

PHNC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – FINAL

July 2, 2026

Holy Trinity Church
3240 McMullen Booth Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33761

Members present: Barb De Perto, Maria Greco, Cindy Bridgewater, Kathy Smuz, Jane Bittmann, Kathleen Aedo, Gail Laoria, Sandy Weber, Barb Sweet, Claudia Thomas, Linda Sanford, Rita Yezzi

Members absent: Judy Moore, Joan Lawler, Diane Cudney

Call to order: 10:00 a.m.

President – Barb DePerto

- We have a quorum.
- Finance Committee was approved by the Executive Board. It will consist of Bea Paris, Pamela Kohler, and Joan McCarthy

Secretary – Kathy Smuz

- Roll call of members present.
- Need a motion to approve June Board meeting minutes. Motion by Claudia Thomas. Seconded by Linda Sanford. All approve? Yes.

Vice President Membership – Maria Greco

- Current Membership is: 212
- Number of new members in June: 7. Membership packets were sent to 6 of them, and the 7th will be sent shortly. Packets include a welcome letter from the Executive Board and a member manual.
- Bahamas cruise: Rita did a wonderful job getting the March 2027 Bahamas cruise onto the website. Claudia will promote it in the Chatterbox and an eblast will be sent out. 3 members have already signed up; there are 17 cabins left.
- Drawing for free lunch: 6 members will be included.
- Meet and greet: A date will be chosen next month so Claudia can get it in the September Chatterbox.
- New members list: Maria sends out notifications to Rita, Claudia, and two others when new members join. If you didn't receive the one she sent last week, please let her know.
- Membership renewal: Members can renew as early as October for the following year, but the deadline is December 31st. Members are reminded about renewal through the Chatterbox and announcements at luncheons.

Vice President General Meetings – Cindy Bridgewater

- 67 people are registered for the July luncheon. Table décor will be Happy 250th Birthday.
- Dress: Members will be encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. This will be included in the luncheon reminder email.

Treasurer – Judy Moore (absent) – Barb DePerto speaking

- Checking Balance: \$9,879.19
- Savings Balance: \$700.20
- Balance CD: \$8,000
- Birthday lunch vouchers: These weren't included in the budget because we had stopped doing this. However, there is an extra \$100 that can be used. If we go over this, Judy will present it to the Executive Board for approval per the bylaws. We need to keep track of who receives luncheon vouchers because when members use them to register for luncheons, Judy doesn't know who the voucher is for. Please keep a list and/or notify Judy.

Luncheon Program Chair – Diane Cudney (absent) – Barb DePerto speaking

- July program will be a magician, Elliott Smith.
- August program will be a Beach Bash with a DJ. Claudia needs more information on the DJ for the Chatterbox front page and will call Diane
- September program will be a Motown performer.
- Dance floor: Discussion about limiting seating to 80 in August and September due to the need for the dance floor. It was decided the dance floor isn't needed for the September Motown program.
- Dance programs: There was discussion regarding how dance programs are generally received by the membership, and the possibility of adding games, contests, etc. to the August Beach Bash program.
- If you are giving your luncheon reservation to someone else, please let Cindy know so she will have the correct name badge ready.
- We have been contacted by Danny Glazer of the Sunshine City Chorus regarding the October program. Information was forwarded to Diane.

Activity Group Chair – Sandy Weber

- Coordinator event: Sandy distributed information about the proposed venue, Wine Society (110 Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs). The owner can close the restaurant for just the attendees with a happy hour, 1 glass of wine, and appetizer buffet from 4-6 p.m. and can work within our budget of \$500. Spouses will not be included.
 - Discussion about wine: We can't offer wine as part of the advertised package due to insurance liability. Water and soft drinks will be available. It was decided to have a cash bar.
 - Clarification: this event is for the 2026/27 coordinators, co-coordinators, and Board members.
 - Discussion on the date; it was moved that the first choice be Wednesday, October 28th, with the second choice being Wednesday, September 30th. Motion by: Cindy Bridgewater. Seconded by: Kathleen Aedo. All approve? Yes.
- Wine group renamed: The group suggested Couples Perfectly Paired. However, it's already in the Chatterbox as Perfect Pair for Couples. The name will stand for now and it was suggested the group discuss it further at their next meeting.

Special Events Chair – Linda Sanford

- The Banksy Exhibit has 11 people signed up so far. It will be opened up to guests on July 7th.
- Crescent Oaks: Linda and Claudia met with Hope Deroo of Crescent Oaks to make arrangements for the Card & Games event. The room would be booked for 4 hours and we would need around 35 members in order to meet the minimum food guarantee. The

proposed prices were such that members could be charged as much as \$60.57, which seems costly for a meal and card games. Cindy verified with Judy that we have an additional \$500 in addition to the \$500 deposit that can be used for this event. Kathleen Aedo moved that we forfeit the deposit (there was no second); discussion followed. It was suggested that a Card & Games event could be held at Mary Morris's clubhouse instead, with a box lunch or sandwiches. Gail will contact Mary about the availability of the clubhouse, their guidelines, etc. Maria will see if a Crescent Oaks resident might be interested in buying our \$500 deposit to use for a party of their own. It was decided to table the motion about forfeiting the deposit with Crescent Oaks.

- Amazon fulfillment center: There is no charge for a tour. Sign-up begins September 1st for tours in the October-December quarter. Monday, November 30th was suggested as a date; Linda will let us know if that's successful when she signs up on September 1st. The center is located in Temple Terrace. Maximum number of persons per tour is 25, but if we have more than that, Linda will find out if we could run two tours simultaneously. It was suggested that we charge \$10 to attend and have a drawing for Amazon gift cards. Lunch will follow at the members' cost.

Hospitality Chair – Kathleen Aedo and Co-Chair, Gail Laoria

- June birthday e-cards: Gail did not have the count at hand but will forward it. The Jackie Lawson account was in Diane Cudney's name and will need to be changed to Palm Harbor Newcomers Club.
- Sunshine cards: 7 cards were sent this month.
- Suggestion boxes: (none were signed)
 - 2 members asked what was being done about the 250th birthday party. This has been taken care of.
 - 2 members did not enjoy the line dancing program.
 - Response to assigned seating was positive.

Publicity Chair – (open)

Newsletter Editor – Claudia Thomas

- Finding a new desktop publishing application that is cloud-based, collaborative, and able to be used by more than one Board member has been extremely difficult. Claudia has downloaded free trials of Affinity, Scribus, Adobe Indesign, and Xara Designer Pro. Scribus and Adobe Indesign (\$263.98/year) aren't suitable to our needs. Affinity, a Canva product, is free, complicated but workable. None of these three allow collaborative accounts. Xara Designer Pro does allow collaboration and is cloud-based. Claudia has a Zoom meeting scheduled with a representative to explore it further. The cost is \$192/year for 1 user, \$312 for 2 users, and \$432 for 3 users. Their specialty is websites, but they can also do other graphics and the photo editing capabilities are good. Claudia prefers Affinity but it will be complicated to learn. It was suggested that Claudia could make her login and password available to the Board President or other Board members as needed, negating the need for a collaborative system and providing a back-up for Claudia. The discussion will continue next month as Unfinished Business.

Facebook Chair – Barb Sweet

- 86 members on Facebook; very little activity. She would like to be on the July luncheon agenda to advertise its availability to members.

Member Communications – Joan Lawler (absent) – Barb Deperto speaking

- Joan asked that since we have moved our luncheon meeting time to 11:15, should she also move the other times back by 15 minutes? It was agreed that times should be listed as doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:15, with luncheon and program to follow.

Website Chair – Rita Yezzi

- Joan has the eblast information about the March 2027 Bahamas cruise and can send it out now that the cruise information is on the website. Maria will call Joan to tell her to proceed.
- Should we continue with Rita's FAQ after the luncheon meeting, before the entertainment? Yes. Please encourage members to raise their hand rather than shouting out the answers.
- Meet & greets: At our future meet & greets, we will dedicate time for Rita to show new members how to sign on and navigate the website. It's also been helpful to bring copies of the Chatterbox.
- Dorothy Sackett has been to members' homes to offer computer help.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

Adjournment

Motion by: Claudia Thomas. Seconded by: Cindy Bridgewater.

All Approve? Aye

Meeting adjourned at: 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Smuz
PHNC Secretary
7/6/26