

## **PHNC Board of Directors Minutes - FINAL**

**October 2, 2025, 10:03 am**

Holy Trinity Church

3240 McMullen Booth Rd.

Clearwater, FL 33761

**Members Present:** Jane Bittmann, Cindy Bridgewater, Dorothy Sackett, Judy Moore, Maria Greco, Dee Lewis, Kathleen Aedo, Diane Cudney, Barb Sweet, Kathy Smuz, Christine Dandaraw, Claudia Thomas

**Members Absent:** Barb DePerto, Rita Yezzi, Joan Lawler

### **President -Jane Bittmann**

- We have a quorum this morning.
- **Budgets:** we're having an issue with overlapping budgets at present. Be careful that costs for event decorations are not tapping into the monthly table décor budget. Everyone has their own budget, so please be mindful of staying within that.

### **Vice President Membership – Barb DePerto (absent) Jane presenting**

- Current Membership is: 216
- 5 new Members in September: Peggy Crump, Elizabeth Smith, Fiona Tripp, Deb Scarsella, Elaine Leong,
- Summer Sizzler: 20 new members paid \$15 each
- Meet & greet – Oct. 29, 2025. Sent 26 invitations on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, which include some from last Meet & Greet that couldn't come before. 4 "yes" responses so far, and 3 "can't make it" responses.
- Early Renewal starts Oct. 1, 2025: 21 as of 5 PM on 10/1/25

### **Vice President General Meetings – Cindy Bridgewater**

- October luncheon count as of today: 69 have registered
- We need to let Sue be in charge of table décor, now that she has stepped up to fill this position. This includes events beyond the luncheons, and she can work with those who are planning events. Anything for table décor needs to come through either Sue or myself.
- Last month during the concert, there were a lot of people talking. I had to go to back tables to ask folks to be quiet. If Board members could help us remind everyone to be respectful of our presenters and entertainers that would be helpful.
- December Table Décor will decorate; do we want individual gifts? Let's let Sue make the decision on this.

### **Secretary – Dorothy Sackett**

- Need a motion to approve September Board minutes: Dee Lewis  
Seconded by: Kathleen Aedo                      All approve? Aye, minutes are approved

### **Treasurer – Judy Moore**

- Checking Balance \$7,149.12
- Savings Balance \$1,290.11
- Balance CD \$8,545.60
- Financial Review Committee report.
- If you have any expenses for the month, please get them in before the end of the month. Receipts need to be attached to a check request. I have a few here if you need one.

### **Luncheon Program Chair – Ad Hoc Program Chair – Barb DePerto (Jane speaking)**

- This month's program is Jennifer Higgins, The Spice & Tea Exchange, Dunedin, FL
- November program is Dave Johnston, selling Bromeliad Plants
- December is Ron Mitchell, Motown music

### **Activity Group Chair – Dee Lewis**

- Rosemarie Bakshis has volunteered to teach mah jongg to a group of beginners. 4 lessons starting in January, in her home, no charge. Claudia will be putting this in the Chatterbox.
- Have not found an Art and Antiques coordinator yet. We're looking for someone who has been a member for 6 months or more to take this on. I'm passing around a list of folks who might be candidates for you to provide any feedback on. I'm also thinking about giving Anne Todd a call to see if she recommends anyone.

### **Special Events Chair - Maria Greco**

- **Game Players at Sea** – Nov. 8-13, 2025. 39 people are going as of now. Still getting inquiries from interested members. Everyone should have loaded the app. Everyone should have started their online check in as of September 24<sup>th</sup>. If not done, people will be standing in line at the terminal manually filling out paperwork. I'll also announce this at the next luncheon. As for the games we're playing during the cruise, people can bring any game they like. Some have signed up to bring mah jongg sets, hand and foot, bunco, Mexican train, etc. And bring money for the casino!
- **Cookie Exchange** Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Linda Kaminsky is hosting this year at her home, 1:00-4:00. PHNC will be giving her \$100 to purchase items such as paper plates/napkins and water/soft drinks for everyone. Last year we had over 20 members attend. You should bring 3 dozen cookies, no chocolate chips, no store bought. Bring copies of your recipe to share. In addition, I thought it would be really nice to do a little something extra by way of a donation to an organization that could

use a little holiday cheer, such as Hope Villages, if everyone thinks that would be a good idea. The Board agreed that would be very nice; Maria will contact the organization for details on what sort of donations they would like.

- **Candlelight Concert**, Friday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We have 33 people now and can purchase the tickets.
- **Request: Hard Rock Casino Day.** One of our members, Cheryl Hurst, has requested that we have a casino day at Hard Rock Casino. She is willing to arrange car-pooling - Board response is that we don't arrange or sponsor car-pooling any longer due to liability concerns. People are welcome to arrange that privately, of course. Looking at the calendar, if we do this, it would be in March or so. We could put something in the Chatterbox that suggests folks who would like to go to the casino on a certain day make arrangements to do so – perhaps not an official PHNC special event.
- **Amazon Facility Tour.** An issue with this is that the facility will not give us a guaranteed tour date with enough lead time to get it into the Chatterbox for publicity purposes. They open the facility for tours on more of a short time frame basis, so this isn't going to work out for us unfortunately.
- **Marci Gras Bead Lottery Ticket sales.**  
Will bring tickets and jar of beads to October Luncheon. A ticket to guess the number of bead strands in the jar will be \$1.00. Linda Sanford will be helping with lottery ticket sales at the luncheons. Half of sales will go back to the club and half will be divided among the winners, should multiple people guess the exact number of strands in the jar. If no one guesses the exact number of strands, the closest guess will be the winner. Maria will keep a spreadsheet for each month that tickets are sold and tracking the guesses each month.

#### **Hospitality Chair – Kathleen Aedo and Diane Cudney**

- From the Suggestion boxes.
  - **American flag and pledge of allegiance at luncheons.** We think there is a flag visible in the club room already. However, the pledge of allegiance has come up before and was deemed inappropriate as our organization is a social, non-political organization.
  - **Since we're having a tea company in for our next luncheon, we should have an English tea** rather than our usual luncheon menu. Good idea, we had wanted to do that, but it's not going to work out. Kathleen will get back to that person.
  - **What charities do we support and donate to?** Each year we donate to different charities. Kathleen will make an announcement at the next luncheon regarding this.
  - **Deadline to sign up for the Gala is too soon.** Maria said that the deadline for the Gala is December 1<sup>st</sup> right now, but that was because we thought that we had to pay 120 days in advance. However, current

information is that we have more time. We can extend the deadline to sign up for the Gala to January 10, 2026.

- **River cruise.** Suggestion for a river cruise. Some of these can be very expensive due to the air fare involved. May not be feasible. Claudia suggested that folks wanting to travel can always put something in the Chatterbox bulletin board – “Looking for folks wanting to take a river cruise”, etc. Maria also suggested establishing a travel club activity.
- **Farm tour and tasting/dinner.** There is a Fat Beet Farm on Tampa Road.
- **JoAnn Sarpolis** sent out Sept Get Well cards to Joyce Randall (hand surgery), Barb Octevio (car accident), Barb Sweet (Dermatology surgery).
- Thinking of You cards sent to Pat Arena (upcoming surgery), Vickie Mills (Bad fall)
- Sympathy cards sent to Cindy Bridgwater (death of Great nephew), sent to Rosemary Bubnis husband, Gene (family death).
- **Diane Cudney:** 19 members celebrating their birthdays in October will receive a birthday card through the Jacquie Lawson website.

#### **Publicity Chair – Kathy Smuz**

- This week I went to the East Lake nonprofit group meeting. Lots of different groups from around the area; lots of good information. I was able to hand out our information as well. Also have a couple of good things going on at East Lake Library that I’m sending to you, Claudia, today for the Chatterbox.

#### **Newsletter Editor – Claudia Thomas**

- No report

#### **Facebook Chair – Barb Sweet**

- 88 members on the website now

#### **Member Communications – Joan Lawler (absent)**

- No report

#### **Website Chair – Rita Yezzi (absent) Jane speaking**

- Rita emailed me: “The web will be available on October 1 for renewals. Please thank everyone for using the Web Ticket!”

#### **Unfinished Business**

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#### **New Business**

- In our Executive Meeting earlier today, we were wondering if we should do a holiday donation to FEAST as we have done in the past. Claudia said that she would be happy to contact the organization and see what they need. **Claudia made a motion**

**that we collect donations to FEAST during the November luncheon.** Kathleen Aedo seconded the motion. All Board members responded “aye”. Motion passed.

**Adjourned**

- Motion to adjourn by: \_\_Cindy Bridgewater\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by: \_\_Christine Dandaraw\_\_
- All Approve? aye

Meeting adjourned at \_\_11:05\_\_

Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Sackett  
PHNC Secretary  
10-4-25