

2017 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MATLACHA HOOKERS

November 13, 2017

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Madam Douzie. Treasurer Ginny Neff lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with the opening invocation by Billie Young. There were 88 members present for the meeting.

Vice Madam Helen introduced new members Barbara Koenig, Sue Ann Germani, Jennipher Johnson and Sherry Moore who gave a brief background of themselves before the group. Madam Julia administered the oath of membership and the new Hookers were presented with their Lei's by Vice Madam Helen.

2018 BOARD CANDIDATES

Arlene Stornello, Election Committee Chairman, introduced the election committee and thanked them for their service. The members are: Bonnie Kellen, Theresa Kramer, Lorie Tidwell and Sonya Leonard. Arlene then introduced the 2018 Board Candidates and requested they acknowledge their acceptance of their nominations. The nominees are:

Karen McKee, Board Member

Debbie Cundill, Board Member

Jeanelle Havlin, Board Member

Billie Young, Chaplain

Virginia "Ginny" Neff, Treasurer

Helen Andrews, Vice Madam

Julia Simpson, Madam.

The nominees introduced themselves and Arlene requested nominations from the Floor. There is an opening on the Board for Secretary. There were no nominations from the Floor, therefore, the nominations were closed. Arlene indicated the election will be held at the December 11 meeting at the American Legion. Balloting can be done on-line or in person beginning at 5:30 at the December meeting. Madam Julia informed the membership that the Board approved a "hand-raise" instead of using paper ballots.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50. Madam Julia presented the Beacon of Hope's GED program. Darlene Widirsky made a motion to donate the proceeds from tonight's 50/50 raffle to the Beacon of Hope's GED program. Motion passed.
- b) Fundraising committee update. Madam Julia provided information to the membership about the Applebee's "Dine and Donate" program to be held on December 18 with proceeds going to Scholarships. On January 19th, 20% of all proceeds from Crispers will be donated to the Matlacha Hookers. Detailed information is available at the Board table. The Hookers will also be participating in the Beacon of Hope's Holiday House. Tina Bush provided details on this year's contribution and

requested gift cards and coupon donations for the treasure chest. Bring any donations to the meeting, or drop them off at Trader's Hitching Post or the Island Girl Fitness Center or Cambio Dermatology before Thanksgiving.

- c) Website. Some people have expressed difficulty with log in. Madam Julia reminded everyone that a log-in request has to be submitted. Any questions should be sent to Madam Julia. Other documents that are requested be posted to the web site should be sent to Madam Julia in a PDF format. Business Cards for associated businesses can be set up with a hyper-link to the company's web page. Business Cards need to be sent in a .JPEG format.
- d) Bylaws Age Requirement. Melva Wilzbach briefed the membership on the work done by the By-Laws Committee and the process involved in making the requested change. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation to present this change to the General Membership for a vote at the December meeting. Questions from the floor were answered and discussion ensued.
- e) Financial requests. None received.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership. With the inclusion of this evening's new members, the total active member count stands at 252.
- b) Member Appreciation. Vice Madam Helen recognized everyone with birthdays in November and the membership sang happy birthday. Vice Madam Helen also thanked the membership committee for their help during this busy time of member renewal along with call girls Lorie Tidwell and Theresa Kramer. Call girls for next month are Billie Young and SueAnn Germani.

Secretary – Jeanene Whittaker

- a) Review and Approval of General Minutes. Secretary Jeanene indicated there are two changes to the November minutes. After clarification a motion to approve the minutes from November was made by Nicole McQuade. Motion passed.
- b) Mail. An invitation to the Golisano Children's Hospital's Fashion Show and a solicitation from the Salvation Army for donation was received. The Secretary sent one thank-you card.
- c) Online Votes. There were two online votes by the Board of Directors in November.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Renewals. As renewals are processed, new membership cards will be mailed.
- b) At the PIE Derby, someone gave Ginny \$201. D.J. indicated these were for the sale of T-shirts.
- c) November Financials. Darlene Widirsky made a motion to accept the November Financials. Motion passed.

Chaplain Report

- A) Outreach Report. There was one request for rent and one card shower request.
- B) Adopt-A-Road. At the last pickup, there were four Hookers who helped. The next pickup will be December 14 beginning at 8:30 at the Olde Fish House Marina.

Events & Activities

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

- 1) Scholarships
 - a) Note Cards. PIE art teacher Gloria Venduzer's lower age group did the artwork for the note cards. As a reminder, the six locations where cards are available are: Bert's Pine Bay, Chamber of Commerce, Trader's Jewelry Shop, Matlacha Post Office, Island Girl Fitness and P.I.E. school.
 - b) Art Fest. Lorie Tidwell, Deb Cundill and Theresa Kramer are chairing this year's event to be held on February 2, 3 and 4. Registration for the beverage booths will be much easier this year. Last year, the Hookers raised over \$4,000 to benefit the scholarship fund.
- 2) PIE Derby. D.J. Ruscik, Kate Swanstrom and Toni Trivelli addressed the membership regarding the Derby. The wrap-up meeting will be held this Thursday at 6:00 at the Hooked Island Grill. A discussion ensued regarding the date for next year's event. Motion made by Kate Swanstrom that the date for next year will be the first Sunday in November in 2018. Motion passed.
- 3) Wine Event (benefits the Beacon of Hope's Senior Programs). Darlene Widirsky provided an update. This year's theme is "The Age of Aquarius" which covers fashion and trends from the 60's and 70's. The date is February 18th from 2:00 – 5:00 at Alden Pines. Everyone is asked to start bringing in good quality wine. There will be 200 tickets available at \$35 per ticket. The next planning meeting will be held December 7th at 6:00 at the Island Grill.
- 4) Merchandise Report. New items will include ball caps and car decals.

2: Community Support

A. Assistance:

1. Adopt-A-Road. See the Chaplains report.
2. Blood Drive. The blood drive held this past Saturday raised 25 pints. The next event will be held in February. Details will be provided at a later date.

B. Donations:

1. Pine Island Food Pantry. This month the Food Pantry had requested Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce and Macaroni and Cheese.
2. Christmas Caroling. Sign-up sheets are being distributed. Dates and times were reviewed and will be posted on the web site.
 - a. December 8th and 9th – St. James City. Meet at the Elks Club at 5:00.
 - b. December 15 – Matlacha and Cape Coral. Meet at 5:00 at the Sandy Hook.
 - c. December 17 – Bokeelia. Meet at 11:30 at the Elks Club.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The 50/50 raffle raised \$367. The winner was Karen Hite who will receive \$183 with the balance going to the Beacon of Hope.

The Chriskindlemart event at the German American Club will be held the first Saturday in December. The Matlacha Hookers were initially invited to sing in exchange for a donation, however, the commitment was not made in time for this year's event. The Hookers will keep this in mind for next year.

Holiday House for the Beacon of Hope. Madam Julia discussed this year's event for which the Hookers will be providing an entry. Anyone who would like to join in decorating a tree may contact Tina Bush for more information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Monday December 4, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Little Lily's Deli.

Next General Meeting Monday, December 11, 2017 at the American Legion. The pot luck dinner will start at 5:30 with the meeting beginning at 6:30. Food assignments will be made at a later date.