



MATLACHA HOOKERS

April General Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 8th 2024

American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Road, St James City

Call to Order by Madam Linda at: 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Linda Bohacek

Presentation from the Stamp Out Hunger Postal Service Food drive. - Hookers Lorie Tidwell and Peg Cruikshank and Guy from the Food Bank. Food Drive is Saturday May 11. This is the largest food drive in the USA. and Pine Island is the only food bank that is allowed to keep all their donations on the Island. Volunteers are needed at the OLMM Catholic church on Stringfellow road to sort food. Volunteer shifts are 10am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-3pm. The Post office will be sending out postcards announcing the Food drive with additional instructions, but will not be sending out bags as they have previously done. Please place your food donations in your own bags or boxes. Neighborhood Captains are also needed - additional information will be in the Eagle.

Presentation of checks to Nancy at Beacon of Hope for \$4000 and Cena Hamby at the Saint James City Civic Center Association in the amount of \$18,000 from Island Luau - Sandy Kerr and Joanne Correia. Total amount raised and distributed was \$22,000. Group photo taken and noted that 23 Hookers Volunteer for Beacon Bites delivering food to the island folks.

1. 50/50: Friends of the Pine Island Library
2. Financial Requests - None
- 3.. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:
 - a. Bag 'n Tag and Breakfast – Saturday, April 13th at the Moose Lodge and all money goes to the Scholarship fund –Theresa Shattuck and Carolyn Ryzanych are Co-Chairs Wednesday April 10 at 9 am is the last sort day with yellow sign ups going around; Julia and Tania will Co-Chair the pancake breakfast with Natalie as the cashier. - Tania Requests that all food donations be brought by Thursday for Friday pickup.
 - b. Merchandise volunteers - Sign ups will be on the website
 - c. Scholarship Committee - Carolyn Ryzanych - New application has been posted - deadline is May 17th on website and will be on social media for all to share
 - d. Pine Island Derby – Julia - more information to come.
4. Fundraising:
 - a. Merchandise Report- end of the month was on the weekend. More information to come. Jean & Jill are on a short needed break.

b. Island Luau update- Joanne Corriea - above

c. Shoes with Heart from March 25th to May 25th. Co-chairs will be Kitty Kline and Kelly LaMagna. Has been posted in the Herald. Need volunteers from 2 to 4pm on Monday to sort shoes. Need neighbor coordinators to bring in more shoes and we have 13 drop off sites.

d. July 4th - Kelly LaMagna and Tracy Chapple, Shhhh!! It's a secret. Virtual Signup is in full swing for the committee.

f. River District Alliance Art Walk - begins June 7th-Quad chairs Lorie Tidwell, Joyce Boyer, Kelly LaMagna, Theresa Kramer. The Hookers are staffing the beverage tent at Art Walk the first Friday of the month beginning June 7 thru October 4. All money raised will go toward Hooker scholarships. An advance party including Linda Bo, Tom and Joyce Boyer, Sherie and Gary Davis, Barb Miley, Kristin Schelwat and Lorie Tidwell met last Friday April 5 to meet the Event coordinator and check out the venue, vendors and event. We will be provided a set up 10x10 tent and we will be selling Kona, Modella and Ultra beers and water. SunCoast beverage will be providing the beer. The event runs from 5-9pm. We are anticipating needing 10-12 volunteers - possibly divided between 2 shifts. We will also be selling limited Hooker merchandise but no jewelry or items in competition with Art Walk vendors. More info to come...

5. Hooker Business:

- a. Board social media/planning/Facebook discussion - Wednesday April 17th at 6:00 pm at Salty Girls Island Cafe. Discussion of Public & Private Social Media pages & Calendars
- b. Sign up Genius - new electronic sign up. Can still use the sign up boards going around but sign up genius is electronic and allows you to sign up if you can attend a meeting or if your plans change.
- c. Committee for new events. ie: Mr. Pine Island or Pine Island Olympics - Kicking ideas nothing set in stone.

Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Membership Report: 177
2. Meeting Attendance: 53
3. New member swear-in: 6 present but 7 applications
4. Call Girls Thank You and next month, not asked
5. Birthday celebrations for April
6. Mix & Mingle - Carolyn and Tracy Chapple -looking into committee to plan events.

Paint N Sip April 24th at the Eagles Nest and thanked all the ladies and spouses who came out for March 20th Harbor Cruise.

Secretary, Monica Kochel (absent) Minutes taken by Darcy Conner

1. Review and approval of general minutes, Motion by Jeannie Glenn
2. Mail - will review later as Secretary was unavailable

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Review and approval of financial reports - End of month was on a weekend will review later date

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report Anna attending GPIA meeting to see what the needs are. Kids Closet 0-17 Free Clothes at the United Methodist Church 2/4/24 from 11a - 1pm, Contact Cathy ODonald for more info
2. Joke

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

- a. Bobby Holloway fishing Tournament - Julia
- b. Blue Line Bears- Linda Bears made for police officers who passed in line of duty. MH donated \$250 directly to Blue Line Bears. There are 4 police departments in Lee County that participate. If any Hookers are interested, there is a shop in Cape Coral that makes the bears and is looking for volunteers who would like to sew or can embroidery. Please reach out directly to get involved. Linda B has the contact info.
- c. Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Needs are: Feminine Hygiene, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Cereal, Saltines, Wide Egg Noodles, Items for Kids Snack Bags. 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.
- d. Blood Drive – May 11th, Winn Dixie, 10-3
- e. Adopt a Road - Lorie – After the meeting it was decided to postpone the Adopt a Road until May 4th at 8:30 am at Blue Dog so that the Hookers who would like to attend Tom Ruick's Celebration of Life can do so.
- f. Chamber of Commerce- Telephone Pole Project - Committee put together is DJ, Jamie Muller, Cathy Tenbrink, and Linda Bessett. Asking for all artists to come forward. We have a Matlacha Hooker Telephone Pole that needs updating
- g. Mango Mania mango themed design a shirt contest - Calling all artists. Reach out to the Chamber Directly

Dj personally thanked everyone who reached out and sent a card shower. As a reminder even if you do not know the Hooker personally, we all know each other and it touched her deeply.

Tom's services arrangements are:

4/27 at 11:00 am the Army will start at 11 am & then the Celebration of Life at the American Legion

4/28 at 2 pm in the middle of Boca Grande Pass she will be spreading ashes and shells.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$345

Tonight's Winner: Monique Lee Volunteer of the month winner: Linda Bohaceck

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$113.75

Next Board Meeting: May 6th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girls Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday, May 13th at the American Legion - question was asked about the Pizza Place in Cape. Hard to Hear with dishes and we needed an extra server.

Adjourned at 7:59 pm Motion made by Jeannie Glenn.