

**PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HILTON OCEANFRONT HOTEL, INDIALANTIC, FL.
FEBRUARY 5, 2011**

President Tom Wilder welcomed the 120 members and guests in attendance to the General Membership Meeting held at the Hilton Oceanfront Hotel, Indialantic, Florida during Carnavalito and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Tom Wilder recognized past president Bill McLaughlin and also introduced the board members in attendance including 1st Vice President Tom Spence; 2nd Vice President Mike Coffey; Director Shirley Avery; Director Noreen Hanson; Director Chris Wilder; Bylaws Chairperson and Reunion Coordinator Bill McLaughlin; Sgt. at Arms Michael Young; *Canal Record* Editor Jacque Vowell and Office Manager Nancy Van Sclen.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, copies of the General Membership Minutes held on December 5, 2010 at the Wine Cellar Restaurant, N. Redington Beach, Florida were distributed to the membership, therefore, the president asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. John Marcum made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by JoElla Deakins. Motion carried.

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

Included in the packets to the membership was the February Legislative Report (copy attached to minutes).

Editor Jacque Vowell reported that the March issue of the *Canal Record* was in the process of being edited and will be sent to the printer next week.

Bill McLaughlin Reunion Coordinator reported that the yellow pages are in the December issue of the *Canal Record* and that as a cost savings will not be published in any other issue. However you can get a hard copy of the yellow pages by contacting the Society office or go on-line at our website. Bill also advised the membership that onsite registration at the reunion will be \$10.00 versus \$7.00 pre-registration.

Bill reported that we are in the planning stages for the Annual Luncheon and we are working on having a presentation about the massive project of the Panama Canal expansion and third locks construction now in progress in Panama. The Cultural Seminar speaker will be Edith (Barkowitz) Crouch; a 1973 graduate of Balboa High School will present a topic on Mola Art on Saturday afternoon during the reunion.

Bill McLaughlin also reported that this year we will have a new DJ for the after hours dance and that on Friday night the Panazonian Dance will start at 7:00 p.m. with Tito Mouynes till 11:30 p.m. and then will transition with the After Hours Night Dance. If you plan on attending, you can take advantage of the combo ticket for only \$20.00.

On Saturday afternoon, we will be having our 3rd Annual Pool Party. Remember you must be a member in good standing and registered for the reunion to participate.

The president thanked JoElla and Randy Deakins, Frances and Bob Morrissey, Sue and Terry Deakins and Janet and Norman Watkins for hosting Carnavalito and presented them with a token of appreciation from the Society.

At this point the name of the winner for early reunion registration was picked. The winner was Robert Will and he will receive two free nights for a regular room at the Orlando World Center Marriott at the reunion this year.

Throughout the evening several door prizes were awarded and the grand prize of a 3-day 2-night stay and the Hilton Oceanfront Hotel was won by David Sutherland.

The president reported that the next General Membership Meeting will take place at the Anderson Park in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

John Marcum made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Bill McLaughlin. Motion carried.

NANCY VAN SICLEN
OFFICE MANAGER/SECRETARY

TOM WILDER
PRESIDENT