



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2021

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:31pm
Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ
Invocation by Anita Jannotti, Chaplain

Guest – Commander Ed Mitchell of the American Legion Post 136 SJC. Linda Mitchell and Tom Ruscik. Commander Ed Mitchell presented the Hookers with the 1st place float award for the Independence Day parade. DJ recognized Theresa Kramer and all those that volunteered to decorate the float.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

- a) 50/50: GED Program at Beacon of Hope. DJ explained that the Hookers helped start the GED program. Theresa Kramer made a motion to donate this month's 50/50 proceeds towards the Beacon of Hope GED program.
- b) Hooker Business: Reminder to add yours to our website. If you have a business, please post!
- c) Fundraising: Julia – Results of the Pampered Chef event. Approximate donation to the Hookers is \$320. This was an easy fundraiser for us to raise money for the general fund. DJ announced that we received a Winn Dixie check for \$93 from the February bag sale. Reminder, we have been selected again for July so please purchase bags. Bags sell for \$2.50 and we get a donation of \$1.
- d) Financial Requests: None
- e) Update on tax situation. Yvonne was supposed to prepare a letter to ask the IRS to vacate the penalty. DJ will follow up on the letter because she has not yet received a copy. After this issue is resolved, we made the decision to move to different CPA.

Vice Madam Julia Simpson, Membership

- a) Membership Report: Current membership is 143. Next month is the start of renewal season. The new membership application for 2022 will list our events so members can mark which ones they have interest in volunteering. Dues are still \$20 and are due by October.
- b) Meeting Attendance: We have a total of three online and 19 in person. Total of 22.
- c) New member swear-in: Introduction of three new members
- d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Anna and new member Deb. Next meeting is August 9th at the Saltwater Smokehouse.
- e) Birthday celebration! Celebrated July birthdays!

Secretary, Tara Efird

- a) Review and approval of general minutes. Anna made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion carried.
- b) Online Votes. None.
- c) Mail – Read a thank you note from a mom of two children we sponsored for the Kayak Camp. Read a thank you from the Boy Scouts for our donation towards their summer camp.
- d) Hooker Heralds - Submission deadlines for committee chairs. Next Herald is July 20 and 30th, with submissions due 18th and 28th. Then August is we are moving up the first herald to the 7th with a submission date of August 5th. Karen is going on vacation and would like to send before going.

Treasurer, Terry Batdorf

- a) Review and approval of financial reports. Not a lot of activity this month. Over \$62,000 in all accounts so we are doing okay. Through May, we show a positive \$7,300 for the year. Financials are usually posted online prior to each meeting. Natalie Gazda made a motion to approve the financials. The motion carried.

Chaplain, Anita Jannotti

- a. Chaplin Report
- b. Outreach Report. Anita stated that we have sent one get-well card and one sympathy card. One rent request is in process but not yet paid.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Fundraisers

- a) Merchandise Report: Jill stated that we should be picking up new items this week. New items include tank tops, cozies, and V-neck t-shirts. Jill is hoping to have items by Saturday for Mango Mania. All available items are listed on our website. DJ said the Derby shirts won't be ready for sale at Mango Mania.
- b) PIE Derby: Next Committee Meeting is Tuesday, July 13th at Saltwater Smokehouse starting at 6:00pm. DJ explained the event to new members. This year we are trying to refine the event but not scale it back. We are still looking for two co-chairs. Julia is heading up the adult fishing tournament, and DJ is working on sponsors. Please volunteer – even an hour makes a difference. If you aren't sure if you want to volunteer, please still attend the committee meetings.
- c) Wine Tasting: Next Committee Meeting Monday, August 16th at SJC Civic Center
- d) Christmas Caroling: Joanne will lead caroling for St. James City, Lucinda & Sandy will lead Cape Coral, DJ will lead Bokeelia, and Billie has offered to lead Matlacha.

2. Community Support

- a) Adopt-A-Road. Next clean-up is August 21st with the Boy Scouts. We are required to clean the road so many times a year. We typically meet on a Saturday, early in the morning. Kids are welcome to volunteer for all age-appropriate events. We are willing to sign off on volunteer hours if kids need them.

b) 4th of July parade. We got first place float!!!

c) MangoMania: Saturday, July 17th volunteers are needed for the Children's Activities and Adult Contests. DJ is once again the Mango Mania Queen. This is a one-day event at the Fishers of Men Church. We are asked to help out every year. We are only helping at the kid's tent and a couple of the adult activities. For us help, we get a booth free of charge to sell merchandise. Children's area will start activities at between 9:30-10:00am. DJ has a sign-up sheet. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Anna explained the activities and the materials needed. Anna will be there at 8am. Drop off materials on Wednesday at Traders if you can donate. Gate opens at 9am. Kids events may run until 3pm. Please wear a Matlacha Hooker shirt.

d) School supply drive: There will be a Stuff the Trailer event at Ragged Ass Saloon, Saturday, July 24th from 10-4ish weather permitting. There are currently bins all over town if you want to donate. The drive ends July 31st. Monetary donations also accepted. DJ will be there all day. If you want, come out for an hour and say thank you to people that donate. Any monetary funds donated go toward purchasing backpacks or other things needed by the school that were not donated.

e) F.I.S.H Clothes for Kids: Tara and Anita will purchase the clothes this year. Julia will reach out to MaryJo for the lists.

f) Blood Drive: Next drive is Saturday, August 7th at Pine Bay Gallery, Bert's Bar, Island Seafood. Co-sponsored by Bert's and Island Seafood.

g) Pine Island Food Pantry needs. Personal care drive. New members, please bring two items or a cash donation to every meeting. The herald will explain what the pantry is looking for each month, but general items are always accepted.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 100 Tonight's winner: New member Heidi Lutz received \$50.

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$85

Next Board Meeting: Monday, August 2nd at Lilly's Deli

Next General Meeting: Monday, August 9th at Saltwater Smokehouse

Meeting adjourned @ 7:39pm