

Matlacha Hookers – P.I.E. Project 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 30, 2020 – Moose Lodge

Attendance: DJ Ruscik, Tara Efird

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Committee to discuss ideas for P.I.E. Project 2020. The annual P.I.E. Derby & Fishing Tournament will not be held in November due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Millins, Principal of Pine Island Elementary, emailed a list of potential project ideas for the school. The committee will estimate costs for each project to decide which projects are most feasible. There is no deadline for funds to be raised or projects to be completed. DJ will ask Dr. Millins if there is a day she can walk around the school campus to see what beautification is needed. Several committees can be working on different projects instead of just one. The committee does not want to solicit for community sponsors because of how businesses have been impacted by the pandemic. However, a write-up in the Pine Island Eagle will indicate that the Hookers are still raising money for the school, even though the Derby has been cancelled. Donations, of supplies or cash, will be accepted if businesses or individuals want to **donate**.

Potential Projects:

- Beautification of campus/ Revamp of the school courtyard
- New picnic tables
- Awning/Shade for the playground
- Updating library books
- Raised vegetable or flower garden beds

Possible fundraising ideas:

- Pancake breakfast – To-go pancake breakfast to be prepared and picked up at the School or Moose Lodge. Tickets can be pre-sold at \$7 or \$8 per ticket. Tara will research options for an electronic ticketing system so cellphones can be used as tickets instead of giving paper copies. DJ will inquire if there is a team of Hookers willing to prepare and serve the pancakes. It's estimated that 15-20 volunteers are needed.
- Online auction – Dr. Millins gave an example of an online auction he did at his previous school. It can be viewed here <https://www.32auctions.com/nfmaa>. This fundraiser could also be considered for the wine event if a better fit.
- Brick painting – DJ has bricks that can be sold to be decorated. The bricks can then be used around the school as part of the beautification process. Estimated price of bricks are \$5 each.
- T-Shirts – T-Shirts would have the names of the consistent Derby sponsors from previous years even though donations will not be solicited. Inexpensive white t-shirts can be ordered to save money if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm