



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - MAY 2023

DATE: May 8, 2023

House of Omelets 900 SW Pine Island Rd., Cape Coral, FL @ 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Tania Watkins

Guests – 2023 Hooked on Education Scholarship recipients

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

1. 50/50: PIE Derby; Tania Watkins made motion to donate 50/50 to PIE Derby; motion carried.
 2. Belk Charity Days- Nonprofits sell a \$5.00 coupon and we keep the money. The person who purchases the coupon gets \$5. Off their purchase and 25% off their purchase. We had 4 volunteers; we raised \$225.00. We will be given this opportunity again in the Fall. We will just need 2 volunteers per shift.
 3. Storage Unit/Trailer updates: The chamber cleaned and organized the trailer. The storage unit, we have not been able to get into it for 2 weeks; have complained to management. DJ notified them they are in violation of the contract; we will continue to work with them; the board is discussing other options;
 4. We had an opportunity to purchase 6-foot tables from a private party. We purchased 10 of them for ~~\$40.00~~ \$20.00 each for a total of \$200.00. DJ purchased them and they will be placed in the trailer.
1. Financial Requests
 - a. Pine Island Community Church – Roof replacement \$30,000 total; they own the building and did not have wind insurance; they asked for \$30,000. They are asking for a donation; Hurricane approved \$3,000 for roof repairs; Donna Trusik made motion to donate from hurricane fund; motion carried.
 2. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:
 - a. Annual Postal Food Pantry Drive – May 13th – Volunteers need for pick up and sorting. Reach out to: Guy D'Alessio (917) 774-7397 or Connie D'Alessio (917) 584-8569 email: pineislanduspsfooddrive@gmail.com; need volunteers in the areas of: drivers, collecting boxes, hall set up, weigh in, sorting donations, expiration verification and hall breakdown; they have all of their volunteers.
 - b. VFW Birthday Celebration – Julia; VFW is hosting a party for a WWII veteran, Wilbur

Riepel who is turning 103 years old. The VFW asked for assistance for food; the board approved a \$200 donation. The parade starts at noon and will be at the VFW by 12:40.

3. Fundraising:

- a. Travel Raffle- Darcy- Requesting Committee volunteers; \$2000 goes to the Hookers the winner will win a \$2000 Travel voucher. All of the tickets need to be sold. Kelly LaMagna and Carolyn Ryzanych volunteered to be part of the committee.
- b. P.I.E Derby - Julia/Monica - May 21st at Jug Creek and Knights Landing; we will be doing the kids derby not adult derby. Food is taking care of. Fishing starts at 9:00. Event ends at 3:00
 - i. Sign up sheets are going around!
 - ii. DJ - Lots of opportunities to be AMAZING!!
 1. Basket Themes - Ladies Pamper – Peach/Light green color scheme, Men's Pamper, BBQ, Gardening, Children's basket.
 2. Asking for completed baskets, completed themes. They do not have to be in a basket.
 3. The kids will receive 2 free raffle tickets with their entry.
 4. May 19th 9:00 a.m. at the Maxwell House, 7830 Lobeau Lane, Bokeelia, to make baskets. Need volunteers. If needed we will meet on Saturday, May 20th again at the Maxwell House. You can drop off items at the Hitching Post in Matlacha or at the Maxwell House. If you drop it off at the Maxwell House text DJ to let her know it's there.
 5. Kelly LaMagna's employer, LGI Homes, donated \$4000 for PIE Derby.
 6. President Tracy of the American Legion Auxiliary and member of the Matlacha Hooker offered to donate extra new children's toys that were being stored to help out with Baskets.

4. Hooker Business:

- a. Hurricane Rebuilding Fund- Julia; Local Business Grant, Volunteer Hours; Hurricane Committee met to verify members who will continue to participate. 1,500 hours from Matlacha Hookers; have a grant opportunity to small businesses. The application will be released on May 15 and deadline is June 23rd. We award 10 businesses \$2,000 Pathfinders Mission helped Pine Island and Fort Myers. They came up with the idea of providing temporary storage units; there is a list of 28 individuals requesting storage units; Each unit costs \$750. To supply last 28 the committee has voted to provide \$12,500 to supply the remaining sheds; volunteers put the units together and then deliver to the recipient. \$340,000 raised for hurricane relief. We have spent over \$200,000 putting the money back into the community. Motion made by Natalie Gazda to spend \$12,500 to supply sheds; motion carried.
- b. If you have hours to report that you worked toward hurricane relief on the island, provide them to Julia.

Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

1. Membership Report: 202 members; 85 brand new members
2. Meeting Attendance: 49
3. New member swear-in: Tracy F, Heather Woodstock, Megan Rogerson, Tracy Wentz
4. Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Barb Blitz, Barbara Pelton
5. Birthday celebrations!

Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Review and approval of general minutes; Kelly made motion to approve minutes; motion carried.
2. Mail- read 6 thank you letters.

Treasurer, DJ on behalf of Deb Syring

1. Review and approval of financial reports- posted on website; Julia made motion to approve March financials; motion carried.

Chaplain, Tania Watkins

1. Chaplin Report
2. Outreach Report – 2 outreach requests; one hasn't provided information; one rescinded
3. Joke read

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Fundraisers

- a. Merchandise Report- Linda Bohacek- April sales were \$1742.; new items are Derby shirts in long sleeve and short sleeve; we have Derby hats; Derby ruler; Hooker visor in white with purple embroidery \$22; Hooker necklace

2. Community Support

- a. Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Needs are: bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, canned diced tomatoes, instant mashed potatoes, jelly, elbow macaroni, penne or ziti pasta, egg noodles and saltine crackers. Check updates in Hooker Herald. Bring 2 nonperishable items to the meetings.
- b. MangoMania- July 15th, 2023 at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, Bokeelia; need volunteers
- c. Blood Drive – DJ update; don't have the current information; next drive in August, location TBD. We won't do a blood drive at Mango Mania.
- d. Elks Shred Day – Great success; they had plenty volunteers
- e. Started collection of gently worn bras, bring to the meeting.
- f. Next meeting we will discuss 4th of July parade.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 175.00 Tonight's winners: Linda Solinger (50/50 ticket); Jean Fromm (volunteer of the month).

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$ 129.

Next Board Meeting: June 5 at 6:00 p.m. location @ Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:30 p.m. @ American Legion, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., SJC

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Julia Gaylor

Meeting adjourned @7:51 p.m.