

# MATLACHA HOOKERS

## General Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

*Call to Order/ Madam DouZie*

*Pledge lead by – Ginny Neff*

*Invocation – Genie Andrews*

Special Guests: Beacon of H.O.P.E President, VP and Board member for presentation of \$9,400.00 check for donation from wine event. President spoke with words of thanks for Hookers' support of seniors on the island and all the good the donation will do. Board member Carol told of a recent home renovation done by the Beacon for a woman living alone who desperately needed assistance with an infestation problem and how her life has since improved.

### BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50 Suggestions –Randell Research Center, Island Girl Scouts Troop Motion by DJ Ruscik to donate to Troop 49, all in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Matlacha Specialty Market 20% donation from their long/short sleeved shirts/ 6 pack coolers has been extended through April be sure to mention you are there for the Matlacha Hookers.
- c) Financial Requests – Wreaths across America: \$110.00 donation approved for 144 flags to be placed on Veteran's gravesites for Memorial Day Services at Coral Ridge Cemetery.
- d) Board Voted on minimum age of 18 for new members which is now in the procedures and can be changed by future boards. By Laws will be revised with the assistance of our legal counsel to reflect the change.
- e) 2018 brochures ordered reflecting the new dates for annual events.
- f) Members discussed the pros and cons of new meeting venues. House of Omelets has offered their restaurant for our meetings. Points of discussion included: the venue is off island, many of our members live in Cape Coral, difficulty in finding a venue on the island for such a large group, smoking policy can be a deterrent for some members, House of Omelets is closed to the public during meetings giving privacy to discussions. Motion by Nicole McQuade to hold May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at House of Omelets on Pine Island Road, all in favor.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership: 2 new members lei'd.
- b) Call Girls – thank you Debbie Cundall and Bonnie Gunnoe, volunteers for next meeting Karen McKee and Beverley Kindred.
- c) April birthdays celebrated including our Vice Madam's birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Hooker Night Out will be April 18<sup>th</sup> @ Olde Fish House Marina & Restaurant with a 60s/70s theme and crab races. Doors open at 5:30, party is 6-8. Free for all Hookers, guests pay \$5 and may join that night for \$15.

Secretary – Cindy Walton

- a) Review and Approval of March 2017 minutes tabled to May as minutes were not sent.

- b) No Online Votes
- c) Mail received: Thank you from American Legion Auxiliary, Thank you from VFW, and donation card and letter from Harry Chapin Food Bank

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

Technical problems have occurred with deposits recorded as expenses in error, to be corrected.

Chaplain – Genie Andrews

- a) Chaplin Report: No card shower requests.
- b) Outreach Report: One hardship request for rent.

## 1: Fundraisers

### A. Dedicated

- 1) Scholarships — Secret Sisterhood Scholarship allows Hookers to donate any amount to be combined with other donations to add to our scholarship fund. Checks can be mailed to Ginny Neff, 4939 Pinfish Lane, SJC 33956 and must be received by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Fund is just short of 11 scholarships.
  - a: All occasion Note Cards have been delivered to the local vendors.
  - b: Bag N Tag & Pancake Breakfast Report: All the breakfast items were donated, thanks to those businesses and individuals who made the donations. Breakfast netted \$530. Beacon GED students helped with set-up and break-down. All unsold items were donated to PICC. With thanks to the many volunteers the event netted \$2,693.58
- 2) Merchandise Report – Lorie Tidwell – working on ordering new merchandise. Merchandise will be available at the May meeting and is also available at Traders Hitching Post.
- 3) 20<sup>th</sup> PIE Fishing Tournament will be November 4/18 (now always the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November). The first planning meeting will be next month, anyone interested in being involved is urged to attend. 2017 event had 3 chairwomen as is needed for 2018 event.

## 2: Community Support

### A. Assistance:

- 1) Adopt-A-Road – Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> meet for breakfast @7:45 Perfect Cup and @8:30 behind Olde Fish House
- 2) Next blood drive will be May 5th, 10-3 @ Island Grill, Pint for a Pint
- 3) A request came from the leader of Girl Scout Troop 49 on Pine Island to have Hookers attend their April meeting to discuss our organization and the importance of giving back. Madam DouZie and Cindy Walton will attend the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and present the proceeds of tonight's 50/50.

### 3: Donations:

- A. Pine Island Food Pantry – Lorie Tidwell – Needs this month: Canned Ravioli & Boxed Cereal. In March Hookers donated 81 lbs. of food and \$169.00
- B. School supply drive will be chaired by Jean Dickason, assisted by Karen McKee and Cindy Walton.

### OTHER:

Peg Cruckshank discussed the Postal Food Drive (May 12<sup>th</sup>) All food remains on the island, volunteers are needed at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in Bokeelia to sort food as it comes in, 9:30-3:30. Sign up tonight or contact Peg to volunteer.

Tonight's 50/50: \$132.00 to Dora Rogers and \$133.00 to Girl Scout Troop 49

Next Board Meeting: Monday May 7, 2018 @ Little Lilly's deli 6pm

Next General Meeting: Monday May 14, 2018 @ House of Omelets, 900 SW Pine Island Road, doors open @ 5p.m., meeting @ 6:30.

Adjourned @ 7:50p.m.