

**PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCALA ELKS LODGE, OCALA, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2010**

President Tom Wilder welcomed the 41 members and guests, in attendance to the General Membership Meeting held at the Ocala Elks Lodge and called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

Cheryl Russell, Chaplain gave the invocation and **Michael Young, Sgt. at Arms** led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Wilder recognized past presidents, Bill McLaughlin and Bob Russell who were in attendance.

Tom introduced the current board members in attendance: 1st Vice President, Tom Spence; Directors Shirley Avery and Noreen Hanson; Immediate Past President, Bob Russell; Bylaws Chairperson and Reunion Coordinator, Bill McLaughlin; Chaplain, Cheryl Russell; Sgt. at Arms, Michael Young; *Canal Record* Editor, Jacque Vowell and Office Manager, Nancy Van Sicien. Also in attendance was Albert and Aura Wilder, Sunshine Committee.

The president recessed for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, copies of the Annual Meeting Minutes held on July 2, 2010 in Orlando, Florida were distributed to the membership, therefore, the president asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bill McLaughlin made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by Albert Wilder. Motion carried.

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

Jacque Vowell, Record Editor reported that the October issue of the *Canal Record* is at the printer and we are waiting to receive the blue line for proofing. She also reported that this issue will have 32 pages of color pictures from the reunion.

Jacque reminded the membership that the deadline for submitting articles for the December issue is October 8, 2010.

Bill McLaughlin, Reunion Coordinator reported that the 2010 Annual Reunion was a success and that we are already in the planning stages for the 2011 Reunion which will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott from July 6, 2011 to July 10, 2011. The December issue of the *Canal Record* will have the “yellow pages” with all the information on the reunion.

Kathy Egolf, Executive Vice President, Panama Canal Museum reported that the partnership with the Museum and the University of Florida is going along smoothly. The University has already placed all the Reviews and 15 years of the Spillway on discs and they are working on the oral histories that were taken at the Reunion from about 20 members. The 2011 Museum calendar features the art work of Al Sprague; and Cheryl Russell and Judi McCullough are working on a book covering the different town sites from the Canal Zone.

At this point in the meeting a slide show was presented from the APC showing the plans for the expansion of the 3rd set of locks for the Canal.

The president reminded the membership of the upcoming meetings and also a flyer for each event was included in the packets that were handed out:

November 6, 2010 will be the Space Coast Picnic in Titusville, Florida.

December 5, 2010 will be the Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Wine Cellar Restaurant in North Redington Beach, Florida.

February 4 through 6, 2011 will be Carnavalito which will be held at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront Hotel in Indialantic, Florida. This year we will have Frances Morrissey playing the organ for our entertainment.

Several door prizes were awarded and the grand prize of an arrangement of silk flowers donated by Margaret McLaughlin was won by Danny Garretson.

Joan Ohman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.: it was seconded by Jerry Cox. Motion carried.

NANCY VAN SICLEN
OFFICE MANAGER/SECRETARY

TOM WILDER
PRESIDENT