



**MATLACHA HOOKERS**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 2023**

**DATE: June 12, 2023**

**American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, FL@ 6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Tania Watkins

**BOARD REPORTS**

Madam DJ Ruscik

1. 50/50: School Supply Drive Anna Van Kirk made motion; motion carried
  2. Storage Unit/Trailer updates – DJ- Jill and her husband organized and installed shelves. We will be consolidating items this summer in the storage unit; we will need volunteers; the trailer tags have been renewed. The chamber will be using the trailer for MangoMania.
1. Financial Requests
    - a. July Fireworks - \$250 approved by the Board; American Legion Auxiliary will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers at the Legion from 11:00 to 3:30
    - b. July 15<sup>th</sup> Summer Fest hosted by Sons of American Legion at the American Legion Post 136 – We will be donating a Raffle Basket of Matlacha Hooker items, etc.
  2. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:
    - a. MangoMania – July 15<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers needed; sign up sheets available to sign up. We are the largest volunteer organization for the PI Chamber of Commerce; they depend on us and we are members in good standing; this is an opportunity to volunteer; they need to direct parking, etc. We are doing 2 hour shifts with more details to follow at the next meeting.
    - b. 25th Anniversary- Anniversary shirt design ideas; Design Contest; our logo with silver hook; deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  3. Fundraising:
    - a. Travel Raffle- Darcy- Requesting volunteers for MangoMania; we could have teams of 2 with 2 hour shifts;

- b. PIE Derby - Julia/Monica – Wrap up meeting on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Knight's Landing in Bokeelia @ 6:00 p.m.; as of the board meeting last week there is still some outstanding monies still coming in; we may be able to present to PIE principal in August; parents had good reports; a lot of positive comments; we couldn't accommodate the adult fishing tournament; 89 kids fished;
- c. Water Lantern Festival – Lorie- we are looking into this; it's a national event and they will be doing it in Cape Coral/Ft. Myers, they do not have a date; when we have more information the board will make a decision and we will bring it to the membership; this will be a 4-6 hour time commitment; Linda has placed a request to have Hooker Merchandise at the event;
- d. ArtFest- update Lorie- the Ipads showed \$600 in cash sales; 2 bottles of water and a beer is what was actually sold; they reduced our tip amount by \$600.; Our Board has sent a formal letter regarding our concerns to the Board of ArtFest. At this time, we ask that everyone be patient until further notice and we receive their response; we won't be participating next year in the event.

#### 4. Hooker Business:

- a. Hurricane Rebuilding Fund- Deb; Local Business Grant update; grant reviewers committee met on Saturday; the generator raffle and preparedness kits; generator raffle will be at MangoMania; preparedness kits are being created from hurricane fund; we have received 6 applications for the business grants; June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline; winners of the grants will be invited to the July General Meeting to receive their grant money;

#### Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

1. Membership Report: 206, 88 are new
2. Meeting Attendance: 45 plus 4 guests (the guests joined at this meeting)
3. New member swear-in: Kay Lehman, Sherry Rogerson, Maria Sosfre and Louise Clair Raffa
4. Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Donna Trusik and Emily Pancoast
5. Birthday celebrations!

#### Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Review and approval of general minutes Barb Woods made motion to approve May General Meeting minutes; motion carried
2. Mail – read 3 thank you letters

#### Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Review and approval of financial reports; Kelly LaMagna made motion to approve April Financials; motion carried

#### Chaplain, Tania Watkins

1. Chaplin Report: N/A
2. Outreach Report : N/A-
3. Joke Read
4. Card shower will be in the next Herald- Adrienne Bartell

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

### 1. Fundraisers

- a. Merchandise Report- Linda Bohacek- \$2,642.00 in May; we will be taking the month of June off; more items are being re ordered and possibly new item at MangoMania We have A LOT of Derby shirts.

### 2. Community Support

- a. Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Needs are: bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, canned diced tomatoes, instant mashed potatoes, jelly, elbow macaroni, penne or ziti pasta, egg noodles and saltine crackers. Check updates in Hooker Herald. Bring 2 non-perishable items to each meeting or donate to the food pantry jar at the meeting. You can drop off at the Food Pantry, Matlacha Post office and American Legion.
- b. MangoMania- July 15th, 2023 at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, Bokeelia
- c. Blood Drive – August 5th; Methodist Church 10am – 3pm
- d. Fourth of July Celebration- Tania-Beltran Landscaping/Nursery will be providing us with their trailer; need volunteers arrive by 9:30; we will like to throw out popsicles; if you would like to donate popsicles let Tania know need by June 30<sup>th</sup> at the latest; show up with a construction hat, tool belt, gloves, hat; have room for 10 on the float and more walking along the trailer and handing out popsicles;
- e. Free the Girls- donate gently used bras; organization supports girls who were trafficked in third world countries. Bring the bras to a meeting
- f. School Supply Drive- Christy Rau and Joyce Boyer; contact Christy and/or Joyce if you want to help. Bins go out to the community at the end of June. Supplies will be placed in back packs; bring supplies to the next general membership meeting.
- g. PIE Volunteer form- Christy Rau; school volunteers that will be returning to volunteer at the school Christy has the forms that need to be completed.
- h. F.I.S.H Clothing Supply Drive- Darcy; Hookers provide clothing for 20 children, it's in our budget. On August 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Basket Brigade in conjunction with the Hooker's School Supply Drive. Need shampoo and deodorant. Will be at the Methodist Church; working with Lee County Health, Fire Department, Kiwanas will be having a back to school party at the community pool.
- i. Adopt A Road- Lorie -Potential dates, Saturday July 22nd or the 29th at 8:00 a.m. Meeting area TBD. Clean the road from Yucatan to Micelli's

### OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 240.00                      Tonight's winners: Tracy Cress and Cindy Walton  
Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$ \$122.00  
Next Board Meeting: June 26 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island Cafe  
Next General Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023 6:30 p.m. @ TBD  
Motion made to adjourn meeting by Sandy Reynolds  
Meeting adjourned @ 7:56 p.m.