

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, June 12, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. - Panama Canal Society Office, Lutz, FL

- * Approve the April Executive Board meeting minutes,
- * Approve three new members.
- * Approve Finances.
- * Approved purchase of Door Prizes for 2021-2022.

Kathy announced that we will need to start looking for new office space and move by end of summer.

President Report and Remarks: The layout of the Convention Center was presented to the Board. Registration layout was clarified. Margaret and Bill met with the new Convention Services Manager on June 2 for three-hour meeting. Bill was told by July 1st that most of Covid19 restrictions at the hotel will be very limited if not eliminated.

The Rum importer sponsoring the Happy Hours with rum has decided not to sponsor as Varela has terminated the contract with them. Bill called Ricardo March (even though not employed by Varela) and managed to get three cases of Ron Cortez for the Happy Hours. Sponsorship dollars will pay for the rum.

Rolando Armien wanted their band to play, and Bill offered them Thursday night. Rolando will oversee everything. The Society is not sponsoring this event. Bill suggested charging \$10 or \$15 at door.

Mears transportation closed their shuttle service due to Covid19, but they still offer taxi services which runs at from the airport to the hotel for \$53. Members can check Mears website for any updates on transportation. Security is needed for 77 hours for the Reunion. Bill is working with the Audio-Visual [Encore] team to reduce their amount. Videographer needed for Seminar and Luncheon. Photographer, Barry Alsobrook, was hired to record each event for \$500 each which will be paid for by UF.

In the Vendors room are eight singles and 16 double tables for a total of 23. Bingo will be in two different rooms, so 28 round plastic tablecloths are needed. BHS'80 is having a small band at the Villa pool on Friday afternoon from 4-7pm. There will be a donation jar. Pool Party Chairpersons need to check ID card and Panama Canal Society Badge before passing out wristbands for the free Beer. Eight Kegs have been ordered and is sponsored by BC Financials and Tom Ellis.

Annual Luncheon update - 318 reservations have been made. Extra luncheon tickets will be sold onsite.

Mike Coffey has agreed to pick up the trailer, load it with the Reunion supplies and drive it over to Orlando on Tuesday.

136 volunteer slots filled and the Procedures guidelines have been shared with the Chairpersons. Laura Kosik will send out the Procedures to the volunteers next week.

Betty informed the Board the Hotel started renovations in Tower II about three weeks ago, even though we had a no renovations clause in our contract. All King Suites have been sold out and she will have to ask some members to switch to Double Queen Suites due to losing the Kings in Tower II. Betty will be sending out emails to the members who specifically requested Tower II and King Suites. There are eight Cabanas by the large Pool. Four have been reserved but there are four available for the Pool Party.

Bill asked Katie Beattie and her boys to be pages at the Annual Meeting. Kathy will also contact Barbara Vose-Kulig.

New Business:

Chris is developing a new website via Word Press and having it hosted in a secured Cloud. Eventually, he will move the outdated Server to a secured Cloud.

Bob Russell is named the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee. Jacque Vowell and Elaine Vestal Lewis will be the two Board members on the committee. Bob will ask two members to join the Committee at the Annual Meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Bill encouraged Board members to be present at the Panama Canal Society events and meetings. The updated Agenda for the 2021-2022 dates was shared.

Meeting was adjourned.