



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, 105 N. Bayshore Dr, Safety Harbor, FL
October 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at noon by Carl Orvis (President).

Carl welcomed 60 members and guests present and thanked them for coming to this new location. There was a quorum present to conduct business. Bill Lane gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of the Allegiance led by Ted Kaufer. Carl thanked Cheryl Williams and Dixie Barons for the wonderful table decorations and hosting this event. He informed the attendees that we will eat first then conduct business.

At 1:00 pm, Carl reopened the meeting to introduce Past Presidents, but none were present. He introduced the Board members that were present. They were Mike Young (1st Vice President), Penny Canamas (2nd Vice President), Bosco Hoyte (Director), Cheryl Williams (Director), Dixie Barons (Director), Kelly Fenton (Director-at-Large), Ted Kaufer (Sergeant at Arms), Bill Lane (Chaplain), and Kathy Malin (Office Manager). Carl stated that Jacque Vowell had to leave early for a Celebration of Life; Bill McLaughlin had a trip planned to the mountains, and Noreen Hanson, the newly appointed Treasurer, had to work.

Besides door prizes, Carl stated make sure to purchase raffles tickets with proceeds going to Society. There are 4 donated raffles.

Carl called Kathy Egolf to the floor. Kathy mentioned the Friends of the Museum cruise to the Northeast and Canada this past September. Everyone had a wonderful time except one person who was ill but had wonderful health service on the cruise. Lori Snow donated \$900 to the Friends of the Museum for those cruising. Kathy stated that \$11,000 was raised during the Reunion at the Silent Auction. These funds will support the new program of hiring a person to digitize all the records coming into the Museum. The person has been hired. The past funding was to process Oral history of the Panama Canal. There is a fall membership drive to raise additional funds.

As President, Carl spoke upon the changes he has made to the Reunion. After 25 years of dedicated service, Carl is replacing Bill McLaughlin so he can enjoy the Reunion. Carl has appointed Kathy Malin to be the new Reunion Coordinator.

Carl gave an update on the Society beginning the process of changing our tax-exempt status to a 501(c)3. There will be another Amendment in your December magazine to eliminate term limits for the Board of Officers. If no one is competing for a Board position, then that Board member can stay in his/her position for another term. Carl encouraged everyone to vote.

Kathy Malin was introduced and spoke about the Reunion and three new events, Children's Magic Show and Balloon Creations, Meet & Greet a retired Navy SEAL, and the Grand Tivoli Soirée. This Soirée will be elegant event with dinner and entertainment prior to the Ball. We are encouraging black and white semi-formal for the Soirée. She then mentioned the Annual Meeting has been moved from Friday morning to Saturday morning at 10:30 am with the lottery drawing at the end of the meeting. Carl followed up by encouraging everyone to attend the Annual Meeting and there will be photo ops at the Soirée with a Tivoli backdrop or with Pollera dancers.



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Carl introduced Dixie Barons as the Nominating Chairperson. Dixie spoke about the upcoming elections and her committee. The committee is made up of two Board members and two Society members and asked if anyone is interested. They need to be present at the Reunion to count the ballots. Stacy Parker DeRaps and Lisa Kelleher both volunteered.

Carl asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Rae Donaldson introduced herself as the Sunshine Chair and reminded everyone to let her know if anyone is sick or ill and she will send a get-well card.

Carl invited all to the PCS Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 6th at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. He asked for everyone to look at the back of their program for other events.

Raffle and Door prizes were drawn.

Penny Canamas motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:45 pm, and Joan Ohman seconded, and the motion was carried. Stacy Parker asked everyone to meet for a picture.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Orvis", written over a horizontal line.

Carl Orvis, President

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

Kathy Malin, Office Manager