

## 2017 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### MATLACHA HOOKERS

October 9, 2017

#### Opening

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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 53 present at the meeting.

Vice Madam Helen introduced new members Sharron Fowler, Cindy Walton and Barbara Southwood who gave a brief background to the membership. Madam Julia administered the oath of membership and the new Hookers were presented with their Lei's by Vice Madam Helen.

#### BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50. Madam Julia presented two opportunities for the proceeds of this month's 50/50 drawing. The Beacon of HOPE GED program and the Everglades Relief Benefit. Dawn Raymond presented information about the Everglades Relief Benefit to be held this Saturday at the Ragged Ass Saloon. Dawn visited the Chokoloskee community and witnessed the flooding devastation. She also announced the Pine Island Community Church's efforts in providing relief supplies to the area on a regular basis. Additional details will be sent out to the membership on a Hooker Herald. Madam Julia then asked for a motion from the floor on the recipient of the 50/50 raffle proceeds. Sonya Leonard made a motion the proceeds be given to the Everglades Relief. Motion passed.
- b) Fundraising committee update. Madam Julia provided information to the membership about the Applebee's "Dine and Donate" program. Detailed information is available at the Board table.
- c) Website. The new website is up and running but is a continuing "work in process". Madam Julia requested that any documents or information that members would like placed on the website be provided to her in a Word Document but preferably a PDF format.
- d) Bylaws Age Requirement. Madam Julia reminded everyone a suggestion will be up for vote at the December meeting to remove the age requirement from the bylaws which would allow for flexibility by the Board should the age requirement be changed in the future.
- e) Financial requests. Wreaths Across America requested a donation to support their efforts to place wreaths at the headstones of veterans in Lee County. The Board of Directors voted for a \$150 donation to this organization.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership. With the inclusion of this evening's new members, the total active member count stands at 241.
- b) Member Appreciation. Vice Madam Helen recognized everyone with birthdays in October 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 D.J. Ruscik and Sandy Kerr who sold 50/50 tickets. Next month's call girls are Lorie Tidwell and Debbie Anspach.

Secretary – Jeanene Whittaker

- a) Review and Approval August and September General Minutes. Secretary Jeanene informed the group that there are two sets of minutes to approve this evening. The August minutes were deferred

at the September meeting since the distribution did not occur as the result of power outages from Hurricane Irma. Questions from the floor were answered. Vickie Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes from August. Motion passed. Joanne \_\_\_\_\_, made a motion to approve the September minutes. Motion passed.

- b) Mail. Thank you letters were read from Principal Hook at Pine Island Elementary and Evelyn Melchiorre with Ryan's Case for Smiles for the Hooker donations.
- c) Online Votes. There were two online votes by the Board of Directors in September.
- d) Hooker Heralds. Anyone in attendance who is not receiving the Hooker Heralds should see Jeanene after the meeting to verify their email address. Clarification on a name correction will be sent out.
- e) PIE Derby Desserts. As Chairman of the Dessert Table for the PIE Derby, it is requested donations be dropped off the morning of the event or, if anyone is unable to drive, please contact Jeanene and she will be happy to pick up from your house. It was suggested we utilize volunteer "runners" to accept food and dessert donations and run deliver those from the front parking lot to the food tables. Jeanene will coordinate volunteers and set this up at the Olde Fish House.

#### Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Review and approval of the July, August and September Financial Reports. Questions from the floor were answered regarding the financials. Nicole McQuade made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Motion passed.
- b) Treasurer Ginny informed the membership that the accountant has still not completed the taxes but that she remains vigilant in follow up until this is completed.

#### Chaplain Report

- A) Outreach Report. There were two requests for utility assistance, two requests for food, one request for gas and two requests for rent. There were no card shower requests. .

#### Election

Madam Douzie introduced the election committee who handed out nomination forms. The committee reviewed the election process and timeline and read the overview of each position to be filled. Nomination forms were collected and will be tallied by the election committee. Nominations will also be permitted from the floor at the November meeting. Madam Douzie also indicated the election form will be sent out via Hooker Herald for the benefit of those members not in attendance at this evening's meeting.

#### Events & Activities

##### 1: Fundraisers

##### A. Dedicated

##### 1) Scholarships

- a) Note Cards. PIE art teacher Gloria Venduzer will introduce the lower age group to begin their drawings. Hopefully, they will be ready at the November meeting. As a reminder, the five 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) Merchandise Report. P.I.E. Derby shirts are now available at this meeting. Short-sleeve shirts are \$20 and long-sleeved shirts are \$25.

- 2) PIE Derby. D.J. Ruscik, Kate Swanstrom and Toni Trivelli addressed the membership regarding the Derby:
  - a. The next meeting of the PIE Derby Committee is this Thursday, October 12 starting at 6:00 at the Island Grill.
  - b. The meetings to build baskets are scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 6:00 and October 28 from 2;00 – 6:00. All are welcome to join in the fun or to donate supplies that will be used to make baskets. This year, we are asking for more donations directed at children’s items. A special group of “Children’s Prize Baskets” are going to be made available.
  - c. Food donations for the fish fry are complete with the commitments made at this evening’s meeting.

## 2: Community Support

### A. Assistance:

1. Adopt-A-Road. The next event will be October 19 beginning at 8:30 at the Olde Fish House.
2. Blood Drive. The next event will be November 11 from 10:00 to 2:00 at \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Donations:

1. Pine Island Food Pantry. Last month \$71 was collected but no weight total was provided on actual food items collected.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

The 50/50 raffle raised \$217. The winner was Bonnie Kellen who will split the proceeds with the Everglades Relief Fund.

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 Madam Julia for more information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Monday November 6, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Little Lily’s Deli.

Next General Meeting Monday November 13, 2017 at the Sandy Hook Restaurant beginning at 6:30. Candidates running for the 2018 Board of Directors will be introduced at the meeting.