



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
January 14, 2021

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Anita Jannotti, Chaplain

Guest - Mary Jo Roane, F.I.S.H. The hookers donated \$1,054.37 from caroling in December.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

a) 50/50: Board suggests Helping Paws Animal Sanctuary and the Matlacha Hookers, Hooked on Scholarships Program, for the month of March. After a discussion explaining the Helping Paws Animal Sanctuary, a motion was made by Lorie Tidwell to donate this month's 50/50 funds to Helping Paws. The motion was carried and approved. A suggestion was made for future 50/50 donations to go to the C.W. Fudge Factory and Little Lilly's Deli because of their support of the island.

b) Hooker Business: Reminder that our members that have businesses can have their information listed on our website. Although business owners can't speak about their business during a meeting, they are welcome to tell others about their business before or after the meeting. Information can be sent to the Secretary, who will forward to the webmistress.

c) Fundraising: Winn Dixie Bag Sales in February. The Hookers were selected to receive \$1 of each purchase of the reusable bags sold at Winn-Dixie in the month of February. Madam DJ is still clarifying if it is any of the bags sold, or one specific design. Information will be provided in the Herald.

d) Financial Requests: Bobby Holloway Jr Memorial Fishing Tournament. We were not asked for a donation last year, but in 2019 we gave \$250. We usually also give a basket of goods or merchandise with our donation. A motion was made by Karen Durand to donate \$250 again. The motion was carried and approved.

Vice Madam Ginny Neff, Membership

Vice Madam Ginny needs to step down so we are looking for a new Vice Madam for the year. The position will be posted in the Herald. Billie Young is stepping in tonight for reporting.

a) Membership Report: Ginny still has new membership applications so we don't have a full report, but there are three new members in attendance tonight.

b) Meeting Attendance: 31 members, 3 guests, 1 online participate

c) New member swear-in: Three new members were sworn in

d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Barbara Ludwig (new member) and Shirley Nobel volunteered to be next month's volunteers.

e) Birthday celebrations! Celebrated January birthdays!

Secretary, Tara Efird

Madam DJ explained that the PO Box key needed to be given to someone other than Tara because of the box's limited hours. Billie Young volunteered to check the box and the key was given to Billie after the meeting.

a) Review and approval of general minutes. A motion was made by Joanne to approve the December minutes. The motion was carried and approved.

b) Online Votes. No online votes.

c) Mail. Mail was received from the Greater Pine Island Elks Charitable Trust thanking us for our sponsorship. Chris Buntin read a thank you letter received from a scholarship recipient.

d) Hooker Heralds - Submission deadlines are January 18th and January 28th. All submissions should be sent to Tara.

e) Website password for members only area. The password was given to the membership to ensure they could access meeting minutes, etc. Madam DJ stated that the password would be changing soon.

Treasurer, Teri Batdorf

Teri was out sick. Madam DJ stated that the November and December financials were approved and would be posted on the website. Theresa is temporarily filling in for Treasurer duties.

Chaplain, Anita Jannotti

Chaplain Anita read a joke. She then read the End of Year Chaplain report.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Fundraisers

a) ArtFest - Saturday and Sunday, February 6th and 7th. Volunteers are needed for the event. Shifts are 8:30-1:00 and 12:30-5:00. No cash is allowed to be used inside the event. Only

credit cards will be accepted, but customers will have the option to leave a credit card tip for the Hookers. The link for volunteer sign-ups are in the Herald. Volunteers should inform customers that all tips go to scholarships for Lee County students. Volunteers can bring bells or clappers to use when a tip is received to help make a customer feel special. The group was also reminded that the ArtFest has historically made a donation to the PIE Art Department because the Hookers volunteer their time. Art Fest is also doing 'Art Fest at Home' which allows you to shop online. The online shop will be open January 29th through February 25th.

b) Wine Event - Sunday, February 28th. The wine event is on and will be held outdoors. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and security will be present. Tickets can be purchased in person or online through Eventbrite. Food will be single serve and will be Hawaiian themed. Help is needed with coordinating food this year. A list of food to be served will be given at the next general meeting. The committee is still looking for Food Sponsors. Wine Sponsors have been sold out. The next committee meeting will be the 21st at the Civic Center starting at 4pm. Please remember to bring a couple bottles of wine to the general meetings for the mystery wine bags. Proceeds from this event go to the Beacon Senior Programs.

c) Bag'n Tag and Breakfast - Saturday, March 20th at the Moose. The event will include a breakfast. Tickets for the event will be \$7 and a bag can be purchased for \$5. Madam DJ is hoping that the homemade cinnamon rolls can be sold again as a separate breakfast item for \$5. Beth and Monica are chairs of the event this year and Madam DJ is helping. The committee is in need of clothes for the event. We have plenty of small sizes but need a range of all other sizes. Many books were donated so the committee decided to keep cookbooks, children's books, and other specialty type books. The rest will be donated to another organization. Another sort day will be announced in a month or so.

d) PIE Project - Madam DJ explained that the project was on hold at the request of the school principal.

e) PIE Fishing Tournament and Derby - Kick off meeting in April. The event is expected to happen again in November. We have not given any donations to the school this school year because the derby was not held in 2020. The PIE account balance is \$6,410.50 with about \$3,500 needed for permitting and t-shirts to kickoff the event. A motion was made by Linda to donate \$2,000 to the teachers of PIE now out of this fund. The motion was carried and approved. These funds will be presented in February.

f) Scholarship Committee. Chris Buntin gave an update that a committee member is not feeling well so the committee may need one additional person. The committee hopes to give out scholarships in May. A program called 'Secret Sister' will be revived which allows members to donate any amount of money at any time towards a scholarship. If you want to make a donation, it can be done through PayPal or can be given to the Treasurer. The donation is a secret and will be applied toward a full scholarship. The committee currently has enough funds to award five scholarships. In the past, we have awarded eleven.

g) Merchandise Report. There are new wine stoppers available for purchase.

h) Clam Jam - Cancelled

2. Community Support

a) Adopt-A-Road. Shirley and Lorie Tidwell have volunteered to coordinate Adopt-A-Road this year.

b) Blood Drive - Saturday, February 13th from 10-3pm at the new Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce's new location near the four-way stop. Online appointments are strongly encouraged. Sweeney's Weenies food truck will be there and the Chamber will be open for a meet and greet.

c) Update on the family that lost their home to a fire. Tools were donated to the family from a fellow Hooker. Other assistance has been given by other organizations on the island. There is a continued need for size 5 diapers and paper goods. Madam DJ explained that we were willing to donate furniture we had donated for the bag-n-tag but the furniture is too big for their temporary home at this time.

OTHER:

Beth announced that the Chamber of Commerce is offering the Hookers a free space at the Chamber's monthly outdoor market located at the Fishers of Men.

50/50 collected \$ 160 Tonight's winner: Donna Ziegelman won \$80 and \$80 went to Helping Paws

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$ 39

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 1st, 2021 at Little Lilly's Deli starting at 6pm.

Next General Meeting: TBA

Meeting adjourned @ 7:59pm