



June General Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 10, 2024

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

Call to Order 6:03 p.m. by Madam Linda Bo

Pledge of Allegiance - Madam Linda Bo

Invocation -Chaplin Anna VanKirk

Pine Island Alliance – Disaster Preparedness information on website with items that are tax free

Sara new Commander at VFW – Thanking the Matlacha Hookers for donation.

President SJC Civic Association – wants to have dinner in honor of the Hookers. Dinner for our meeting to see what improvements have been done

- 50/50 – Cape Coral Animal Shelter or School Supply Drive
 - Motion by Tammey Lynch – approved to donate to Cape Coral Animal Shelter
 - School Supply Drive – membership agreed to have School Supply for next month's 50/50
 - Cape Coral Animal Shelter – need donations – This month
 - They give food and donations
- Financial Requests
- Upcoming Events
 - PIE Derby – event is children and teachers at Pine Island Elementary School
 - Date 11/03
 - Location – Attempting to move to Bokeelia Fishing Pier and Capt'n Con's
 - Issue is the owner of Capt'n Con's out of town – construction done by Oct.
 - Pier – They are on board.
 - Meeting on 6/27 at Capt'n. Con's at 6 PM open to join
 - How the money is used
 - \$5k of proceeds are given to teachers to split thru the year for out-of-pocket costs
 - Projects for the school
 - Scholarships for PIE students
 - Shoes with Heart – collected for two months, collected 1,750 shoes, profit \$625, took about 48 hours for pick up and sorting.
 - River District Art Walk – Lorie isn't here for update – Event was canceled for

June due to bridge closure.

- Get Flocked – Starting now, welcome to join committee, sign will say flocked, will be on social media, certificate of being flocked to be determined.
- Mango Mania – 07/13 at the Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Catholic Church; Volunteers are needed, event done by Chamber, they wave the booth fee to Hookers for volunteering; Designated person to head up parking to be our contact and will provide orientation ahead of time; will be up to six stations; Donna Trusik will be our lead on this
- Meat Raffle – Burnt Store Tavern – Elsie spoke with the owner of Tavern. 07/27 from 2-4; Funds going to Scholarship Fund; Meat will be purchased with paint sticks with numbers printed on them. There are 10-12 rounds. Sticks are sold for 1-2 dollars and 50/50 raffle will be done. Burnt Store Tavern will donate a tee shirt or hat.
Dan the Meat Man at Winn Dixie or Farmer Joes; Sam's Club may donate or discount
- Hooker Business
 - New Board Member – Jeanelle Havlin
 - Secretary – Vacancy to serve on board as Secretary, thru the end of the year
 - Scholarship –
 - Awarding 10 \$2k scholarships; Some funding from Mariners Fund, some of Hurricane Relief; Rolling over First Responders scholarship to next year; Open to ideas to self-fund scholarships
 - July Meeting – recipients will be here
 - Social Media –
 - Next Meeting 6/19 at 6 PM; will be covering website
 - Vote on Pine Island Eagle for us – vote daily
 - Board Brainstorming on Fundraisers
 - Quarterly Breakfast
 - Poker Run
 - Bobber's Bait Shop – Raffle raised \$300 for the Matlacha Hookers. Proceeds go to Student Scholarships.
 - July 4th Parade – meet at 8:30 am in Winn Dixie parking lot to decorate, parade starts at 10 am, after parade quick tear down – wear Red, White and Blue and contact Tracy with any questions
 - Fireworks – Make Donation for American Legion Fireworks – historically have given a few hundred dollars – Motion for \$250 from Natalie, approved, motion carried.
 - Hooker Herald – will be published on 10th and 20th
 - VFW – July 20th 100-year-old veteran – motorcade from center to VFW, would like people on the road; Legion riders notified and will post on site
- Vice Madam
 - Membership report – 189 members,

- Meeting attendance - 30 members and 7 guests
 - New Member Swear In – 6 New members
 - Call Girls Next Month – Marion Horgan and Angie Ochs
 - Birthday Celebration
 - Secretary
 - Review of minutes – Board has approved – Motion to approve – Tammey Lynch – motion carried
 - Mail – PIE thank you for donation for Spring Fest
 - Treasurer
 - Review and approve April financials – Motion to approve – Joanne Correia – motion carried
 - 2024 Budget – Motion to Approve – Natalie Gazda– motion carried ○
- Merchandise May – May made \$1,485; Still have a few of the 25th Anniversary ●
 Chaplain Outreach – none this month

- Community Support
 - Pine Island Food Pantry needs are posted in the Hooker Herald
 - Blood Drive – Sat 08/10 10 am-3pm and will be at Winn Dixie but may try for Micelli's
 - Adopt A Rod – no update
 - Painting the poles –
 - Donna not here today – no drawings received so no firm committee, members encouraged to paint a pole
 - DJ/Darcy – fun to do a pole; make Hooks come together with hearts; stencil to use to create it; Date to be determined but will be in July
- 50/50 Collected – \$150 Cape Coral Animal Shelter
 - Volunteer of the month Winner - DJ Ruscik
 - Winner – Anna VanKirk
- Tonight's Donation to Food Pantry - \$100
- Discussion on self-funding to ensure 15% is put back into Hookers – Request by Joanne to determine if still required? Does Merchandise put money in? Request to discuss in board meeting
- CPR Class – Board discusses
- Motion to Adjourn – Motion by Darcy Conner; motion carried
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 pm