

MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2021

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:30pm
Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ
Invocation by Anita Jannotti, Chaplain

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

a) 50/50: The Board originally was going to suggest the 50/50 funds to go towards the American Legion Firework show, but DJ learned that the Legion has funds carried over from last year. Pat made a motion to donate funds towards the Hooker float for the 4th of July parade. The motion carried.

b) Beacon Bites. A fellow member and her husband were assaulted by a construction worker trying to deliver for Beacon Bites. DJ wanted to make the group aware for all those that volunteer.

c) Hooker Business: There is a business page on our website! Members in good standing that have a business or work at a business can list that business on the website business page. Copies of business cards can be posted. Madam DJ noticed that we don't have very many cards posted anymore. If you would like to be listed, email Madam DJ, the Secretary, or the Webmistress.

d) CPA. DJ stated that years ago we aligned ourselves with a CPA and Attorney. Kevin Kyle is our attorney- he will be making amendments for our request of Bylaw changes. He's going to be cleaning up some of the old verbiage but will not be changing the spirit of the document. Our CPA was Kevin Burns & Associates but since he has sold his business. Madam DJ saw Kevin Burns recently and he asked for our business back. We recently received a bill from the IRS for almost \$1,700, including penalties, for 2017 Federal Taxes. We have forwarded that letter to our current CPA. Once we get this situation corrected, DJ would like to change CPAs. Theresa Kramer made a motion to go back to Kevin Burns. The Motion carried.

e) Fundraising:

- Pampered Chef – Julia discussed the Facebook fundraiser with Pampered Chef. We have almost \$200 in sales so far. Items can be purchased at any point. When we get to \$600 in sales or more, we'll get 15% of sales.. We also get money for every party booked. Madam DJ stated that we had a member questioning the legality of the fundraiser. She has discussed with some of the past Madams and finds no issues. We are not handling any inventory or funds. In our eyes, it's no different than a restaurant donating 10% of sales for a night of food purchases.
- Bags at Winn-Dixie – Month of July. Once again, we have been selected for the bag program at Winn-Dixie. In the month of July, we'll get \$1.00 per bag sold. The bags currently sell for \$2.50 each.

f) Financial Requests:

- Boy Scouts. Troop #20 requested support for camp. Lorie Tidwell made a motion to support one camper for a full week at \$325. The motion carried. Another member requested that we do a collection for members to donate outside of the Hookers as some would like to donate personally.
- PILOT program \$100. The Pine Island United Methodist Church PILOT program is a program for kids of the island and requested donations. The Board decided to donate \$100 during the most recent board meeting.

g) Name Tags: Chris Buntin passed around a form so members could sign up if they want a magnetic badge. No payment is required right now. We'll tie this fee into the renewal process so the \$7 can be paid then. The badges will be purple with white lettering.

Vice Madam Julia Simpson, Membership

a) Membership Report: Current membership is at 137 members. Julia talked about trying to get more members, and that we will be putting reminders about our meetings on Facebook. It was asked by the membership if we still have brochures to pass around and put at the Chamber of Commerce office

b) Meeting Attendance: 26 members were in attendance with no members online. No new members this month.

c) New member swear-in: None.

d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: July call girls: Sandy Kerr and Beth. The meeting is July 12th and location is TBD.

e) Birthday celebration! No birthdays but we sang anyway.

Secretary, Tara Efird

a) Review and approval of general minutes. Theresa Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

b) Online Votes. None.

c) Mail. Thank you from the Randell Research Center and PILOT request discussed earlier

d) Hooker Heralds - Submission deadlines for committee chairs

- 18th and 28th for June.

Treasurer, Terry Batdorf

a) Review and approval of financial reports. Reminder that reports are as of April, which is before we awarded scholarships. The general account has under \$3k. Terry gave the balances of the other accounts as well. We had a loss of \$5,000 for the month, but brought in a total of \$20,000 during the first four months. A motion was made to approve the financials, and the motion carried.

Chaplain, Anita Jannotti

a. Chaplin Report

b. Outreach Report. Anita explained that a retired member needs help but does not want it so the group decided to send her giftcards.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Fundraisers

- a. Merchandise Report: Jill Filgut explained that we need to spend \$1,500 to get more merchandise to sell. In the first five months of the year, we brought in over \$5,000 with over \$2,000 of that going into the general fund. DJ talked about how the merchandise team has already exceeded their annual budget and because the requested amount is over \$999, a motion is needed to approve the additional funds. Ginny Neff made a motion to allocate \$1,500 to merchandise crew to buy what they need. The motion carried.
- b. PIE Derby: The Kick Off Meeting is Monday, June 28th beginning at 6:00pm at Yucatan. A t-shirt design is in the works. New name suggestions were given for the basket auctions: Derby Basket Raffle, Hooker Basket, and Hook-a-Basket.
- c. Wine Event. Jeannie Glen stated that the kick-off meeting is Monday June 21st at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm at the St. James Civic Center. Bring your own drink and snack.

Don't forget about our future events: Christmas Caroling, ArtFest, Bag 'n Tag, and Scholarships

2. Community Support

- a) School supply drive – Karen Durand – Two or three volunteers needed!
 - Stuff the Trailer and Pancake Breakfast in July at Ragged Ass Saloon. Todd from Pine Island Auto Repair offered to do a stuff-a-trailer for the school supply drive, and the new owner of Ragged Ass would like to do an event for the school supply drive. Once we have the final details, we'll get information in the Herald. We have a good start with supplies with the 32 bins that are out. We will also be collecting money for supplies at MangoMania.
- b) Adopt-A-Road. TBD in August.
- c) Blood Drive: August 7th at Bert's Pine Bay Gallery. Pine Bay Gallery will be having Christmas in July and Bert's Bar will be doing a Pint for Pint special.
- d) Mini MangoMania - Saturday, July 17th at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church 9am until 4pm
 - Volunteers needed! A sign-up sheet went around for volunteers on July 17th. We have been asked to help with the children's area. This Wednesday the Chamber is having an event at Centennial Bank to announce the Mango Mania queen.
- e) '4th' of July parade will be on Saturday, July 3rd beginning promptly 10:00am from the Winn-Dixie Parking Lot –
 - Trailer needs preparation. Madam Theresa is in charge of the float this year. Parade starts at 10am at the Winn Dixie. Fireworks at dusk at the American Legion. Need help decorating. This Saturday and next Saturday will be a work day. If you can help, call DJ. Please bring hard candy and candy canes to throw.
- g) F.I.S.H Clothes for Kids – Anita and Tara will purchase clothes this year. MaryJo Roane is heading up the program with FISH and states she doesn't start getting requests for clothes until after the 4th of July. We have \$1,000 budgeted to support 20 kids at \$50. Julia Simpson made a motion to move forward with the \$1,000 donation. The motion carried.

h) Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Karen stated there will be a personal care drive for the month of July. Feminine products are really needed. As a reminder, not only are body products needed, but also detergent or dishwasher detergent, bars of soap, toothpaste, etc.

i) Chris Buntin talked about Jewelry donations for next year's Bag N Tag. As you clean out jewelry at home, we can collect it all through the year. It was also mentioned that jewelry and handbag sales may also fit in well with the Wine Tasting event.

j) Karen told the group about the passing of a long time Food Pantry volunteer, Bill Jacobs. She requested that we send a sympathy card on behalf of the Hookers. Madam DJ asked that Karen send the contact information to Chaplain Anita.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 100 Tonight's winner: \$ 50. Elida Beyer.

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$30

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 1st at Little Lilly's Deli at 6pm.

Next General Meeting: Monday, July 12th. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:52pm. Julia Simpson made a motion to adjourn and the motion carried.