



MATLACHA HOOKERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2020

Call to Order by Madam Deja Vu Deux at The American Legion 6:32p.m

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Deja Vu Deux

Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain read Matty's December Prayer

Swearing in of new 2021 board members:

Madam DJ was sworn in by Lorie Tidwell

Lucinda Good, Monica Kochel, Anita Jannotti, Tara Efrid, Beth Nelson, Jill Filgut and Joanne Correia were sworn in by Madam DJ

Absent: Ginny Neff, Teri Batdorf, Natalie Gazda

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Deja Vu Deux, DJ Ruscik

a) 50/50: donation to F.I.S.H approved by a motion by Jeannie Glenn, all in favour.

b) Hooker Business: Thanks to Karen Durand and the new Hooker Herald she is doing a wonderful job !! Submissions will all be sent through the secretary. Submission deadlines will be set monthly and will be announced in the prior Herald.

c) Fundraising: Krispy Kreme email coupons purchased by the Hookers for \$5 and sold to any email address for \$10 can be used nationwide. Members expressed no interest in proceeding.

d) Financial Requests: none

e) Donation of \$1,000. From a donor who expressed his desire to have the donation used to aid those affected by covid-19/food insecure. Board decided to use the funds to purchase grocery gift cards for \$25/\$50 to give to needy Outreach recipients.

Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership

a) Membership Report: 99 members

b) Meeting Attendance: 26 plus 3 online plus one guest

c) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers:

d) December Birthday celebration !

Thanks to those who arranged tonight's pizza and sweets !

Secretary, Cindy Walton

a) Review and approval of October November general minutes, motion to accept by Sandy Kerr, all in favour.

- b) Online Votes: approval of October and November financials, completed tonight with verbal approval by Billie Young.
- c) Mail: Thank you from scholarship recipient sent to Chris Buntin, thank you from PI food pantry for \$100 plus 60lbs. of food donated in November
- d) Hooker Heralds - Submission deadlines for committee chairs, web connection info for January meetings and all other submissions due to the secretary MatlachaHookers@MatlachaHookers.org by December 27th for our month's end issue. The issue date cannot be fixed each month due to meeting and event announcements but issues will deliver around the 10th, 20th and 30th each month. Each issue deadline will be announced in the previous issue.

Treasurer

- a) Review and approval of October and November financial reports, motion to accept by Lorie Tidwell, all in favour.

Chaplain, Grateful Genie Andrews

- a. Chaplin Report: 1 card shower
- b. Outreach Report: 4 approved payments; \$75.76 LCEC, \$292.73 LCEC, rent \$300, rent \$600 plus \$75 Winn Dixie gift cards. Totalling \$1,268.49 plus \$75.
December request in the process for a family of 6 from Bokeelia recently displaced by fire. Parents and 4 children ages 3, 6, 11, and 17. More information to come for any Hooker who may wish to help the family through the next Herald or our phone tree.
An Outreach recipient came to the meeting to share her heartfelt story and to express her thanks to the Hookers.
Genie's final joke for 2020 about the new CEO and the pizza delivery boy !

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Fundraisers

- a) Scholarships: Chris Buntin will return as our 2021 chairwoman. Thank you Chris ! In 2020 we delivered 11 \$2,000 scholarships in a JUNE Ceremony (traditionally held in May) Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Chris. The committee meets between January and May. Donations received at Bag, n Tag as well as ArtFest go to the scholarship fund. Some funding has already been received. Secret Sister scholarship collects donations of any amount to combine to go towards scholarship(s). Matlacha Hookers have given more than \$191,000. in total scholarships 2003-2020 .
- b) Merchandise Report: new wine toppers and tote bags available tonight, new catalogues available on each table, spend \$20 tonight and closeout items are \$2
Clam Jam: we have been offered a free merchandise booth in exchange for volunteers to work at the event, sign up tonight
- c) Island Luau (wine event) February 28th at SJC civic centre, arrangements are in place for any covid restrictions. Tickets on sale now \$30, proceeds benefit the BoH senior programs. Mystery wine donations needed, food chairwoman needed, volunteers needed for set-up and tear down. Wine sponsorships available for \$100. Posters available for posting throughout the island. Next planning meeting January 21st.

- d) PIE Project has been postponed due to PIE covid restrictions.
- e) Bag'n Tag; March 20, new sort date January 9th 9-2p.m at Lobeau Lane, Bokeelia.
- f) ArtFest: Lorie Tidwell reported: 4 beverage stations this year, cashless using ticket sales, sign ups will be in January, back-up date is scheduled for April, proceeds go towards our scholarship fund
- g) Christmas Caroling: Hookers caroled at the Holiday House on December 5th, 6 Hookers attended a taping of the singing of the "Island Song" at Olde Fish House on Friday 11th followed by caroling through Matlacha where they raised \$800.27 for F.I.S.H basket brigade 2021. Hookers will be caroling this Friday 18th, meet at Elks Club at 5:15 to travel south through SJC.

2. Community Support

a) Adopt-A-Road The final roadside clean-up for 2020 was on Saturday, December 5th. Six Hookers and two Hooker husbands participated. Ten bags of trash were collected. A special thank-you is due to Shirley Noble and Lorie Tidwell who literally walked an extra mile picking up trash. This was the final clean-up for 2020. I want to thank everyone who participated this year especially the Hooker husbands who came out to help and support us.

b) Blood Drive: February details TBA

c) The food pantry is still collecting donations of Christmas meal fixings for approximately 100 families on this island. Most needed items include green beans and corn, cream soup, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy and sweet potatoes.

Personal Care products, such as shampoo, toothpaste, razors and laundry detergent are also welcome as these items are always in high demand.

Collections of cat food and kitty litter will also be accepted for delivery to Helping Paws.

d) The 2nd annual Matlacha Christmas Tree lighting will be December 17th @ 6p.m, Hookers are invited to carol - sign up tonight.

e) Ronald McDonald house is not accepting donations of pop pull tabs at this time. We will still collect them at our meeting for donation to other island groups that are collecting them.

OTHER:

Billie Young presented Madam DJ a thank you gift from the board.

50/50 collected \$115.00 Tonight's winner of \$58.00 is Lucinda Good

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$150.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 4, 2021, 6p.m at Little Lilly's both new and old board will be present the 2020 board will be dismissed after old business is conducted.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2021, 6:30p.m at The Moose

Meeting adjourned @ 8:06p.m