

2017 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MATLACHA HOOKERS

September 18, 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 Audrey Adams and Brenda Hirst. Vice Madam Helen administered the oath of membership and the new Hookers were presented with their Lei's.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50. Madam Julia recommended this month's 50/50 drawing proceeds be given to the Food Pantry. Lu Rokosz made a motion to donate this month's proceeds to the Food Pantry. Motion passed.
- b) Fundraising committee update. Madam Julia provided information to the membership about the Applebee's "Dine and Donate" program.
- c) Website. Final programming of the new website was delayed due to the Hurricane but Madam Julia anticipates having the domain made active by the end of this week.
- 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. Madam Julia reminded everyone that the Hookers are committed to helping fellow islanders in need from the Hurricane. Please send requests for financial assistance to Billie Young if you or someone you know needs assistance.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership. As of the last Board Meeting, there were 236 active members.
- b) Member Appreciation. Vice Madam Helen recognized everyone with birthdays in September and the membership sang happy birthday. Vice Madam Helen also thanked Peggy Siler for her help with renewals this evening along with Jan Self and Evelyn Melchiorre who assisted with selling the 50/50 tickets.

Secretary – Jeanene Whittaker

- a) Review and Approval of the August, 2017 General Minutes. Secretary Jeanene recommended approval of the minutes from the August General Meeting be deferred until next month.
- b) Mail. A thank you card was received from Katie Fischer who thanked everyone for the piggy banks the Hookers provided to her children.
- c) Online Votes. There have been no online votes 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.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Review and approval of the July, August and September, 2017 Financial Reports. Approval of the Financials will be deferred until next month. Treasurer Ginny Neff thanked Melva Wilzbach for her help while she was out of town.
- 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 was one card shower and prayers for an ill member. One hardship request for rent was approved by the Board in August.

Election

Madam Douzie introduced Arlene Stornello who provided an overview of the election process and informed the membership of needed changes to the timeframes because of the Hurricane. The details will be provided later this week via Hooker Herald.

Events & Activities

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

1) Scholarships

- a) Note Cards are available at all designated vendor locations and at each meeting. Billie is working with the Art teacher at PIE who will be assisting in getting the children involved in designing the All Occasion Cards and Christmas Cards. The new cards will be available at the November meeting.

- b) Merchandise Report. No merchandise report.

2) PIE Derby. D.J. Ruscik, Kate Swanstrom and Toni Trivelli addressed the membership regarding the Derby and how the Hookers should proceed. D.J. outlined all options available which included:

- a. Go forward with the Derby as originally planned for October 1. One difficulty that has arisen is that the Olde Fish House has suffered damage to their docks from the storm and the owner's husband is ill. Additional time and help is needed to support this business. The committee will discuss this further at their next meeting.
- b. Cancel the event entirely. The membership and committee did not want to cancel the event.
- c. Postpone the event until November 5. This would allow additional time to finish planning, help the Olde Fish House with their repairs, take advantage of favorable tides and encourage more attendance from residents returning for the winter.

After discussion, Nicole McQuade made a motion to postpone the P.I.E. Derby until November 5. Motion passed. The Board of Directors will discuss outreach opportunities for Hurricane Irma storm victims at their next 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 in November.

B. Donations:

1. Pine Island Food Pantry.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The 50/50 raffle raised \$264. The winners were Barb and Jill who will split \$132.00. An additional \$61 was collected for the Food Pantry.

Motion to adjourn made by D.J. Ruscik. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Monday October 2, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Little Lily's Deli.

Next General Meeting Monday October 9, 2017 at the Sandy Hook Restaurant beginning at 6:30. Nominations for next year's slate of officers and directors will take place during this meeting.