

PHNC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – FINAL

September 3, 2026

Holy Trinity Church

3240 McMullen Booth Rd.

Clearwater, FL 33761

Members present: Barb De Perto, Cindy Bridgewater, Maria Greco, Judy Moore, Kathy Smuz, Gail Laoria, Diane Cudney, Linda Sanford, Claudia Thomas, Sandy Weber, Rita Yezzi

Members absent: Kathleen Aedo, Jane Bittmann, 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 August Board meeting minutes. Motion by Linda Sanford. Seconded by Cindy Bridgewater. All approve? Yes.
- Scheduled absence/ vacation: Linda Sanford, September 15th-October 1st.

Vice President Membership – Maria Greco

- Current Membership is: 217
- Number of new members in August: 2
- Summer Sizzler: 12 members have joined. There are conflicting numbers on how many members will be in the drawing at the September luncheon for a free lunch; Maria will double-check.
- Spring cruise: all 20 cabins are already sold but some are single occupants. Maria will announce it at the next luncheon and it will remain in the Chatterbox. There will be a dedicated room for card playing. We will need Mah Jongg sets.
- Suggestion made for Wandering Women: The Clydesdale Farm in Dunnellon has a holiday show as well as other opportunities. Maria will ask at our next luncheon how many would be interested; if there's enough interest, Claudia will put it in the Chatterbox.

Vice President General Meetings – Cindy Bridgewater

- 78 people are registered for the September luncheon.
- Table décor will be a Motown theme.
- We will experiment with assigned seating at the September luncheon. Please discourage table-swapping. We'll try to have a board member at each table.

Treasurer – Judy Moore

- Checking Balance: \$9,123.
- Savings Balance: \$1,195. This went up from last month due to the deposit of Mixer and Mingler checks.
- Balance CD: \$8,000.
- Financial Review Committee: will meet September 18th.
- Profit and loss statements for the first quarter were sent to Board members.

- We received a suggestion that at the December luncheon, the entirety of the Pot of Gold should go to the members instead of splitting it 50/50 with the Club. Motion by Sandy Weber. Seconded by Kathy Smuz. After discussion, the motion was defeated 6-5. Instead, it was proposed that the Club's estimated share of the Pot of Gold should be applied to the Table Décor budget for the December luncheon to provide special table favors for the members. Motion by Linda Sanford. Seconded by Claudia Thomas. All approve? Yes.
- Feast: Motion to take up a collection of canned goods and cash for FEAST Food Pantry at the November luncheon. Motion by Claudia Thomas. Seconded by Linda Sanford. All approve? Yes.
- Hero to a Child: Motion to take up a collection of cash to benefit Hero to a Child at the December luncheon. Motion by Claudia Thomas. Seconded by Cindy Bridgewater. All approve? Yes.
- Tips for Cypress Run staff: Details will be discussed at the October Board meeting.

Luncheon Program Chair – Diane Cudney

- September program will be a repeat appearance from Ron Mitchell with his Motown show. He will sing Motown tunes exclusively. It was suggested he have a formal introduction to make it clear the program is starting. The dance floor will not be available.
- October program will be the Sunshine City Chorus presenting an *a cappella* performance.
- November program will be the Vietnamese Donut Dolly. Husbands will not be invited. Instead of a fee, she has asked for a donation to a charity. It was suggested that in the confirming e-mail, she be asked to name the charity, or suggest that the proceeds from the FEAST collection be donated in her name.
- December program: Possible ideas: Reindeer Games, Ugly Sweater contest. Winners could draw from wrapped presents on each table and the next winner could either take that present or draw one of her own.

Activity Group Chair – Sandy Weber

- Barb DePerto suggested we need backup contact information for performers and/or venues in case the Program Chair or Activity Group Chair cannot be reached. This information is listed on the performer contract; the Program Chair and the Board each receives a copy. However, it was pointed out that we haven't always had contracts, but it was suggested that we use a standard e-mail listing the details of the agreement that can be confirmed and returned by the performer. A copy of the confirmation should be sent to all Board members. Claudia will work with Diane on the logistics. This is the sort of issue that needs to go in Desk Procedures.
- Coordinator appreciation event: Sandy distributed a mock-up of the invitation for the October 28th party, to be e-mailed to the invitees at the beginning of October. The wording will be changed to "Honoring our Club Chairs and Coordinators and the Board of Directors." Name tags have been purchased. Wine, beer, and soda will be available for purchase; unsure about whether bottled water will be available as well. Sandy will check on this. Contact person at the Wine Society is Brendan, (727) 667-1127.

Special Events Chair – Linda Sanford

- Amazon Fulfillment Center tour: Linda confirmed Monday, November 2nd as the date. Tour begins at 11:30 and will last 60-90 minutes, with optional lunch at Uncle Fat's Tavern nearby. Member charge will be \$10 to guarantee attendance and purchase Amazon gift cards to raffle as prizes. Maximum of 25 per tour. Sign-up will initially be open to members only through October 12th, and if we haven't reached the maximum, it will be opened to guests on October 13th. Once members register online, there will be a link to fill in their information. Members won't be admitted unless this is completed by the deadline, and all entrance requirements are met. We hope to have this information on the website within a week.
- Cookie exchange: Sunday, December 6th at Sue Paley's home from 1:30-4:00 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge. Paper goods, food, drinks, and prizes will be covered by the \$10 per person cost. Limit of 20 people.
- Game Day: We have secured the clubhouse in the Anchorage community in Palm Harbor for Saturday, February 20th. The rental charge was increased to \$75 and there is a \$200 refundable security deposit. Anchorage requires us to secure special event coverage; Linda spoke with our insurance agent and is waiting for a response. A quick online check showed special coverage could run as high as \$226, but we feel we can secure it at a much lower rate, and the cost of coverage can be built into the ticket cost. Linda will also check with Mary Morris to see if Anchorage has an agent we can speak with. Suggested ticket cost is \$30, to include lunch, prizes, and possibly favors. We will invite guests as a good way to recruit new members. Motion to proceed with a check to Mary Morris to cover the \$75 rental fee and \$200 security deposit. Motion by Claudia Thomas. Seconded by Cindy Bridgewater. All approve? Yes.

Hospitality Chair – Kathleen Aedo (absent) -- Gail Laoria speaking

- Birthday e-cards: 21 cards were sent in September.
- Suggestion boxes:
 - Requested a theme at every luncheon. We have one each month.
 - Could someone from the Club demonstrate different styles of dancing that they could share with members?
- Sunshine cards were sent to Gail Laoria, Cheryl Michaelis, Gloria Freeman, and Jane Bittmann. For get-well cards, it was decided to omit medical reasons in the minutes as this is a privacy issue.

Publicity Chair – (open) – Barb DePerto speaking

- 250 new business cards have arrived.

Newsletter Editor – Claudia Thomas

- The tutorial manual for the Affinity program has arrived and Claudia is studying it thoroughly!
- Please turn in November activities, menus, and other Chatterbox items by late September, since Microsoft Publisher will cease on October 1st.

Facebook Chair – Barb Sweet (absent)

Member Communications – Joan Lawler (absent)

Website Chair – Rita Yezzi

- There have been issues with notifications not going out. Rita is working to resolve them.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- We will start taking dues for the 2026-2027 year on October 1st. This will be announced in the Chatterbox. Motion to retain dues at \$30 per year. Motion by Claudia Thomas. Seconded by Rita Yezzi. All approve? Yes.

Adjournment

Motion by: Claudia Thomas. Seconded by: Rita Yezzi. All approve? Yes

All Approve? Yes.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Smuz
PHNC Secretary
9/7/2026