



**MATLACHA HOOKERS**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: August 12, 2024**

**St James City Civic Association 3300 Fourth Ave, St. James City**

**5:30 Dinner provided by SJCCA 6:30 meeting begins**

***Please turn cell phones off or put on silence.***

***Please be respectful of those who are speaking and refrain from sidebar conversations.***

(These requests came from Members and they suggested a \$5 Penalty after one warning!)

Call to Order by Madam Linda Bohacek- 6:34 call to meeting

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

Introduction: Secretary Rachel Branch

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Madam Linda Bohacek**

1. 50/50: Museum of the Islands; no other ideas brought to attention by members for donation of 50/50; DJ motion to approve Museum of Islands; motion carried

2. Financial Requests; none

3. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:

Fundraising:

a. P.I.E. Derby- DJ and Darcy; 1st weekend of November 11/2 & 11/3; Saturday will be the adult derby, all done through i-angler/ catch and release. Saturday there will be a minimal amount of volunteers needed for registration. Sunday will be the main event; school age children (not just PI residents) will be fishing off Pier. Captain Cons will be the location this year; there will be music, food and hook-a-basket on Sunday. Sunday will be the day that all volunteers are needed; all hands on deck. Friday night there will be captains meetings. Volunteering sign up list went around during meeting; next committee meeting date TBD b. River District Alliance Art Walk - Lorie Tidwell/ Looking for 3 more volunteers for

September 6th walk 5-9pm; 3 more volunteers needed for second shift; Lorie is talking to event coordinator for a different time of year and or to find another walk. c. Get Flocked - Tracy & Darcy; signs presented; finalizing price and final details/ website; all money to Hooked on Education; more to come

d. German American Christmas Market- Donna; December 14th & 15th; merchandise; carolers; lots of money to be collected for fundraising; still in planning stages

e. Mrs Roper Romp Caftan Crawl- Tracy Chapple, Tammey Lynch, Stacey Simms; Septmeber 14th 3pm; VFW start point; The Moose (for dinner); Kickstands; Eagles Nest (end location); roper costume kits available for 40\$ also links to buy yourself (September 1st cutoff date to order); \$20.00 donation for wristband; raffle prizes at each stop; 50/50 at each location; all money to Hooked on Education; no pre sign up; editing

flyers with times and locations; about 1 hour each location; car pooling recommended f. Pine Island Peace Day Celebration- September 21st 10am- 4pm at the SJCCA; The Matlacha Hookers are the benefactors of this event and money will go toward "Hooked on Education" - Jennifer Bennette; 40 vendors and counting; vendors still able to sign up; entertainment scheduled; Anna Van Kirk in charge of kids section/ games; Anna needs 2 volunteers for each shift; go to facebook page for volunteer link/ signup.com; all of Jennifer's information is on the facebook page; great opportunity to do a 50/50 on that day looking for volunteers.

g. Adopt a Dolphin Auction- Chamber of commerce 4th annual wall sculpture auction October 13th 2024 from 4-7 Tarpon Lodge hotel- Linda - artistic hookers needed to decorate a plywood cut out of a dolphin.; contact linda to do create/ decorate dolphin if many of people are interested a name will be drawn.

#### 4. Past Events and Updates

a. Mango Mania- update Donna & Linda; General consensus to not volunteer for parking next year.

b. Meat Raffle- update Elsie & Kimmy; \$1154.00 raised in 2 hours; Burntstore Tavern was very impressed and looks forward to next time, a huge success; January. 25th next meat raffle at Burntstore Tavern; looking to do a meat raffle on the island during off season; This conversation prompted the discussion of leaving a calling card at local business and the importance of doing so.

c. Pine Island United Methodist Church Block Party- update Carolyn & Donna; this event was the same day as the FISH back to school drive; great turnout of nonprofit organization; most kids were inside playing laser tag due to very hot weather.

d. FISH school clothing drive- update Lorie; Hookers sponsored 20 kids under budget at Kohl's; went back for more backpacks

e. VFW event July 20th Celebration- update Anna; 50 cards written to Bob from Hookers and fruit trays given for celebration; Bob was blown away by the turnout and celebration; a very memorable and special day for him.

#### Hooker Business:

a. Social media meeting will be held on August 21st at Salty Girls at 6:00 p.m; ideas and formatting for new website

b. Natalie Gazda- Long time hooker and volunteer appreciation -Lori Tidwell; 20 years of being a Hooker and contributing her time, energy and doing so many things to impact the community; Natalie was presented The Natalie Gazda Scholarship which will be given to a student that demonstrates positive energy and participation as Natalie has; she was also gifted a lifetime Hooker membership, given a Cape Coral plaque and the last Art Fest and 25 anniversary shirt

c. Chamber of Commerce is holding a Volunteer Appreciation Party- Thursday August 15th 5:30pm- 7pm at the Sun Shrimp 9703 Stringfellow Rd St James City; those that have volunteered for chamber events please attend; 15th of September deadline to rsvp; [info@pineislandchamber.org](mailto:info@pineislandchamber.org) to rsvp.

### Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Membership Report: 207 members; new 55;  
2025 membership is being accepted now; if running for November elections you must pay \$20.00 membership dues before hand; complete form when paying membership
2. Meeting Attendance: 52
3. New member swear-in: 1 Sharron Kubik
4. Call Girls : Thank You to Anna Van Kirk and Darcy Conner for call girls  
Next month's volunteers: Scottie Thomas; Donna Trusik
5. Birthday celebrations! Happy Birthday!

### Secretary, Rachel Branch

1. Review and approval of the July general minutes; Carolyn Ryzanych made motion to approve; motion carried
2. Mail- Thank You notes read

### Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Review and approval of financial reports- July; Tammey Lynch made motion to approve; motion carried
2. Merchandise report: July \$2404.00

### Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report; At the Beacon of Hope starting August 21st and every other Wednesday following Samaritan Health will be present providing assistance to individuals starting at \$50.00. Also at The Beacon every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-5pm a notary is present; computer, fax machine and printer are available at The Beacon; A case manager is also available to help individuals in the community, an appointment is required; there is transportation for individuals with medical needs available must call 48 hours in advance 239-258-5123; There is a service that will help people in the community evacuate incase of a hurricane, individuals must call 239-533-0640 in advance; POST ON HOOKER HERALD

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support
  - a. Pine Island Food Pantry- Needs to be continued to be posted in the Hooker Herald
  - b. Blood Drive- August 10th 10am - 3pm -DJ Rusik- waiting to see how the turnout was
  - c. Adopt a Road - Lorie Tidwell; September 21st; can not do clean up by construction; 8:30 am start time; will put meeting location in Hooker Herald
  - d. CPR classes - Donna Trusik; Cody will call or email about times available for classes
  - e. Pole Painting Update - Donna Trusik; 5 poles and counting painted and going to be painted; contact Donna to help
  - f. P.I.E. School wish list/teacher grant info/ PIE School Supply Drive- Linda & Christy- Larry Lappin Foundation donation; Larry Lappin donated money to the Hookers and then in turn be be donated to PIE for Wish List items; 300 high quality headphones; 1 yearly trip

to North Ft Myers Academy of the Arts for their yearly performance including 5 buses; 9 recess bags of assorted games; STEM lab supplies; the total donation being \$4,724.62; stuff the SUV picked up all school donation bins and island 50/50; winning ticket \$841; donations were also taken; \$1094 raised

g. Kiwanis First Labor Day Bash-Monday September 2nd 10am-4 pm Saint James City Civic association

-Kathleen Marquis- looking for volunteers for Labor Day Bash; sign up sheet going around during meeting; adult and kids games and contests; live music; vendors attending; Kathleen's contact info: 978-766-4946 pineisland1965@gmail.com

h. 9/11 Commemorative Program - American Legion - Kim Rassmussen; remembrance ceremony at the American Legion on 9/11 at 8:30am is open to the public; 23rd anniversary; honoring fire department, sheriffs and emergency services

### OTHER:

50/50 collected \$210

Tonight's Attendance Winner: Jeannie Glenn \$105

Volunteer of the month winner: Linda Lee \$105

Phuzzy's Boat Shack gave gift certificates to raffle off for Hooker members

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry was \$120.00; Patty taking donation items

Next Board Meeting: August 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. @ The

American Legion, 4106 Stringfellow Rd St James City, FL 33956

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:05pm pm by Darcy Conner. Motion passed.