

MATLACHA HOOKERS

SEPTEMBER 2019 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019

Call to Order by Madam Philosophy at 6:30 p.m at The House of Omelets

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Philosophy

Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain

Meeting Attendance: 40

GUESTS PRINCIPAL HOOK AND PIE TEACHERS IN ATTENDANCE to receive \$2,500.00 representing the final donation from the 2018 Fishing Tournament and Derby. 6 teachers presented information from the grants they were awarded and the use of the funds:

Remediation program and incentives/principal parties

Nancy Benjamin, 5th Grade: trip to SeaWorld

Linda Gassner, Secretary: Accelerated reading program

Cathy Fromm, kindergarten: new kits for lettering

Technology: chromebook cart and new software

4th Grade: trip to Cayo Costa

3rd Grade: trip to Mote Marine

Additional funding for after school tutoring program.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Philosophy Helen Andrews

- a) 50/50: Member vote to approve August 50/50 collection of \$40.00 to support Rae Ann Hutchins a bartender for the past 30 years at Pine Island Moose Lodge who recently underwent a full shoulder replacement and will be out of work for a substantial time, motion by Natalie Gazda to approve, all in favour.
- b) 50/50 for September will benefit Angel Wings of SW Florida an organization providing shelter to homeless single women without children, addictions, or prison records in Lee County, motion to approve by Bev Hart, all in favour.
- c) Hooker Business: Vote on replacing recently resigned board member K. McKee with DJ Ruscik to serve through December 31/19, motion to approve by Melva Wilzbach, all in favour. DJ informed members that she will be unable to attend 1 general meeting and 1 board meeting during the time frame.
- d) Nominating committee Theresa Kramer, Karen Garside, Lorie Tidwell, Melva Wilzbach, Sonya Leonard, and Bonnie Kellen distributed and collected completed nomination forms for the 2020 board: Madam, Vice-Madam, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, and 3 directors positions available. Departing directors DJ Ruscik (for K McKee), Janelle Havlin, and Deb Cundall. Online nominations will be accepted via email to MHBallotVote@yahoo.com from September 10-17. Committee will confirm nominees' acceptance of nomination. Meet the candidates will be at the October 14th meeting which will begin at 6 p.m. Voting will occur during the November general meeting. In order to vote memberships must be renewed by October 26th.
- e) Board members met with Jennifer Jennings of the Chamber of Commerce at the last board meeting and discussed the contents of the trailer located at the Chamber office. Jennifer is arranging for a complete inventory of the contents. Also discussed was the lending out of items (tents, etc.) and it was agreed that a general release form is needed to be completed by any persons/organizations borrowing items and that the trailer itself should not be loaned or moved by another party.

- f) Financial Requests: \$1,000.00 donation to Kiwanis Park approved by the board at the August Board meeting was not voted on at the general meeting due to lack of a quorum. The cheque is recorded but is being held pending an approval vote of the general membership. Natalie Gazda motioned to approve the donation, all in favour.

Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership

- a) Membership Report: 2020 memberships require A NEW COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM
- b) 221 paid members to date, applications were given to all attendees tonight
- c) New member Lucinda Good was sworn in and lie'd.
- d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Lucinda Good and Dawn Raymond
- e) September Birthday celebration
- f) Members discussed meeting venues and the difficulties of scheduling especially in season when attendance is high. Majority of members present liked House of Omelets and their menu. Elks Club is an option but meetings there would have to be on Thursdays which was not welcomed by members. Suggestions and recommendations are all welcome and should be communicated to the board or at meetings.

Secretary, Cindy Walton

- a) Review and Approval of August General meeting minutes, since the meeting was informational only the members agreed to approve the minutes unofficially simply to confirm that they correctly documented the meeting. June general meeting minutes had also not been approved, Nicole McQuade motioned to approve them, all in favour.
- b) Online Votes: Board members (Helen Andrews, Ginny Neff, Genie Andrews, Chris Buntin, Jeanelle Havlin, and Julia Simpson) voted to approve June and July financial reports.
- c) Mail: Thank you letter from Gulf Coast Kayak for sponsorship of camp participants including individual thank you notes and essays from 5 children, thank you letter from PIE for school supplies and \$700.00 raised during the drive, thank you from PI Food Pantry for August donation, thank you from Wreaths Across America for donation towards December wreath laying, thank you from Holiday 4 Heroes for t-shirt donation

Treasurer, Ginny Neff

- a) Review and approval of June (motion by Nicole McQuade), July (motion by Sonya Leonard), and August (motion by Darlene Widirstky) financial reports, all motions passed, all in favour
- b) A scholarship recipient changed schools, the original cheque was returned and a new cheque issued. Another scholarship cheque remains to be issued pending some school confirmation.

Chaplain, Grateful Genie Andrews

- a. Chaplin Report: 1 prayer request and no card showers
- b. Outreach Report : 2 requests totalling \$610.00
- c. Miss Matty our beautiful Hooker Mascot was given a make-over by Grateful Genie and she looks Marvelous!!! Derby outfit and holiday outfit still to come ! Thanks Genie for your hard work ! anyone wishing to help please contact Genie.
- d. Inspirational messages will continue to be quoted in Hooker Heralds
- e. A single mother on the island is in search of any paying work. Contact Genie for more info.
“ DORMITORY RULES” joke !

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Fundraisers

- 1) Scholarships: Initial committee formation meeting will be in November. All members are encouraged to participate and committee members will be voted on
- 2) Wine Event: 1st planning meeting should be scheduled soon. Event may be moved to March due to numerous conflicts.
- 3) PIE Derby: sign-ups at tonight's meeting. "Save the Date" magnets have been created to be given to PIE students and staff. After discussion and suggestion to charge \$10.00 members agreed that the BBQ will be \$8.00. No maximum number of anglers per boat. PR in the works include poster and FB live during the day of the event. Discussion ongoing to find a way to "share the wealth" amongst participants and encourage "hobbyist" fishermen. Next meetings at Little Lilly's 6 p.m September 12th and 26th. Members are encouraged to solicit donations and bring donations to the October general meeting. . Basket making dates TBA. Members discussed the children's chinese auction baskets and if additional tickets should be available to purchase or if more tickets should be given at registration.
- 4) Bag'n Tag: may be moved to February but will not conflict with ArtFest (first weekend in February)
- 5) Belk Charity Day: Volunteers Audrey Adams, Chris Buntin, Genie Andrews, Sonya Leonard, Sandy Kerr, Joyce Bieber, Joyce Boyer, Jan Self, Lu Rokosky, Ginny Neff, Lorie Tidwell, Billie Young, and Cindy Walton sold \$5.00 coupons in-store during the event 7/27, 8/17, 8/20, and 8/24. The event earned \$551.00 with more to come from in-store sales (our share 1/5th of coupons sold at the register during the event) which will be delivered by the store within the month. Board decided to dedicate these funds to the scholarship fund. We will participate in this charity sale again in November.

2. Community Support

- 1) Adopt-A-Road: September 14th @ 8:30 behind Olde Fish House
- 2) Blood Drive will be in November Location TBA
- 3) Pine Island Food Pantry needs hamburger helper, canned fruit, canned peas, and canned corn
- 4) F.I.S.H Caroling dates/locations TBA

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 170.00 Tonight's winner of \$85.00 Karen Garside and Melva Wilzbach

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$71.00

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019 at Little Lilly's 6 p.m

Next General Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2019 at House of Omelets 6 p.m (NOTE EARLY MEETING TIME)

October 16th @ Moose Lodge fundraiser for Glenda Busscher.

Golisano Children's Hospital is requesting donation of "funky, decorated" not plain band-aids, drop-off at PIE or PICC

Motion to adjourn by DJ Ruscik @ 8:02 p.m, all in favour.

Minutes transcribed by Cindy Walton, Secretary.