

PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TOM STATHAM PARK, TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 6, 2010

President Tom Wilder welcomed the 53 members and guests, in attendance to the General Membership Meeting held at Tom Statham Park, Titusville, Florida and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

In the absence of Chaplain Cheryl Russell, Tom Wilder gave the invocation and in the absence Sgt. at Arms Michael Young, Tom Spence led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Wilder recognized past president Betty LeDoux-Morris who was in attendance. Tom also introduced the board members in attendance: 1st Vice President, Tom Spence; *Canal Record* Editor, Jacque Vowell and Office Manager, Nancy Van Siclen.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, copies of the General Membership Minutes held on September 18, 2010 at the Ocala Elks Lodge in Ocala, Florida were distributed to the membership, therefore, the president asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Betty LeDoux-Morris made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by JoElla Deakins. Motion carried.

The September Financial Statement was also distributed to the membership and stands for audit.

The president reported that he hoped the membership enjoyed the October issue of the *Canal Record* with the color pictures in the center from the Annual Reunion. Tom reported that the representative from the printer had visited the office and suggested doing a partial of the book in color and after receiving the quote the board decided to try this new venture. From the response we have heard the membership enjoyed seeing the reunion pictures in color.

Bob Zumbado representing the Panama Canal Museum reported that the Museum is not going out of business and will continue operating in Seminole. The Museum has joined with the University of Florida, Gainesville to ensure the continued existence of our collection into the future. Bob reported that the Museum still needs funding by its membership and he urged to contribute funds and become dues paying members of the Panama Canal Museum. The Museum and the University will continue the integration process with the goal of accomplishment by August 2012. Another exciting benefit is that the University of Florida, the Museum and the Library of Congress are currently collaborating to present an exhibit for the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Canal at the Library of congress Jefferson Building in Washington, DC, in August 2014.

Randy Deakins, co-chairperson for Carnavalito 2011 reported that the committee is again planning on hosting the Friday night event before Carnavalito on Saturday. This year we will be holding Carnavalito at the Melbourne Hilton for the weekend of February 4-6, 2011 and again Frances Morrissey will be playing for our enjoyment and reminded everyone and to make sure you get your reservations in early. The reservation form and hotel information will be in the December issue of the *Canal Record*.

Betty LeDoux-Morris reported that the hotel rate for the Carnavalito weekend will be \$104.00 plus tax per night and that the hotel is located directly on the beach, and the hotel also has a heated swimming pool for anyone interested.

Tom Wilder thanked Bob and Frances Morrissey and Bob and Kathie McConaughy for hosting the picnic and presented them with a token of appreciation from the Society.

The president reminded those attending that the 2011 Reunion will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott and that the yellow pages giving all the information and registration forms will be in the December issue of the *Canal Record*.

Several door prizes were awarded following the reports.

Betty LeDoux-Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.; it was seconded by Kathy Wilder. Motion carried.

NANCY VAN SICLEN
OFFICE MANAGER/SECRETARY

TOM WILDER
PRESIDENT