



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 9, 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 Carolyn Ryzanych @ 6:30pm
Pledge of Allegiance led by Carolyn Ryzanych
Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

Presentation of donations raised for Pine Island Elementary School to Dr. Michael Galbreath

\$2500.00/ \$3032.88/ \$4724.62 checks presented to PIE

Special Guest Larry Lappin

The Lappin Foundation found The Matlacha Hookers through our social media. He was thrilled to see the large amount of money being raised for education and PIE. The Lappin Foundation is a big advocate of education and focuses on raising money for local charities and religious organizations .

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Carolyn Ryzanych

1. 50/50: P.I.E. Derby/ no other ideas from members/ Natalie Gazda made motion/ Motion carried/ Members interested in seeing list of organizations that have been donated to in the past year, Deb has provided list

2. Financial Requests/ none

3. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:

Fundraising:

a. P.I.E. Derby DJ & Darcy/ The weekend of November 1-3/ Next planning meeting September 10th at Capt'n Con's@ 6pm

b. German American Christmas Market- Donna/ Donna just received an email regarding the

event and meeting will have updates

c. Mrs Roper Romp Caftan Crawl September 14th- Tammey Lynch, Stacey Sims/ All details finalized and locations are secured/ drawings and 50/50 at each location/ grand prize drawing at Eagles Nest/ all money goes to Hooked on Education

d. Get Flocked -Darcy/ Angee Romero will be taking over Get Flocked/ looking for second person to chair this with her, members were told to email if interested

e. Pine island Peace Day Celebration- September 21st at the SJCCA; The Matlacha Hookers are the benefactors of this event and monies will go toward "Hooked on Education" - Jennifer Bennette/ 50/50 goes Hooked on Education/ Jennifer is looking for just a few more volunteers to help at booths/ event day clean up/ set up

4. Past Events and Updates

a. River District Alliance Art Walk September 6th- Lorie Tidwell/ last art walk is October 4th/ all volunteers secured/ looking into other events for next season/ \$706.00 raised at September 6th walk

b. Kiwanis Labor Day Bash- Darcy/ great success/ registration forms were handed out at Hooker booth for PIE Derby

c. Community Foundation Non-Profit Business Conference and Grant Seeking update-Carolyn/ grant writing importance/ Mission Statement in the works

d. Meat Raffle @ Burnt Store Tavern September 7th 2pm- 4pm/ \$1160.00 raised/ Jan 25th is the next Meat Raffle/ Still looking for local places on the island to do a meat raffle/ Elsie will we contacting Froggy's and Kickstands Pub and Grub

Hooker Business:

a. Social Media Planning Meeting update- next meeting -September 18th 6 PM Salty Girls Island Cafe - Carolyn/ information given about Tiffany revamping website

b. Matlacha Hooker Mission Statement/ Importance of this was expressed and ideas welcome

c. Elections/ Nominees- members must have dues paid by October 14th in order to be eligible to vote in November election/ Voting will take place at November meeting/ November 5th absentee ballot is due/ Meet the candidates night during November meeting and get to know candidates in Hooker Herald

d. Pine Island Elementary Volunteer form for new 2024/ 2025 school year/ Forms were available for members to fill out

e. Bag n Tag- Carolyn/ postpone indefinitely/ will reach out to the Julia Gaylor about continuing to do the pancake breakfast

Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Membership Report: members 205; 56 new in 2024

2. Meeting Attendance: 47

3. New member swear-in: Wendy Pattison, Sarah Eberwine and Jacqueline Schlesselman

4. Call Girls : Thank You to Scottie Thomas & Donna Trusik
Next month's volunteers: Natalie Hetrick & Jeanelle Havlin
5. Birthday celebrations!

Secretary, Rachel Branch

1. Review and approval of the July general minutes Darcy Conner motion to approve/ Motion carried
2. Mail/ thank you note from Food Pantry

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Merchandise report: August \$555.00

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report/ Pine Island Emergency Task Force Liaisons and Representatives for Matlacha Hookers
2. Joke

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support
 - a. Pine Island Food Pantry needs- Needs are posted in the Hooker Herald
 - b. Pine Island Youth Baseball Sponsor for 2024/2025 season/ Donation
check of \$50.00 given to Kate Rowell on 9/10/24 by Rachel Branch
 - c. Adopt a Road - October 5th 8:30 am meet at Blue Dog parking lot- Lorie Tidwell/ Show up or sign up
 - d. Pole Painting Update - Donna Trusik/ Big thanks given to Donna and members for all the work and beauty she has brought to the island
 - e. 9/11 Commemorative Program at the American Legion @ 8:30 am - Kim Rasmussen/
Encouraged members to attend
 - f. Pine Island Emergency Task Force Liaisons and Representatives for Matlacha
Hookers- Anna & Donna/ Important for the community and encouraged members to be involved and understand this new organization and how this will help keep the community up to date and knowledgeable if there were to be a natural disaster
 - g. Network Night held by GPI Chamber of Commerce is holding a Networking Night
at the SJCCCA on September 19th @ 5:30pm
 - h. Adopt a Dolphin Auction- Event is October 13 from 4-7 pm at Tarpon Lodge -Juli Gilson
artist for our dolphin
 - j. Ian Recovery Event September 28th @ 6pm located at the Matlacha Remax

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$265.00 \$132.50
Tonight's Attendance Winner: Linda Lee

Volunteer of the month winner: Christy Rau

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$105.00

Next Board Meeting: Monday October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island Cafe
Next General Meeting: Monday October 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. @ The American
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Donna Trusik made motion to adjourn/ Meeting adjourned 7:56pm