

PHNC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – FINAL

August 6, 2026

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

Members present: Barb De Perto, Jane Bittmann, Cindy Bridgewater, Kathy Smuz, Kathleen Aedo, Gail Laoria, Diane Cudney, Sandy Weber, Claudia Thomas, Linda Sanford, Judy Moore

Members absent: Maria Greco, Rita Yezzi, Joan Lawler, Barb Sweet

Call to order: 10:00 a.m.

President – Barb DePerto

- We have a quorum.

Secretary – Kathy Smuz

- Roll call of members present.
- Need a motion to approve July Board meeting minutes. Motion by Claudia Thomas. Seconded by Jane Bittmann. All approve? Yes.

Vice President Membership – Maria Greco (absent) – Barb DePerto speaking

- Current Membership is: 217
- Number of new members in July: 5
- Summer Sizzler is still running through September.
- Meet and greet: Maria would like to have the Meet and Greet at her home on Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00 a.m. Sandy cannot attend, but Gail will represent her. Claudia put a “Save the Date” notice in the September Chatterbox.
- A new member, Susan Rossey, didn’t complete the membership form noting interest in any activities. Sandy will contact her.

Vice President General Meetings – Cindy Bridgewater

- 69 people are registered for the August luncheon. Table décor will be a beach theme.

Treasurer – Judy Moore

- Checking Balance: \$9,812
- Savings Balance: \$700
- Balance CD: \$8,000. This was just renewed. \$137 in interest was transferred to the checking account.
- QuickBooks was renewed for \$150 at a savings of \$198 because of early renewal and a special offer.
- Financial Review Committee: Judy sent the 3 members (Joan McCarthy, Bea Paris, and Pam Kohler) 4 different dates to pick from for a September meeting but has only heard back from one member. She will call the others.
- Rose Bakshis has expressed interest in being added as an All-Club Co-Coordinator for Jewelry Sales. Need a motion to approve this. Motion by Linda Sanford. Seconded by Sandy Weber. All approve? Yes. Claudia will add her to the Board Members list in the Chatterbox. Judy will call her to let her know she was approved.

Luncheon Program Chair – Diane Cudney

- August program will be a Beach Bash. Diane will pick up photo props. There will be contests for Craziest Beach Outfit, Hula Hoop, and one other. Diane showed sample prizes. A check for the DJ, Frank, for \$295 will be ready on the day of the luncheon.
- September program will be a repeat appearance from Ron Mitchell with his Motown show. It was suggested that we find a more prominent location for him and that he tailor his show to include more classic Motown tunes. It was decided not to use the dance floor.
- October program will be the Sunshine City Chorus presenting an *a cappella* performance.
- November program will be the Vietnamese Donut Dolly.

Activity Group Chair – Sandy Weber

- Coordinator appreciation event: Sandy distributed a draft of the “Save the Date” flyer for October 28th, as well as a suggested menu and budget. It was suggested the wording on the flyer be changed to Activity Group Coordinators and All-Club Coordinators. We will get a head count of invitees. Claudia will announce it in the Chatterbox. Invitations will be sent mid-September and Sandy will talk it up at the September luncheon. “Cash bar” will be included on the invitations.

Special Events Chair – Linda Sanford

- Banksy Exhibit: 15 tickets have been sold. We’ll ask Joan to do an e-blast to try to sell the last 5 tickets, and ask Barb to mention it on Facebook. Linda will e-mail a ticket each attendee and will also have a paper copy if needed. Please acknowledge receipt of the ticket.
- Cookie exchange: This will be held on Sunday, December 6th at Sue Paley’s home, tentatively from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Are there any paper goods left over from last year? We can approve funds for that next month if needed.
- Game Day: Mary Morris has offered the use of her community clubhouse in the Anchorage community in Palm Harbor. There is a \$50 rental charge which Mary will pay and submit a reimbursement request. There is a \$200 deposit for damages. The clubhouse is large with more than enough chairs; we may need to bring card tables. Suggested date is Saturday, February 20th, with a second choice of Saturday, January 30th. Linda will secure the date with Mary and get further details as needed. Suggested charge per member would fall between \$20-\$30 to cover food and prizes. We have a budget of \$500 to work with.
- Amazon fulfillment center: Linda will call on September 1st to reserve a date in November. Tours are only offered on Mondays. Member charge would be \$10 to guarantee attendance and purchase gift cards as prizes.

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

- Birthday e-cards: 24 cards were sent in June; 6 attended the luncheon. 11 cards were sent in July with 3 attending the luncheon. The Jackie Lawson account has been renewed.
- Suggestion boxes: No suggestions from the July luncheon. However, Kathleen suggests that during the business meeting, the entire board should stand at the front, even if they don’t have a report, so that members can know who they are and who they should contact if they have a question about a particular area. She also suggested we should talk up our activities, perhaps having Activity Coordinators mention a recent

successful activity. It was suggested we highlight an Activity of the Month. It was decided that Claudia will print a list of activities and the activity calendar and make those available on the credenza on a trial basis; if there's a lot of interest, we could consider placing them in a Plexiglas holder on each table.

- Member photos: Why do some members have no picture in their membership profile? Claudia generally takes photos at luncheons, but some members only attend activity groups. She's willing to go to groups to get photos

Publicity Chair – (open)

Newsletter Editor – Claudia Thomas

- Replacement for desktop program: After previewing 8 different apps, Claudia would like to use Affinity, a free app that anyone can download and access. She would like to purchase a tutorial manual. Need a motion to approve. Motion by Kathleen Aedo. Seconded by Jane Bittmann. All approve? Yes.

Facebook Chair – Barb Sweet (absent)

Member Communications – Joan Lawler (absent)

Website Chair – Rita Yezzi (absent) – Barb DePerto speaking

- Rita requests we maintain a Board member vacation schedule so that all website tasks can be covered. Kathy will take a monthly list at each Board meeting. Upcoming absences:
 - Sandy Weber: August 13th-27th (Joan will cover)
 - Kathleen Aedo: August 29th-September 8th and October 28th-November 15th
 - Linda Sanford: September 15th-October 1st
 - Jane Bittmann: September 21st-September 27th

Unfinished Business

- Business cards: We have somewhere around 40-50 left. Past orders have been for a quantity of 200. Claudia will revise them and look for a printing sale. There's a small number of 5"x7" flyers which we will not reprint at this time.

New Business

- None.
- Assigned tables: We'll try this in September. Each name tag will have a number corresponding to a table number. Guests will be seated with the member who invited them.
- Seating by state: We used to have luncheons where seating was assigned by the state the member came from. We may try this in the future if assigned seating is successful.
- PHNC T-shirts: There are a few left, no large sizes. We'll sell them at a discount.

Adjournment

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

All Approve? Yes.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Smuz
PHNC Secretary
8/10/2026