



MATLACHA HOOKERS

2025 July Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 14, 2025

6:30 @ Waterfront Restaurant

2131 Oleander Street, St James City, FL 33956

Call to Order by Madam Linda Bohacek – 6:34 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam

Invocation by Anna VanKirk

Congratulations to DJ who was selected by the American Legion Post 136 to be the Grand Marshal of the 4th of July parade.

BOARD REPORTS Madam Linda Bohacek

1. 50/50: Hooker School Supply drive – Motion made by Tammy Lynch; Passed
2. Financial Requests - None
3. Membership Dues alignment with fiscal year – Will present bylaw change in August Meeting...and then in September will vote on it.
4. Pine Island United Methodist Church – Donation of \$100 for Block Party, August 2nd
5. Website update – Julia looking to have updated version by end of the month
6. Fundraiser brainstorming - member activity – Gathering fundraising ideas now to add to Hooker Calendar as well

Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed

1. Fundraising:

- a. P.I.E. 2025-2026 School Supply Drive- Christy – low donations level so far and historically will receive more later in the drive. Prefer to have school supplies versus cash.
- b. Stuff the Trailer- 50/50 school supplies July 19th at 11 am – reach out to DJ for volunteers
- c. School supply distribution - August 5th 3:45 pm- 5:30 pm P.I.E. School- Christy; volunteers to show up at 3:30; backpack stuffing on July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at P.I.E
2. Ft Myers River District Alliance Art Walk August 1st,5-9pm - Lorie and Donna have volunteers but would love smiling faces at the event. Please join us!
3. Member mixers supporting businesses- Line dancing class 9-10 am every Saturday morning at PICC with Leigh – Beacon Nutrition Bingo will be once a month part of Harry Chapin foundation – will let group know next one
4. F.I.S.H. (Fellow Islanders Sending Help) Kids School Clothing Drive-Lorie and Cheryl shopped for 20 kids
5. Social media/Fundraising meeting on July 16 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl's – Will review the surveys and start planning next steps
6. P.I. Elementary Fishing Derby-2026 November 2nd; Tammey and Donna are co-chairs; the next meeting is July 17th at 6:00 p.m. Street Eats & Ale – moving along and will need volunteers for soliciting and baskets

Past Events and Fundraisers

1. July 4th Parade- Award and volunteer recognition- Kelly, Cheryl, Kimmy Rasmussen, Julie Robbers, Anna VanKirk, Lorie Tidwell, Joy Ziss, Jeanelle Havlin, and Sandi Lewis-Bacon Hookers Awarded 2nd Place
2. Adopt-a-Road- Lorie; will start in the fall
3. Matlacha Art Walk from 5-8 - July 11th- Donna – Hookers didn't participate in June; This will be the last Friday of the month – can contact Carol at MCA or Jennifer at Island Flair
4. Mango Mania July 12th, 9am- 5pm Winn Dixie – Thanks for the volunteers

Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych, Absent

1. Membership Report: members 167; new 36
2. Meeting attendance: 34
3. Upcoming Officer and Board Elections – start thinking about applying for positions. All officers and 3 Directors positions will be open.
4. Membership Brochure update – asking for a committee to update the brochure-want to keep basic information but update with new photos and information
5. Call Girls: DJ & Natalie
6. Next month's Call Girls - Scotty Tomas and Julie Robbers

7. Birthday Celebrations
8. Food Pantry was \$76
9. 50/50 was \$65 for the winner and won by Debbie.
10. Volunteer of the month was won by Shirley Noble
11. \$130 will go to the School Supply

Acting Secretary – Tracy Chapple

1. Review and approval of June general minutes. Motion from Lorie Tidwell – motion passed
2. mail: none
3. Congratulations to Rachel Branch, Secretary, and family on the birth of their son, Thomas Branch

Treasurer, Absent

1. Approval of June financials Kimmy Rasmussen motion – motion passed
2. Merchandise report for June -\$918.00

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach requests – One request that was sent on to Beacon and they will reach back out if they need our help; SJC Civic center is looking for volunteers for breakfast but no date provided; Block party 08/02 at Pine Island Methodist Church (more to come) and we gave \$100; Pine Island Community Church has lunch at noon; Pine Island Library has summer reading; Beacon of Hope Veterans service, call for information
2. Pine Island Cares- Wednesday, August 6th 10:30 am at the Beacon of Hope with special speaker from the Greater Pine Island Task Force

Food Pantry

- DJ recommends bringing personal care items for August board meeting – bring sizes easy to pass out
- I really need volunteers
- Food Pantry is helping 175 families; this is a 125% increase. Looking for volunteers.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

- a) Pine Island Food Pantry needs to continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald as well as Volunteers- specifically need toothpaste and shampoo

Other: Next Board Meeting: Aug 4th, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Location: Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday August 11th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 136 St James City FL 33956

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm by DJ, motion passed.