

PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON – COCOA BEACH
CARNAVALITO 2017
MINUTES – February 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike Coffey (President)

Mike welcomed the 131 members and guests present and thanked them for coming. He introduced the Past Presidents in attendance; Betty LeDoux and Bill McLaughlin. Mike thanked Bob and Fran Morrissey, Dick Roscoe and Dave Wilder for making the Hospitality Suite such a nice place to be on Friday night. Mike also thanked Peggy Huff for her help with the name badges and Margaret McLaughlin for the beautiful centerpieces and table goodies.

Pledge of Allegiance: James Beattie (Sgt. At Arms).

Invocation: Richard Grimison gave a heartfelt invocation remembering Ernie Hickman and asking for prayers for Joe Wood.

Board Attendees: Shirley Avery-1st Vice President, Kelly Parthenais-2nd Vice President, Noreen Hanson-Treasurer, Kathy Malin-Director, Patrick Smith-Director, Bill McLaughlin-Historian, Richard Grimison-Chaplin, James Beattie-Sergeant-at-Arms, Lee Bentley-By-Laws Chairman, Jacque Vowell-Editor, Betty LeDoux-Member Support, Cheryl Williams-Office Manager.

Mike asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the last meeting. Kelly Parthenais made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kathy Malin, motion carried.

Mike advised that the March issue of the Canal Record would be out the first week in March.

Mike reviewed the upcoming events:

Panama Canal Society UF Museum Luncheon, Gainesville, FL on April 1, 2017

PCS Picnic Phillipe Park, Safety Harbor, May 20, 2017

PCS Annual Reunion, Orlando, Florida July 6 – 10

PCS Membership Drive, Tampa, Florida September 19, 2017

South Florida Picnic, Tradewinds Park, Coconut Creek, FL October 14, 2017

Space Coast Picnic, November 4, 2017

Holiday Luncheon, St. Petersburg Yacht Club, December 16, 2017.

Mike reminded everyone to be sure and get your reunion reservations in soon and called on Bill McLaughlin for a reunion update. Bill McLaughlin gave an update on the Annual Reunion, advising that the first set of confirmations have been sent out by the hotel; Shorty and Slim would be playing at the pool party and William Friar would be the guest speaker at the Annual Luncheon. Register earlier rather than later to ensure that you can reserve a hotel room and purchase tickets for these events.

Mike advised that we would now enjoy our dinner and door prizes, along with the early bird drawing, would be handled at an intermission and thanked Fran Morrissey and Sentimiento Panama for providing the music for this evening.

Meeting was adjourned while dinner was served.

During intermission, door prizes were handed out, along with the winner of the 50/50 drawing, drawing for the handmade bowl and Early Bird Registration drawing. The 50/50 raffle was won by Stacy Parker DeRaps, the handmade bowl was won by Mrs. Kirkland and the Early Bird Drawing for two complimentary nights at Orlando Marriott World Center during the reunion was won by David Hannigan.

During another intermission, the centerpieces were awarded to a guest at each table.

Meeting adjourned.