



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
A.L. ANDERSON PARK, TARPON SPRINGS, FL
May 15, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 11:50 am by Bill McLaughlin (President).

Bill announced we have a quorum present and welcomed the 60 members and guests present. We had a moment of silence for our departed members. Christine Tirpak led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill spoke about his first Society meeting at this park in 1996 and how the American Flag flew into the water after a gust of wind. They manage to get the flag back from the gators and he still has that flag at home somewhere. It is great to have the Zonian friends and family back together after an interesting 14 months.

Bill asked if all have read the meeting minutes from Carnavalito General Membership Meeting. Jean Medinger made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mary Alice Albritton seconded, and the motion carried.

Bill then introduced the Board Members present who were James Beattie, 2nd Vice President, Laura Kosik, Director, Christine Tirpak, Sergeant-at-Arms, Carl Orvis, Chaplain and Kathy Malin, Office Manager. Bill thanked Kathy, Laura, and James for organizing the picnic today.

The Society is on a membership campaign which is elaborated in the June Canal Record under President's Report. We need to encourage friends and family to join and maintain memberships. Please encourage descendants of Zonians to become members or friends to become Associate members.

The Reunion will be July 7-11 at the Caribe Royale All Suites Resorts in Orlando. The registration closes on June 4th and at last count, we had 1,165 people registered. Bill meet with the Caribe and all COVID rules will be thrown out on July 1st per the Governor.

Laura asked for Reunion volunteers and Mickey Fitzgerald spoke about the 'buy now' Museum items that are displayed and how the Museum needs volunteers at the Reunion too.

Bill asked if there was any old and new business and since there were none, he thanked everyone from coming and to enjoy the beautiful day. The door prizes were then drawn. Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.

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Bill McLaughlin, President

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

Kathy Malin, Office Manager