

MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2019

Call to Order by Madam Philosophy at House of Omelets @ 6 p.m
Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Philosophy
Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain
Attendance: 44 members and 23 guests

GUESTS: 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS INTRODUCED AND PRESENTED THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS BY CAROLYN SPRAGUE. 23 applications were received. 11 scholarships were awarded. Other committee members present were Dee Hanks, Joanie Clay, Peg Cruckshank, and Amy Hermann. One scholarship is in memory of Sarah Sciple, former Hooker. Kathy Foley spoke about her scholarship doation and awarded it to Taylor Newman. Ed Franks was present to photograph the recipients for the PI Eagle.

Each recipient receives \$2,000.00 to be used at any post-secondary institution.

The total amount the Matlacha Hookers have awarded through the "Hooked On Education" Scholarships since 2003 is \$169,200.

2019 Scholarship Awardees:

Kaylee Brillhart (scholarship accepted by her mother) is attending Duke University. She is majoring in Public Policy.

Jonathan Bush will attend Goldsmiths University of London. He will major in Media and Communications.

Noah Cicoria will attend Dalton State. He is majoring in Business Management.

Sara Ellis will attend the University of South Florida. She will major in Health Science/Pre Med.

Kylie Keyso will attend Pennsylvania State University. She will major in Pre Medicine.

Jessy McLean (her mother read a letter of thanks) is attending Emory University. She is majoring in Human Health & Nutrition Science.

Mia Nelson will attend Connecticut College. She will major in Behavioral Neuroscience.

Brittany Newman is attending Florida Southwestern State College. She is majoring in Nursing.

Taylor Newman will attend Cape Coral Technical College. She will major in Medical Assistant.

Armando Perez is attending Florida Southwestern State College. He is majoring in Business.

Anonda Rapp will attend Florida State University. She will major in Psychology and Law .

Guests were dismissed and the meeting proceeded.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Philosophy Helen Andrews

- a) May 50/50 to benefit Alissa Messer. A local young girl whose father recently passed in a boating accident.
- b) Requests/Financial Requests

1. Little League fish fry fundraiser for Alissa Messer is May 18. The board has voted to provide a basket for the raffle and support the bake sale. Members are encouraged to donate baked goods and support the event. It will begin around 11 a.m following Little league closing ceremonies, for info/donations contact Nicole McQuade.

2. Matlacha Hooker assistance was requested to help save the children's playground in St James City due to the Lions Club not renewing the lease. Once a plan is developed the Hookers will consider the options for assistance.

3. Pine Island Cares requested assistance with the funding/maintenance of their new transportation van. A donation of \$500.00 was approved to cover the cost of placing Matlacha Hookers logo on the van. Additional funding will be necessary monthly or annually to help defer costs of approx. \$3,000.00/month. Karen McKee spoke about the need and how very useful the van will be to islanders, and gave thanks to Cliff Blumenthal and Ronda Czarneke for spearheading the project.

c) Hooker Business

1. A request was received from the Chamber of Commerce to assist with 2020 Mullet Toss children's activity tent.

2. Funding the 11th \$2,000.00 scholarship awarded from the Matlacha Mariners donation in the name of Dana Goodwin.

3. Mango Mania sign-ups are available tonight for merchandise table and beverage sales (we WILL receive the tip money earned). Event will be 10-5p.m on July 13 and 14. Our own DJ Rusick is 2019 Mango Queen ! Info at mangomaniafl.org

4. July 4th Parade sign-ups tonight organizers are Julia Simpson and Kate Swanstrom, theme will be announced at the 1st planning meeting TBA, Nicole McQuade has offered the use of a trailered boat for our float.

Vice Madam Billie Young

a) Membership Report: 220 paid members to date

b) New member Mary Catherine (MC) lei'd.

c) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers Mary Catherine Hinnant and Kate Swanstrom

d) May Birthday celebration

e) April 25th Margaritaville hosted 32, lots of karaoke was sung!

Secretary Cindy Walton

a) Review and Approval of April General Minutes, motion to approve by Julia Simpson, all in favour.

b) No Online Votes

c) Mail: Thank you from Boy Scout Troop 20 for \$870.00 donation towards summer camp, request from PI Little League to assist with Messer family fundraiser, thank you from PIE for \$1,600.00 to their art department via ArtFest, thank you from PI Food Pantry for April's donation of \$40.00/51 lbs of food, invitation from FSU to graduation ceremonies for Ryan C Robertson (a past scholarship recipient)

d) Review of Secretary Procedures: Board agreed to the following changes

- delete making 5-10 copies of agenda before the meeting
- move member check-in items to vice-madam/membership committee
- Add Hooker Herald section to compose and send informational e-mail 2x/month or as needed

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

a) Books balanced and in good order, no vote being called tonight.

Chaplain Genie Andrews

a) Chaplin Report: 1 rent request approved for \$600.00

b) Outreach Report: 2 card requests, Sonya Leonard thanked the members for the cards she recently received

c) Pine Island Cares will not be utilizing the software package they had been considering.

d) Centennial Bank has offered the use of their roadside sign to promote our events.

WHISPERING THANKS FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL JOKE !

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

- a) Scholarships: 11 scholarships awarded of 23 applicants
- b) Merchandise Report: new shirts being ordered
- c) Wine Event: \$6,300.00 donation to the Beacon of Hope Senior Program this Friday 17th @ 9:30a.m
- d) PIE Derby: Initial planning meeting was held May 9th, Chairs this year are Kate Swanstron, Julia Simpson, and Sandy Kerr. T-shirts are being ordered to arrive for Mango Mania sales. Hanging plastic fish will be made at the children's tent, donations of water bottles, fishing line and paint pens are requested. Members also discussed a tree submission to the Beacon Holiday House decorated with these fish.

2: Community Support

A. Assistance:

- a) Adopt-A-Road: 11 participants April 27th, next event Saturday in June
- b) Blood Drive: DJ Ruscik reported 17 donors at May event, next drive in August location TBA
- c) Pine Island Food Pantry needs toiletries. The postal food drive collected +6,000 lbs. of food. Our own Peg Cruckshank was honoured for her efforts with the drive over the years.
- d) School Supply Drive: Karen McKee reported the drive to begin in June and run through July, the list of supplies requested will be posted in an upcoming Hooker Herald.
- e) Karen McKee reminded members of the weekly bingo offered at The Olde Fish House, free to play with \$2.00 50/50 games which support local causes.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 212.00 Tonight's winners sharing \$106.00 are Lorie Tidwell and Julia Simpson

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$66.00

Many thanks to House of Omelets for hosting our recent meetings!

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 3/19 @ Little Lily's Deli

Next General Meeting: Monday, June 10/19 @ Caloosa Club, directions will be in a Hooker Herald.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:54 on a motion by Nicole McQuade