



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October 22, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Seven Springs Golf & Country Club, President's Room, New Port Richey, FL

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Bill McLaughlin, P.P. (President).

Attendees:

Bill McLaughlin, P.P. (President & Reunion Coordinator), Carl Orvis (1st Vice President), , Bosco Hoyte (Director), Mike Young (Director), Margaret McLaughlin (Director-at-Large), Elaine Lewis, P.P. (Past President), Ted Kaufer (Sergeant-at-Arms), Bill Lane (Chaplain), Jacque Vowell (Editor), Anna Hertrich (Office Assistant), Cheryl Williams (Reunion Co-Chair for Lodging), and Kathy Malin (Office Manager)

Attendees by ZOOM: Laura Kosik (2nd Vice President), Penny Canamas (Director), and Ray Husum (ByLaws)

Bill welcomed all and asked if everyone had read the August 6, 2022, minutes. Elaine Lewis made a motion to approve the August Executive Board meeting minutes, Carl Orvis seconded, and the motion carried.

There were 4 new members to be approved. Elaine made a motion to approve the 4 new members, Carl seconded, and the motion carried.

Financials:

Check Detail Report was business as usual. Elaine motioned to approve paying the bills, Margaret seconded, and the motion carried.

President/Reunion Coordinator Report and Remarks:

The Board was saddened to hear about the loss of Nancy Van Sicien last week. Bill would like to honor Nancy's memory and years of Society work by placing her photo on the cover of the December *Canal Record*. All Board members approved. Nancy's family had asked for any donations be sent to the Society in her honor.

Old Business:

The Board is still looking for a Treasurer and Legislature Representative. The FaceBook administrators are declining any new members unless they answer the questions and a Society member. This was also mentioned at the Annual Meeting during the Reunion. Laura Kosik asked about the goals of PC Society's FaceBook page. Going forward the Board agreed PCS FaceBook members should be Society members.

Members are confused about the Christmas Luncheon form. The burger for \$15.00 is only for Children 12 and under and is stated above form in the write-up. The Board agreed that no adults should order a burger. Parking will be limited this year in the yacht club parking areas. Bill and Kathy Malin will research a new location for 2023 Christmas Luncheon.

Kathy is working with GoDaddy and Bosco Hoyte, Jacque Vowell and Chris Wilder on a new website. It should launch before December.

New Business:

2023 Reunion

- Bill introduced Cheryl Williams who will assist Betty LeDoux in Reunion Lodging.

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- Security guards at the Ball were discussed. Carl is looking into a local company vice using the Allied Insurance guards. Their prices went up considerably from 2021. The companies need to be insured and bonded per the Hotel.
- Elaine agreed to work the Ball with Mike Young. We will ask Shirley Avery-Bently if she wants to work.
- The Friday DJ dance, Laura Kosik and Bosco Hoyte agreed to work.
- Jacque Vowell agreed to work the Sock Hop with Carl Orvis and Kelly Fenton. The theme will be black & white with an old diner atmosphere. [It is now cancelled.]
- Bill discussed the musicians/classes sponsoring the dances pay a fee for electrical. It has been done in the past. Approximately half of \$271.
- Ball and Luncheon electrical will be approximately \$951.
- Carl suggested we offer deals to the Volunteers to get more to volunteer, possibly a free dance ticket.
- Bingo is moved upstairs and will be on Thursday and Saturday. New signs will be made.
- Bill has been working with Melanie Trim Bales on a musical show for the Annual Luncheon – “A Retrospective of American Musical Theatre at the Panama Canal: 1979-1999”
- Theme and logo has been developed for the reunion – “A Reunion of Music” There will be musical events every day of the reunion.
- The price of food at hotel is expensive so the price for the luncheon is being raised to \$45 vice \$35.
- Margaret McLaughlin discussed using silk arrangement and chiva buses for Ball and Luncheon decorations. She feels she needs \$2300. Elaine motioned to approve \$2300 for Reunion decorations, Carl seconded, and the motion carried.
- Shirley Avery-Bentley agreed to sponsors the Reunion bags. Kathy showed samples and the Board decided on orange.
- Volunteer gifts were discussed, and the Board approved of orange luggage tags.
- The fees to the Reunion were discussed and the Board decided that the \$10 registration fee be raised to \$15 for members only and \$20 at late registration. Another discussion ensued on guests of members, wondering why they did not join the Society. The Board decided the fees for guests of members be charged \$25 and \$30 at late registration. The Board hopes to encourage non-members to join the PC Society. Bill will develop new signage.
- Class reunions with hospitality suites need to be warned that the hotel will confiscate food and beverages brought into the hotel or charge hospitality suites a corkage/catering charge.

Officers Report:

Everyone thought the October *Canal Record* had great quality and thanked Jacque for a great job. Kathy discussed the printing of *Canal Records* have gone up \$2,000 since 2021. The paper supply is in demand.

Kathy discussed the shipping and costs of our sale items. It costs \$3.55 to mail one an extra *Canal Record* and to mail a PCS Frame, it costs about \$5.00. We charge \$7.00 for an extra *Canal Record* and \$5.00 for a frame. There is also a charge to make the product. And every year, we must pay the State of Florida sales tax on our sellable products. We are losing money on selling extra Canal Records and the frames. Elaine motioned to raise the price to \$10 which includes shipping and handling, Carl seconded, and the motion carried. Kathy asked Jacque to remove the license plate from the sellable products since only 17 states can have a license plate on the front; others must have state plates.

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The Board discussed the Investments questionnaire in the October book. Kathy will send out the questionnaire to SW Florida, Port Orange, and New Smyrna Beach members via email in case those members may not have received their *Canal Record* because of the hurricane. Kathy asked the investment committee to be on a ZOOM call when she counts on November 4th at 11am. (She is on vacation Nov 1-3.) Anna will count on November 1st and Kathy will match the counts. Depending on the outcome; CDs – Kathy could work with Truist to purchase CDs. In September, the CD rate was 1.24% up from .05% in January. Invest in Stocks, Bonds & Mutual Funds – Need a Board member to do this. Ray Husum suggested we leave one year of expenses in our checking account then invest the rest into whatever the members vote on.

Ray wants a ZOOM call on November 23rd at 1pm to count the Bylaws ballots.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Luncheon: December 3rd

Board Meeting: January 21st

Space Coast Picnic: February 25th

Board Meeting: March 25th

UF Luncheon: April 22nd

FL Spring Picnic: May 20th

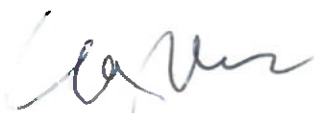
Board Meeting: June 10th

Pack U-Haul: July 4th

Reunion: July 5-9th with Annual Meeting on July 9th.

Bill asked the board members present and on the Zoom call if anyone had any other business to discuss.

Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Margaret seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.



Bill McLaughlin, President



Kathy Malin, Office Manager