

Venice Nokomis Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2019  
Venice Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by President Ann Shoup.

After welcoming members, she thanked those who had volunteered in December for the opening ceremony at the new Venice Library. Ann encouraged those that haven't yet seen the new library to do so, as it is lovely and state of the art! We will be having all of our 2019 meetings there in their community room starting with our February 14, 2019 meeting. Next month's program will be the Finance Committee's discussion of scholarships. They will explain the process of selecting the recipients, and the criteria for awarding them money for college or technical schools.

Ann noted there are seven handbook additions/updates that she will email to members. As a club, it had been discussed having the handbook on the VNWC website but there is a privacy issue in doing this. Aimee Holmes noted that it could be done, but each member would need to sign a consent for this.

Following this meeting, happy hour will be held at Luna's, who graciously contributed a \$50 gift certificate to the November Breakfast fundraiser. Next month, happy hour will be at the Paradise Grill, to show our appreciation for their wonderful support for the Breakfast.

Collectively, the members said the Pledge of Alliance and read 'A Collect for Club Women.'

Next on the agenda was the approval of the very short December general meeting minutes, which can be found online. Paula Sylvester made a motion for approval, seconded by Debbie Wolfe. They were unanimously approved.

The treasurer's report, found online as well, was approved with a motion by Jean Trammell and a second by Verna Silk and a unanimous vote. The report will be filed for audit.

Ann explained that these reports could be found on the VNWC website, by going to the members only page and signing with the password, 1926VNWC.

Next, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Lorraine Finizio inducted two new members today, Barbara Saputo and Faith Blackburn. Janice D'Amico administered the membership oath and then each shared some background information about herself to the membership. Two guests were then introduced: Linda Milne and Patti Creche.

The program for this meeting presented by our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Aimee Holmes was entitled "It's all About Us ". Members were invited to share their reasons for becoming VNWC members and to share about themselves. Members Jean Trammell, Verna Silk, Laura Hester, Irva Maddox. Lorraine Finizio and Debbie Wolfe each shared their experiences in other volunteer capacities and their areas of expertise. They encouraged members to seek some other volunteer possibilities such as VeniceMainStreet, Habitat, The Orchid Society and Meals on Wheels. Aimee concluded this interesting program by asking for members' input for future programs. Jenna Hilligoss suggested a music program, such as a barbershop quartet might be an idea for next month. Tricia Cook offered that since it's our first library meeting, a tour of the facility might be informative. Also valentines could be

made for the senior residents of the Venice Center for Assisted Living(Summit).

Jane Gilligan made an appeal for volunteers for the Center. On the Wal-Mart shopping days (which are usually 2 days a month), assistants are desperately needed to help the wheelchair bound shoppers obtain items from the shelves. A signup sheet will be available today for those interested.

Janet Apple made the suggestion that it would be helpful to learn about the various volunteer and civic organizations that surround us and Lorraine Finizio stated we should ask speakers from these groups to address our membership. Aimee requested that our ideas be written and submitted into her suggestion box.

Liz Mazzu gave a TWIG report: There is a signup sheet for those interested in the training for volunteering at TWIG and also an additional 'backup' signup sheet for those interested in working at the warehouse on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Liz also informed members that TWIG has changed it shopping days/hours from two Saturdays per month to four Saturday mornings. We were reminded to go to the TWIG website to see the type of items needed. Clothing/accessories may be dropped at the store or given to Liz to deliver. We were also updated regarding the TWIG trailer that visits group homes for those residents to shop, as they are unable to travel to the TWIG store.

Eileen Ryan Asked about the cancelled Bingo fundraiser—if any other event would be held this year and Maryanne Surprenant asked if the benefitting organization—Challenger Baseball was aware that the event had been cancelled. Ann replied that Lise would be speaking with them, if she hasn't already done so.

Next our 50/50 raffles were announced with winners Verna Silk, receiving \$20 and Joy Brandt \$17.

Our meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:30 pm with a motion from Jean Trammell.

Kathy Price  
Secretary