

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2017  
SANDY HOOK RESTAURANT**

**OPENING**

- Before the meeting started Theresa Kramer requested volunteers for ArtFest
- Call to Order – Madame Thank Heaven for Eleven Lorie Tidwell called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. There were 85 members present.
- Guest - F.I.S.H – Jeannie Glen a board member of F.I.S.H. Lorie Tidwell and Julia Simpson presented Jeannie with a check in the amount of \$2,131.05 which is money collected from Christmas Caroling.
- Pledge of Allegiance –Madam Lorie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation – Chaplain – Billie Young led everyone in prayer
- 2016 Board – Lorie Tidwell introduced the 2016 Board and thanked the board for working cohesively over the past year.
- New Members – Tina Bush/Helen Andrews – Helen introduced the one new member...Camille Coulborn. Madam Lorie led her and the membership in the Hooker oath. At this point several "new" members from December and prior months were "lei'd".

**2016 BOARD REPORTS -**

- Madame Thank Heaven for Eleven-Lorie Tidwell & Madam Dirty Dozen Julia Simpson – 50/50 The Board had voted to donate the **50/50** to the Moose for the Charity Golf Scramble in support of the Little League Scoreboard. Lorie thanked Tina for doing the Christmas tree which was donated at the **Beacon of Hope's Holiday House**. By the way, we have been invited to do a tree for the 2017 Holiday House also.
- Vice Madam – Helen Andrews said we had received a thank you from Bobby Holloway Sr. for the Bobby Holloway Jr. Memorial Fund; one from the Pine Island Food Pantry for our donations, and one from Principal Steven Hook for our checks to the school and teachers.
- Secretary – Darlene Widirstky asked if everyone had gotten the documents needed for this meeting. Everyone had received them. Nancy Chandler made a motion to accept the December minutes; all said yea, motion passed. Extra copies of the agenda are at the sign-on desk if needed. **There is an error in the agenda...the meeting in February will be at the American Legion, not Sandy Hook Restaurant. Melva Wilzbach wasn't at the December meeting but she said there is also an error in the December general minutes under Guest: was just brought to my attention and the correction is:** The amount that was given to P.I.E. was \$14,000.00 for the grants and ~~\$2500.00~~ for the teachers. \$5,000.00 goes to the teachers each school year, but it is given in two different checks, one for each semester.
- Treasurer – Melva Wilzbach-2016 – As of the December Balance Sheet we have \$68,660.75 in our checking account. Barb Jamison made a motion to accept the December financials; all said yea, motion passed. Julia Simpson made a motion to accept the November financials; all said yea, motion passed.
- Chaplain – Billie Young- 2016 & 2017 - There was one card shower in December.

**2016 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Outreach – Billie Young - There were no hardship requests in December
- Membership – Tina Bush – Thanked the call girls for this meeting. In February the call girls will be Debbie Memoli, Angela Telewick and Sheila Walters. The membership then sang Happy Birthday to the January birthday girls.

- Merchandise – Bev Hart told the membership that a new shipment of T-shirts had come in. She also asked that someone take over the responsibility of the merchandise and she would be more than willing to help train whoever it is.
- Scholarships – Lois Lemke and Peg Cruckshank with co-chair this committee.

**Installation of 2017 Board Members** – Madam Lorie Tidwell administered the oath of office to new Madam "Dirty Dozen" Julia Simpson. Madams Lori and Julia then administered the oath of office to the rest of the 2017 Board Members. The new Board then assumed their positions and the meeting continued.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### 1. FUNDRAISERS

#### A. DEDICATED

- Beacon of Hope – *Veni, Vidi, Vino* – Julia/Nancy/Darlene – Sunday, February 19, 2017. The next planning meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Island Grill. Everyone is asked to bring wine donations to the next general meeting.
- Scholarships
  - ☐ Notecards – Billie Young said that \$280.00 had been turned over to the Treasurer for Christmas cards sold. At the Hometown Carney 21 packs of notecards were sold.
  - ☐ Art Fest – Theresa Kramer & Lorie Tidwell reported on the Art Fest to be held February 3 - 5. There are many open volunteer slots that need to be filled. All membership is asked to assist with this important fundraising event.
  - ☐ Bag N' Tag – Co-chairs DJ Ruscik & Beth Nelson reported on the Bag N' Tag to be held Saturday March 11 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at Cambio Dermatology. Donations can be dropped off at Traders, Century 21 or call DJ to make arrangements. The committee requested large items be delivered directly to the event.

#### B. GENERAL

- Hooker Booth- no report

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### • DONATIONS

- Pine Island Food Pantry – Beth Nelson reported the Food Pantry has requested hamburger helper, canned tomatoes, and small packs of rice, potato, and/or noodles were needed.

### • ASSISTANCE

- Adopt-A-Road – the next cleanup is on February 23, 2017. See Billy if you would like to participate.
- Blood Drive – February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse.

## OTHER

Madam Julia reported the Hookers received a thank you from the Mariners for their participation in the Carney Event. The Hookers raised \$120.

As a reminder, the next general meeting will be held on February 13th at the American Legion in St. James City. This will be a pot luck and reminders will go out in the Hooker Herald.

The 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$166 was won by Hooker Paula Eiffler.

Nancy Goodwin moved for adjournment. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jeanene Whittaker  
Hooker Secretary