



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 13, 2024

American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City

Call to Order by Madam Linda at 6:31 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Linda Bohacek

1. 50/50: Board recommendation - funds for 4th of July Parade money used for bunting, paint, wood for decorations -
2. Financial Requests none
3. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:
 - a. Bag and Tag and Pancake Breakfast update - \$1000 breakfast - bag n tag \$1500. It was suggested we up the food amount next time as we ran out.
 - b. Merchandise Report- Jill - April income \$3,749 Jill went over the new products.
 - c. Shoes with Heart presentation -Kim Rassmussen 925 pairs collected so far, goal is 2,250. Sorting continues at the American Legion on Wednesdays. Money goes to the scholarship fund
 - d. River District Alliance Art Walk - Lorie Tidwell volunteers covered for June 7th . Need some for July 5th 4:30 to 7 and 6:30-9. We will be selling beer and water. Also offering our hooker merchandise
 - e. Scholarship Committee: Tracy Chapple - deadline May 17th, still time to apply.
 - f. First Horizon Grants for Good program- student scholarships Linda B - 160th anniversary. Deadline was April 30th. By June 17th, we should hear if will receive one of 160 grants being given out.
 - g. Minnesota Twins Grant Opportunity - student scholarships-Linda B There is a \$5,000 grant available and Sandy Kerr is reviewing it.
 - h. Bobber's Bait Shop is having a raffle and money being raised is going to the hookers, \$1 per ticket - drawing is May 15th
 - i. Fisher of Men's Lutheran church noisy offering. Linda accepted a check for \$674.

4. Hooker Business:

- a. Social media/website/Facebook update- Tiffany Noel -
 1. Updating the website is next on the agenda, looking to bring more members, more talents.
 2. Facebook page is our yellow pages, display fun things we do, page where we can like and share what we are doing
 3. The other page is our private Facebook page for Hookers only. You have to be a member to join and Tiffany and Tracy passed around QR code to join. Our socials will be on there, announcements, volunteers
 4. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 22nd at 6 pm Salty Girls Cafe.

- b. Board is brainstorming fundraiser ideas at their June meeting. If you have any suggestions, please contact a board member.

Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych(absent) Linda B

1. Membership Report: 188 members; 44 new
Note: price increase on badges - \$10 now instead of \$7.50, effective on June 1st
2. Meeting Attendance: 45
Thank you to Deb Syring, Donna Trusik, and Joyce Boyer assisting with sign in.
3. New member swear-in: Elsie Olander
4. Call Girls Thank You to Anna VanKirk and Lorie Tidwell
Next month's volunteers: DJ Rusik and Elsie Olander
5. May Birthday celebrations!
6. Member Mixer event -Linda Bessette announced an ice cream social to be held at CW Fudge Factory in Matlacha at 6 PM May 8th

Secretary, Monica Kochel

1. Review and approval of the April general minutes.
Heidi Lutz moved to approve the April General Minutes. Motion carried.
2. Mail was read

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Review and approval of financial reports March -
Natalie Gazda moved to approve March Financials. Motion carried.
2. 2024 budget was proposed to the Board and will be brought forth to the Board to approve at the June Board meeting. For those who were chairs of events, please make any changes before then.

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report - none

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

a. Stamp out Hunger Food Drive- Lorie Tidwel, Saturday was unload day. 1600 pounds of food was donated

b. Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Needs are: Hamburger helper, canned diced tomatoes, instant mashed potatoes, elbow macaroni, penne or ziti pasta, egg noodles, dried beans, saltine crackers. Check updates in Hooker Herald. Bring items to the General Membership Meetings. Every member is asked to bring two non-perishable items to each Meeting and a Donation Jar is available. Thelma will take food this week

c. July 4th parade -Tracy Chapple - narrowing down the theme, will put out a volunteer list. Bears Den Apothecary is donating 1000 popsicles

d. Blood Drive – August TBA May 18th event - 13 donors helped 39 recipients. e. Adopt a Road - Lorie Tidwell - May 7th was a great turnout. Next one will be announced. f. School supply drive - stuff the trailer is tentatively set for Aug 3rd

g. Painting the poles - Donna Trusik said more poles will be painted, over 60 so far are done.

h. Mango mania - mango themed design for the t-shirt contest if artistic members who like to create the t-shirt.

I DJ mentioned that the owner of SOB restaurant in Ft Myers would like a bunch of Hookers to come by when they open. More info to follow.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 220

Tonight's Attendance Winner: Elsie Oleander Volunteer of the month winner: Billie Young

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$ 95

Next Board Meeting: June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday, June 10 , 2024, 6:30 p.m. @ American Legion Post 136 Saint James City, FL 33956

Motion to adjourn by Joanne Correia at 7:31 pm. Motion carried.