



MATLACHA HOOKERS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 11, 2024

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

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 Linda Bohacek 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Linda Bohacek

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

Present Peace Day Check -Linda Bohacek; check presented to the Matlacha Hookers and picture taken with volunteers

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Linda Bohacek

1. 50/50: Food Pantry Feminine Hygiene products or Pine Island Community

Church; members chose PICC for 50/50 motion made by DJ Ruscik. Motion approved.

2. Financial Requests: Nation Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM- Rachel Branch;

Scottie Tomas made motion to approve the board's decision of making a budget to fund students up to \$3,000.00. Motion approved.

3. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:

Fundraising:

- a. Art Fest Ft Myers- Saturday February 1st ; volunteers will be needed for beverage tents- Donna Trusik, Rachel Branch and Lorie Tidwell will be attending meeting in Ft Myers on 11/12 to obtain more details
- b. Christmas Caroling- December 6 & 7, 13, 14, 15, 21st - Tracy Chapple; details of times and locations are still being worked on. Other ideas and locations brought up by members will be brought to Tracy. More information to come in Herald
- c. Island Luau- March 2nd; Next luau planning meeting is November 18th @ Salty Girls at 6pm Linda Bohacek- Volunteer clip boards have been in rotation with members for sign up; letter will go out 1st of December to past donors and sponsors; baskets making will need many volunteers; sign up genius will be open for members to sign up to volunteer
- d.. Fishing Derby- May 16, 17 & 18 of 2025; DJ and Kelly; event place still TBD; Next planning meeting is December 17th Kickstands @ 6pm

4. Past Events and Updates

- a. OLMM Holiday Bazaar- Linda Bohacek Volunteer Thank you's
- b. Hooker blood drive @ Winn-Dixie- great turn out; numbers are not out yet; 4 blood drives hosted every year, November 9th blood drive had a total of 16 donors; In the year of 2024 Matlacha Hooker Blood Drive resulted in 56 units of blood impacting 168 lives.
- c. Calusa Blueway Kayak Tournament Hooker merchandise booth November 9th-proceeds from event go the Lee County children with cancer- canceled
- d. Kiwanis Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat @ PIE \$200.00 donation made.

Hooker Business:

- a. Mission statement Workshop - November 20th at Salty Girls @ 6pm

Moderator Tiffany Noel members are welcome and encouraged to attend; This will benefit the Hookers in many ways including grant writing.

- b. Grant writing; Cape Royal Community Grant received \$3,500.00; award presentation on November 18th at Cape Royal Golf Course- Donna Trusik and Linda Bohacek will attend the presentation.

c. Elections/ Nominees- Meet the candidates; December 9th General Meeting elections will take place. Carolyn Ryzanych; The Hooker Herald will have a special "Meet the Candidate" issue; December meeting will be voting and outcome; members must be up to date with dues to vote.

d. Member Mixer supporting local business- Tracy Chapple; local businesses for a meet up each month to help support and mingle with other members; members were encouraged to think of places to meet up in our community.

e. Storage unit cleanout is on December 3rd @10 am this information will be in the Herald.

Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Membership Report: 2024 members 206 old and 57 new; 2025 73 renewals
2. Meeting Attendance: 57
3. New member swear-in: 1 Sharon Winfield
4. Call Girl:
Next month's volunteers: Donna Trusik; Linda Bisette
5. Birthday celebrations!

Secretary, Rachel Branch

1. Review and approval of the September general minutes- Carolyn Ryzanych made motion to approve
2. Mail; Thank you cards from Kiwanis and Pine Island Food Pantry

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Financials - August, September, and October- Lorie Tidwell made a motion to approve the 3 months. Motion approved.
2. Merchandise report: September & October \$889 at OLMM Holiday Bazaar; merchandise booth volunteer opportunities being passed around during the meeting.

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report STEM program
 - a. Card Showers

b. Meal trains for hookers in need (website); members were told about this helpful website and to contact Chaplain if a fellow hooker is in need

2. Joke

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

a. Pine Island Food Pantry needs- Needs are posted in the HookerHerald b. Adopt a Dolphin Auction- Tarpon Lodge November 17th 4- 7pm- Julie Gilson artist for

our dolphin online bidding available

c. Holiday House of Hope- Tarpon Lodge benefit for Beacon of Hope December 6, 7 & 8; On Sunday the 8th kids craft volunteers needed to help support- Anna Van Kirk; in Hooker Herald for volunteer times

d. Breakfast with the Chamber Wednesday November 13th at Salty Girls @ 7:30am (a discussion on social media tools) \$10 entry fee

e. Kiwanis Annual Pine Island Calusa 5k Saturday January 11th; Bronze \$250 sponsorship selected- Linda Bohacek

f. Toast and Shop November 22nd 5-9pm; Merchandise booth @ Street Eat & Ale; announced that volunteers were needed

g. Island Market @ Fishers of Men Lutheran Church November 30th (every last Saturday of the month until April); Merchandise booth; announced that volunteers were needed

h. Holiday Tiki Hut Sunday December 1st; volunteers will be needed for the merchandise booth - Wicked Dolphin in Cape Coral - Merchandise volunteer needed i. Party in the Park - Deb and the Dynamics at Saint James City Civic Center fundraiser 2-5pm, Merchandise volunteers needed

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$235

Tonight's Attendance Winner: Angie Ochs Volunteer of the month winner: Juli Lauren Knott

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$235

Next Board Meeting: Monday December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island
Cafe Next General Meeting: Monday December 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. @ The
American Legion, 4106 Stringfellow Rd St James City, FL 33956 (holiday dinner)

Motion to Adjourn at 7:47 pm by Cindee Toliver. Motion approved.