



MATLACHA HOOKERS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 14, 2022

American Legion Post 136, 1406 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, FL @ 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:31 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Madam DJ

Guests

1. Pine Island Elementary Principal Tom Millins and Teacher Cathy Fromm attended. We awarded them a \$1,179.84 check from our school supply drive and a \$2500 check for Teachers from the 2021 PIE Derby.
2. Commander Aaron from American Legion Post 136 - He informed us that the Legion is open to the public right now. They are providing hot meals twice a day (which has been about 600-800 meals a day). They have an abundance of supplies on hand. The post is doing a Thanksgiving Meal for the island and Dec. 17 is Pancakes with Santa.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

a) 50/50: Brought before the membership to put the 50/50 towards the Matlacha Hookers Hurricane Relief Fund. Motion made by Natalie Gazda, motion carried.

b) Hooker Business:

1. Storage Unit – We have access again. If you need to be added to the list to access please let us know. Our trailer has been moved to a lot in Bokeelia. The damaged sunlight has been fixed thanks to Joe and Joanne Carrera. We will put out a date to clean up and organize the trailer once the lot it is on has been bush hog mowed.

2. Cooling Ties – Thank you to the Sewing Crew! Accepting fabric donations. Natalie has given 175 ties to the Moose Lodge to sell and a number has been given to the Chamber to sell.

3. Donations!

a - Jon Reith – Global Esther's Ministries – Oak Park, IL \$2,500 He came to the island to help with clean up and was impressed after meeting a few hookers.

b – Musician Bob Greenway \$670 played at Sea Craft Waterfront Tiki and this was his tip money.

c – Winn-Dixie Community Bags \$6 – We're on their schedule for 2023

d – Cindy Tolliver gave us a \$1,000 donation

c) Fundraising:

1. Travel Raffle - \$25 each until they are sold out – Drawing still set for February

d) Financial Requests:

1. Joanne – St James Civic Association - \$3,000 – tabled this for now. A grant is being written for them, so hoping to pick up what the grant doesn't cover.

2. Lorie – Creative Coast Preschool – Playground Mulch – 6 pallets Our new member Dani Russel may know someone who will donate the mulch but Julia Gaylor made a motion to take the funds from our Hurricane Relief fund to get the mulch now.

Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

a) Membership Report:

1. Membership Renewals – 65 renewals for 2023

b) Meeting Attendance: 80 new and old members in attendance

c) New member swear-in: 18 New paid members!

Donna Trusik, Lisa Perry, Sara Higgins, Carolyn Niblock, Dani Russell, Jody Franke, Tami Sager, katie Hastings, Julie Dixon, Krista Mazzeo, Michelle Browne, Kellie Simpson, Jennifer Muske, Jenny Phillips, Heather Shreckengost, Mary Collister, Kellie Shanks and Camilla Powell

d) Call Girls Thank You Lorie Tidwell and Jeannie Glenn and next month's volunteers will be Heather Shreckengost and Tania Watkins

e) Birthday celebrations – Sang happy birthday to November birthdays!

f) Calendars – on hold for now, may have more info next month

g) Elections are on track for December

h) Hurricane Relief Committee should be set up to meet weekly – Focus will be Emergency Assistance for Housing, Transportation and Building Supplies. Julia will chair and let us know when meetings will be.

Secretary, Monica Kochel (filling in for Carolyn)

a) Review and approval of general minutes – waiting until December

c) Mail no mail, Monica will check with post master to see where our mail is

Treasurer, Deb Syring

a) Review and approval of financial reports will be in December, Deb almost caught up.

Chaplain, DJ filled in for Anita

a. Chaplin Report - none

b. Outreach Report – none

c. DJ did tell us a good joke and informed us that we cannot be a facility for tax deductible donations.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1.Fundraisers

a) Merchandise Report, Jill informed us that we had \$240 in sales for October.

b) PIE Derby: Julia, Deb and Monica – Postponed, next meeting will be announced soon.

c) Island Luau: Joanne states it will happen as planned with some changes. Tickets will be on sale at the December meeting.

2. Community Support

- a) Adopt-A-Road: Postponed for now
- b) Blood Drive: No Blood Drives for the rest of 2022.
- c) Pine Island Food Pantry needs will be posted on the Herald. Members are encouraged to bring 2 Non-perishable items to the meetings.
- d) Pine Island Cares – Joanne and DJ will be attending the CARES meeting this Wednesday.
- d) Beacon of Hope Holiday House – Kid’s Area - Sunday, December 4th Tarpon Lodge – need volunteers for helping with the kids area.
- e) FISH Basket Brigade Unwrapped Toy Donations deadline December 10th
- f) Christmas Caroling - DJ let us know that we will be receiving a \$10,000 donation from former Madam Deb Cundall on behalf of the Cundall Foundation. Cindee T made a motion to approve \$5,000 to FISH and if we get more donation during our caroling, they will get that too. Motion carried.
- g) Rebuild Pine Island Concert Benefit – Saturday, November 19th Noon to 5pm Fine Swine – volunteers needed – sign up sheet passed around.
- h) Operation Tiny Home – Jody Franke says the homes are being built to code and grants will be given towards the homes.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 460 Tonight’s winner: Cindy Templeton \$230, Volunteer of the month: Heather Shreckengost \$230
Tonight’s donation to Food Pantry \$ 105
Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2022 6:00 p.m. @ MPIFD #4
Next General Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022 6:30 p.m. @ American Legion Post 136
Meeting adjourned @ 8:24 Motion made by Julia Gaylor, motion carried