



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 8th, 2024

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

Guests – Principal Tom Millins was invited to say a few words as he is leaving Pine Island as the Principal. He said it was a hard decision to leave. He is very thankful for all the Hookers support that we give the school. He was presented with a Pine Island map plaque from our Hooker Merchandise team.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Linda Bohacek

1. 50/50: Randal Research Center: Motion by Lorie Tidwell to approve. Motion

carried.

2. Financial Requests: none

3. Upcoming Events and volunteers needed:

a) Cape Coral Art Fest: Date is Jan 13 and 14 10 am - 5 pm. – Linda Bohacek/ Still need a few more volunteers. Event located on 1427 Cape Coral Parkway. Booth 250 near Wendy's.

b) 25th Anniversary Celebration - Sunday, Feb 4th, DJ Ruscik and Carolyn Ryzanych Final items being done, last meeting will be this Thursday. Look for information in the Herald. Event will be held at Doug Taylor Circle next to the Beacon of Hope.

c) Island Luau Date is Sunday Feb 25th – Please bring any unwanted jewelry, coconuts for décor, basket making supplies, gift cards and items for Island Luau baskets, or stand alone items or excursions, etc. Don't forget to bring a bottle of wine.

Next meeting is Jan 22, 6 pm at Salty Girls Cafe. Need Gift cards or items to help stuff

the baskets.

The solicitation committee will start canvassing soon. Follow up email needs to be sent out to businesses as we were informed the link is not working.

Basket making will be at Beth Nelson's home on Manatee Drive from 9-12 on Feb 19th.

Pricing for Chic Boutique will be on February 7th at 10 am.

Humanitix.com is the website for luau tickets. A total of 76 tickets have been sold so far. Incorrect website sent out to businesses for donations. Issue will be corrected.

d) Bag N Tag and Breakfast -Saturday March 16th Theresa Shattuck and Carolyn Ryzanych are co-chairs for Bag N Tag; Julia Gaylor and Tania Watkins are co-chairs for the pancake breakfast. Natalie Gazda will be the cashier. We have a trailer, it will be picked up next week, stored at the maxwell house. Need donations of already sorted clothing. Household items need to be in a closed box or bin.

e)We have a trailer clean up date scheduled for Jan 16th at 9am. Park at the Maxwell house on Lobeau Ave .

f) Pine Island Derby, date is May 19th at Jug Creek- DJ Ruscik and Julia Gaylor chairs with Monica Kochel and Lisa Perry Co-chairing. End of January will be the kick off meeting. We will include silent auctions, possibly 10-12 items and we will keep the "hook a basket". Details will be in the herald.

g) Membership Survey Linda Bohacek and Kelly LaMagna. Survey will be going out to members this week. Test one has been sent to the board. Please complete it as soon as you can.

4. Fundraising:

a) Travel Raffle - \$25 each, drawing will be at the next General Meeting on Feb.12th. DJ Ruscik Two dates are set for Winn Dixie. Jan 20 and Jan 27 from 9-3.

b) Merchandise Report: Linda Bohacek/Sherri Davis - \$2830 for December. A new hoodie will be introduced at the next event.

Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych, Membership

a) Membership Report: 142 members 2024 21 new members

b) Meeting Attendance: 59 in attendance tonight

c) New member swear-in: Jennifer Nolan, Donna Andre, Christine Crecy, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Donna Haugen,Shaunda Lindsay

d) Call Girls: Thank You and next month's volunteers: Lorah Tidwell and Donna Andre

e) Birthday celebrations!

Secretary, Monica Kochel

a) Review and approval of general minutes. Motion by Kelly LaMagna to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

b) Mail - none

c) Computer purchase request, Deb Syring offered her old Hooker laptop to be used in place of current laptop.

Treasurer, Deb Syring

a) Review and approval of financial reports for November and December to End of Year.
Any questions please email Deb Syring

b) Motion by Darcy Conner to approve November and December Financials. Motion carried.

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

a. Outreach Report none

B. Joke read

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

a) Adopt-A-Road: January 13th, 2024 at 8:30. Meet at Blue Dog Lorie Tidwell - Yucatan to D&D
Still need a few more volunteers

b) Blood Drive: Thursday, Feb 8th, 2024 at Winn Dixie from 10am to 3 pm

c) Pine Island Food Pantry needs – check update in the Hooker Herald. Bring items to the General Membership meetings. Every member is asked to bring two non-perishable items to each Meeting and a Donation Jar is available.

d) Free the Girls- Please donate gently used bras; organization supports girls who were trafficked in third world countries. Bring to meeting and give to DJ.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$260 Tonight's winner: \$130 Jeanie Glenn

Volunteer of the month \$130 Christy Rau

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$96

Announcements: **Card shower request: Cindee Tolliver's husband, Jerry, who fell. Information will be in the next Herald.**

Next Board Meeting: Monday, Feb 5, 2024 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girls Cafe

General Meeting: Monday, Feb 12, 2024 6:30 p.m. @ American Legion Post

Meeting adjourned @ 7:27 pm. Motion to adjourn by Lorie Tidwell, motion carried