Basket Brigade
 - b. Donation from Costa and donated through the Cajun Navy Ground Force – New clothes-December 17th is when FISH has the parents and children choose Christmas gifts at the Methodist church. DJ will reach out to Karen Durand to make sure it will be okay to be out in the parking lot with the donated clothes so that individuals can shop for brand new clothes.
2. American Legion Auxiliary - breakfast with Santa on December 17th; games for children; they have enough donations for all the children that are registered; asking for names of families or seniors that are in need to "adopt" them. We can reach out to the membership for names. Will add this item to the general meeting agenda.
- c) Fundraising:
 - a. Caroling – Weekend of December 16th- December 16th we can do the American

Legion, Miceli's, etc. Joanne will reach out to various restaurants/businesses to make sure we can sing at their establishment. Lucinda will reach out to businesses in Cape Coral. We will pass around a sign-up sheet at the general meeting. DJ will create a sign-up sheet. Joanne has volunteered for Friday night. DJ volunteered for Saturday night, December 17th starting at Burnt Store Tavern @ 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 18th meet at Miceli's at 11:00 a.m.

- d) Financial Requests
 - a. Pine Island Elementary afterschool program - \$8,000 from now until end of year; Principal Tom suggested to keep them at school but needs funding to staff the program, background checks. Not to bring up at the general meeting. We will wait to hear from Principal Tom.
- e) Pine Island Cares – Hurricane Recovery Program – Update: The resource guide was created which has resources in the community; went through each department/organization what services they are providing; new non for profit is developing the Greater Pine Island Alliance to be able to get federal grants for hurricane relief, Beacon of Hope will be managing the money. Their mission statement is solely “hurricane recovery”. There will be paid jobs for recovery through this new non-profit.
 - a. We are working together with other organizations.
- f) December General Membership Meeting –Linda will call Pine Island Pizza; the board is paying for the food. This is our annual Holiday Meeting. Food to arrive at 5:30. Natalie will order a sheet cake from Sam's for the meeting.

Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

- a) Membership Report: 107 members for 2023;199 for 2022
- b) Elections – will send out an election Herald tomorrow, December 6th. Julia will write an article for the Herald on the 10th regarding the general meeting food and Holiday dress. Election will be for the 4 director positions. Need help at meeting registration: Linda, Lucinda, Natalie, Deb and Joanne have volunteered to help Julia check in members, verify dues paid and hand out election voting forms.
- c) Go Fund Me: need to change the name to Hurricane Rebuilding Committee; last meeting discussed what we have ordered; Julia will have the transportation finalized tomorrow; running on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. One 8 passenger vehicle. We committed for the month of December. Hoping this will be a transition to have Leeway to take over the route.
Ring Central: 239-244-1528- message service through an app. Julia will attend the demo tomorrow and provide us with more information.
Resource guide will be distributed to seven locations on Pine Island.
Having a realtor give us addresses of PI residents to send out a post card with the resource guide information.
Honey Wagon committed through the end of December. Have done \$2000.
Ice Trailer filled 5 times; partnered with ACE Hardware for building supplies; next handout next Monday at the Fire Station.

Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

- a) Review and approval of general minutes 6 online votes: DJ approved. Minutes approved.
- c) Mail - one letter read

Treasurer, Deb Syring -Not in attendance

- a) Review and approval of financial reports – Motion to approve September financials made by Linda Bohacek; motion carried; Joanne abstained pending a question on the Luau Committee and will reach out to Deb directly;
Motion to approve October financials made by Linda Bohacek; motion carried

Chaplain, Anita Jannotti

- a. Chaplin Report – no update
- b. Outreach Report – no requests;
A truck load of brand-new mattresses and bed frames will be arriving soon to the Beacon of Hope.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1.Fundraisers

- a) Merchandise Report - Linda – November \$4523. Three events this month. Will be placing another order with Dave Conner. Re ordering the pine wood maps; cutting boards and other new items.
- b) PIE Derby- Julia
- c) Island Luau- Joanne and Linda sent solicitation letters letting businesses know no need to donate but we are running the Luau. Split funds between Beacon of Hope and SJCC. Luau tickets at the general meeting next week. Approached Lisa from Olde Fish House if she can manage the food for the Luau but have not heard back.
- d) Travel Raffle- Natalie- No updates
- e) Cooling Ties – Natalie- No updates

2. Community Support

- a) Blood Drive – Next one in February
- b) Adopt a Road - Postponed until further notice
- e) Pine Island Food Pantry needs continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald
- f) ArtFest – Lorie will report at the December General Membership Meeting
- g) SJCC repairs (Joanne)- need kitchen appliances
- h) Fundraising form when partnering with other organizations (Joanne)- Need information before we can agree to an event. Joanne will be finalizing the form for review.

OTHER:

Next Board Meeting: January 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. location tentative at Firehouse #4. Outgoing Board Members must attend the first half of the meeting for December approvals.

Next General Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. @ American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd. St. James City

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 p.m.

Joanne made motion to adjourn; motion carried.