

## **PHNC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - Final**

**March 5, 2026 10:00 am**

Holy Trinity Church

3240 McMullen Booth Rd.

Clearwater, FL 33761

**Members Present:** Jane Bittmann, Barb DePerto, Cindy Bridgewater, Dorothy Sackett, Dee Lewis, Diane Cudney, Kathy Smuz, Claudia Thomas, Barb Sweet, Rita Yezzi, Maria Greco, Joan Lawler

**Members Absent:** Judy Moore, Kathleen Aedo

### **President -Jane Bittmann**

- Welcome, ladies, please silence your phones. We have a quorum today.

### **Secretary – Dorothy Sackett**

- Roll call of board members present, for the record.
- Approval of minutes for the February Board meeting:
  - Motion to approve by Claudia Thomas
  - Motion seconded by Barb Sweet
  - All approved? Aye, no nays. Minutes approved.

### **Vice President Membership – Barb DePerto**

- Current Membership is: 195
- 2 New Members in Feb.
- Next Meet & Greet for new members is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will go out April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Upcoming Summer Sizzler: Claudia, Rita and Joan – how much notice do you need for the Chatterbox and communications? June 1<sup>st</sup>, send out communications, Joan agrees this can be done. Rita still has information saved from last year.

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

- Luncheon – 69 people are registered as of this morning for the luncheon.
- Table Décor – we're going to have a St. Patrick's Day theme.

### **Treasurer – Judy Moore (absent) Jane presenting**

- **Table Décor Budget.** Current YTD expenses through February for table décor were initially \$1,654.87. This amount includes a \$25.29 deduction for Christmas expenses that Cindy helped identify. An accounting adjustment has been made - the February table décor expense of \$213.98 has been charged to the fashion show budget instead of the table décor budget. With this adjustment, the revised YTD expenses are \$1,440.89. This was done for Susan, as her annual table décor budget of \$2,000 was on track to be exceeded. She now has a remaining \$559.11 to work with for March, April and May. Susan understands that a bottle of wine is not necessary for each table each month and that the budget needs to be watched closely.

- Checking Balance: \$14,112.93. There are five outstanding checks that total \$2,568.27: \$5.00 to a member for membership overpayment, \$2,023.50 to Cypress Run Golf Club for the January luncheon, \$96.49 to the member host of the Cookie Exchange, \$393.94 to Sue Paley for January and February table décor expenses, \$49.34 to Cindy. With these paid, our checking account would be \$11,544.66
- Savings Balance \$1,317.00
- Balance CD \$8,000.00
- Approaching Budget limit for this year
- At the April Board meeting: discussion on next 2026\*27 Budget. Come to the Board meeting with an idea of what your budgetary needs will be for next year, even if you may not be a Board member. It will be helpful for the Board member taking your place.

#### **Luncheon Program Chair – Ad Hoc Program Committee Chair – Barb DePerto**

- April's program is with Nan Colton, presenting Agatha Christie. She would like to eat her lunch after her presentation, not before. Cindy said she could have her meal provided in a to-go container. Barb said she would register Nan as a guest for the luncheon. Nan also needs the room adjoining the dining room to change into her costume.
- This month's program is Bluebirds w/Mary & John Miller.
- May is Butterflies
- June is line dancing
- Next month Luncheon is on St. Patrick's Day: **we could wear green**

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

- No report

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

- **Travel club.** There was some pushback at the last Board meeting about insurance and liability. The liability is not on PHNC, but on the travel agency booking the travel for us. The club would work just like the November cruise worked, in that the cruise line and their travel agency handled everything, collected the funds and carried all the liability. There are two types of insurance available through travel agencies: trip insurance, which covers the cancellation of your trip, and an assurian plan for medical emergencies and evacuation. We would book travel through agencies that have these. In addition, agencies carry their own liability and E&O insurance.  
All we would be doing is notifying the members of trips offered by travel agencies such as Road Scholar, and if interested, our members would contact the agency directly and make arrangements through them. All monies would be paid to the agencies. PHNC would handle no funds at all. As long as we don't do that, and we don't plan any spur of the moment off-itinerary side trips while we are traveling, the club has no liability.  
Maria would like to see if we could start this for the 2026-27 year and perhaps do two trips to start with. Decision made to put this back on the agenda for the May Board meeting, when we will have both the old and new Board members in attendance. We will vote to approve the travel club at the May meeting.
- **Tampa Downs.** We could do a Sunday brunch. It's cheaper and we only have to have 20 people as a minimum. April 26th was decided upon after discussion of several dates.
- **Bowling outing.** This activity came through one of the suggestion boxes. Maria is proposing Dunedin Lanes, which has a very nice facility. The maximum number of people

in a lane is 5. They could give us 4 lanes. Maria will ask for a show of hands at the next luncheon to see how much interest there is in bowling.

#### **Hospitality Chair – Diane Cudney as co-chair**

- 13 birthday cards were sent out and we will have 5 birthday ladies attending the March luncheon.
- 5 Sunshine cards were sent in February. Thinking of You, Sympathy, etc.
- Reading the suggestions from February luncheon:
  - When a speaker refers to a group of ladies, such as a committee, if the ladies could stand to identify themselves, it would be helpful should a member need to approach them afterwards to ask a question or get more information. Good idea.
  - Would like to have a luncheon of steak and/or lobster sometime. Board response is that this would be nice but too expensive.
  - Would like to have luncheons/meetings start and end on time. Board response is that we have approximate start and end times, but a lot depends upon luncheon service by the club, which we have no control over.

#### **Publicity Chair – Kathy Smuz**

- No report

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

- No report

#### **Facebook Chair – Barb Sweet**

- No report

#### **Member Communications – Joan Lawler**

- No report

#### **Website Chair – Rita Yezzi**

- Web training will be May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to noon at the East Lake Library. Everyone bring their thumb drive if you still have it from last year. Bring your laptop. Job descriptions and standing rules have been updated since last training. Training will be on things that we do in the website only. Bring your folder from last year to pass it along to the new person. If you're changing positions, you'll have a new password.
- There is an issue with Bluehost sometimes not forwarding emails. Rita is working with Bluehost folks on this and will know more next month.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- **Recruiting Board Members.** Discussion about Board members for the 2026-27 upcoming year. The nominating committee has been largely successful in finding candidates. We are just about ready, as a Board, to vote to approve the candidates, who have all agreed to assume the positions. Claudia made a motion to table the motion to approve the new Board until the April Board meeting. Barb DePerto seconded the motion. All present approved delaying the vote until April. Dee will meet with one candidate to more fully describe duties.

There was a general discussion regarding if we should consider offering something to members who volunteer their time to lead the club in some capacity. Perhaps a reduction in annual dues would help to recruit, or offering a mentor to those who are hesitant about assuming responsibilities, someone who has done the job before.

**New Business**

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**Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn by: \_Diane Cudney\_ 2nd by: \_\_Dee Lewis\_\_

All Approve? Aye, meeting adjourned

Meeting adjourned at \_\_11:18\_\_

Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Sackett, Secretary  
3-9-26