

PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
A. L. ANDERSON PARK, TARPON SPRINGS, FL.
MARCH 19, 2011

President Tom Wilder welcomed the 62 members and guest in attendance to the General Membership Meeting held at A. L. Anderson Park, Tarpon Springs, Florida and called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

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

Tom Wilder recognized past presidents Bill McLaughlin and Bob Russell and also introduced the board members in attendance including 1st Vice President Tom Spence; 2nd Vice President Mike Coffey; Director Noreen Hanson; Director Chris Wilder; Treasurer, Jim Parthenais; Immediate Past President Bob Russell; Bylaws Chairperson and Reunion Coordinator Bill McLaughlin; Sgt. at Arms Michael Young; Chaplain Cheryl Russell and Office Manager Nancy Van Siclen.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, copies of the General Membership Minutes held on February 5, 2011 at the Hilton Oceanfront Hotel, Indialantic, Florida were distributed to the membership, therefore, the president asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bob Russell made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by John Gough. Motion carried.

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

Also included in the packets to the membership was the march Legislative Report (copy attached to minutes).

Tom reported that we had a few problems with the printing of the March issue of the *Canal Record* but that it was finally mailed this past week.

Bill McLaughlin reminded the membership that if you wait until you arrive at the Reunion your registration fee will be \$10.00 instead of \$7.00. He also reported that the guest speaker at the Annual Luncheon will be Kenneth Fortner, a BHS-71 graduate. He will be presenting a slide show on the expansion of the third set of locks. This year the seminar will be on Saturday afternoon and we will have Edith Crouch, a BHS-73 graduate who will be discussing Mola Art. Bill reported that both events should be very interesting.

Bill also reported that we are trying something different this year with the Panazonian Dance and After Hours. We are having a combo ticket at a cost of \$20.00. Tito will play from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and then the DJ will take over from 11:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. We are also continuing the Family Dance night on Friday night for children under the age of 12. Our 3rd Annual Pool Party will be on Saturday afternoon at the SPA pool. As always, we are in need of volunteers, so please contact one of the chairpersons of the different committees to offer your services.

The president thanked Cecilia and Tom Spence for hosting the picnic and presented them with a token of appreciation from the Society.

Tom reminded everyone that the next General Membership meeting will be held at Troyer's Restaurant in Sarasota and the reunion dates are July 6th through July 10th at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

Mike Coffey reported that Shorty & Slim will be playing on Thursday night at "Lums in Panama" to kickoff the Cayuco Race the weekend of April 16, 2011.

Mike Coffey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Pete Lang. Motion carried.

NANCY VAN SICLEN
OFFICE MANAGER/SECRETARY

TOM WILDER
PRESIDENT