



Panama Canal Society General Membership Minutes  
Carnavalito at Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL  
April 17, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Bill McLaughlin (President) at 7:40 p.m. On behalf of the entire 2020-2022 Executive Board of the Panama Canal Society (PCS), Bill welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to Carnavalito.

**Invocation:** Carl Orvis

There was a moment of silence for all the departed members.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Christine Tirpak

Bill announced that the PCS Annual Reunion will be held at this location starting in 2022 through 2025. He said all had a blast in the Hospitality Suite last night with great food and drink. Bill thanked all for coming and showing your support to Carnavalito. It was great to see fellow Zonians and friends.

Bill welcomed the Past Presidents present today: Betty LeDoux, 1989-1991 & 2000-2002; Tom Wilder, 2008-2014 and Shirley Avery Bentley from 2018-2020. Bill announced a quorum was present and we can conduct business.

The December General Membership Meeting Minutes were on the tables and Bill asked if there were any questions and if a motion can be made. Betty made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Debbie Lane seconded, and the motion carried.

Bill asked if anyone had any questions on the Financial Statements that were on the table, since there were no questions, the financials will stand for audit.

Many thanks to Betty LeDoux, Kathy Malin, Carl Orvis, and Patti Revello for teaming up and organizing Carnavalito 2021. Bill also thanked his wife, Margaret, for creating and donating the centering pieces.

We are currently on a membership campaign and on the table, there are program flyers with a few words on encouraging friends, family, and descendants to join and maintain our membership. Bill stated there were about 5400 FaceBook friends of the PCS but only 1800 members. We encourage Associate Members too. The flyer also contains an interesting story about "Burying of the Fish", which is a tradition during Carnival in Panama.

Bill then named the Executive Board members that were in attendance. Future meetings are on this flyer. The May picnic will be at Anderson Park in Tarpon Springs but this year, the picnic is "Bring your own Lunch". It is on the water and should have great weather.

The Reunion has about 1,000 registered to date. There are no committee reports and Bill asked if anyone had any old or new business. Carl stated that the Space Coast group turned over some historical photo albums and signatures from Space Coast picnic back through the 1970s.



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The door prizes were drawn, and Jacque Vowell won the grand prize of a two-night stay at the Marriott World Center in Orlando. [During the first band break, the Early Bird drawing was done by Betty and Catherine (Hoyle) Coleman, BHS 71 won the two-night stay during the Reunion.]

Bill asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. All was in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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William McLaughlin  
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Malin", written over a horizontal line.

Kathy Malin  
Office Manager