

Venice Nokomis Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2019
Venice Library Community Meeting Room

President Ann Shoup called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. We collectively said the Pledge of Allegiance and then Ann read the Collect, sharing that its author was Mary Stewart. She wrote it some years ago and the collect is still in use at many Women's Club meetings throughout the country.

New Member Induction: Lorraine Finizio, Vice President of Membership inducted new member, Roxanne Smith, who was a guest at February's meeting. The membership oath was administered to Roxanne by Lorraine and she was welcomed into our membership.

Several guests were introduced and welcomed to our meeting:

Susan Kelling, brought by member Tina Marrelli

Cleora Grossi, invited by Jeana Hilligoss

Adela Zielinska and Terry Fernandes, both brought to the meeting by Roxanne Smith.

Also introduced at this time were Tidewell Hospice Program representatives, Irene Henderson and Kaitlyn Kramer along with Mary Beth Hansen, owner of Paradise Grill.

Lorraine informed members that its time to pay dues for next year and she will collect any checks today or at April's meeting. They may also be mailed.

Fundraising Presentation: Lise Mills, Fundraising Chair thanked those that contributed to this successful event, the November Breakfast Fundraiser. She expressed her appreciation to Mary Beth Hansen, of Paradise Grill for the use of her restaurant and staff for our Breakfast fundraisers. Mary Beth has been a wonderful support to our club. Next to be recognized was Lise's co-Chair, Carolyn Bach, appreciated for her innovative efficiency and problem solving. Also thanked was MaryLou Belisles, in charge of the lovely baskets for auction, along with her helpers, Bernie Noviki and Bonnie Burkehalter. Jeana Hilligoss, was noted for solicitation of matching funds from the Community Foundation of Sarasota. Not to be forgotten were members that voted to give the Tidewell Hospice \$500 and members that sold tickets, attended and worked at the Breakfast. Also acknowledged was Dick Gray, Lise's friend, who was attending the meeting to take pictures.

A brief presentation of the background and function of the Tidewell Hospice Honors Program was given by Irene Hendersen. As a veteran Navy nurse, she especially appreciates the donation for this program that serves veterans in multiple counties in our area. This program has been in operation since 1980, with its mission being: 'Helping People Live Well by Providing Comfort, Care and Compassion.' Tidewell Hospice provides a variety of physical, social and mental support services for its veterans and their families. They have served more than 20,091 Veterans since 2008, when statistics were compiled. They offer a unique pinning ceremony for its veterans to honor their service and sacrifice. The Tidewell Hospice has received a Level Five Certification, a status given to only 11 hospices in the US. They now

mentor other Hospice programs to help them achieve this status. A ceremonial check in the amount of \$5881.11 was presented by Lise, Carolyn and Mary Beth to Irene and Kaitlyn. This was very much appreciated as this program is funded by donations.

Musical Program: Laura Hester then introduced our entertainment in honor of St. Patrick's Day: Corodon Fuller, an accomplished pianist and singer, along with Ellie Cruze, a talented singer, a current artist in the 'Watermelon Wine' band. Irish songs, such as "The Wild Rover," "The Unicorn Song" and "Danny Boy" were a few that were played for our group. Words were provided so members could participate as well. Corodon and Ellie provided a delightful presentation for our enjoyment!

Finance Committee Report: Janet Apple, representing the committee gave the presentation. This new committee's purpose has been financial guidance and planning; and they've worked hard on a variety of items. They have discussed budgeting, internal controls, financial planning, and goals, gifting (scholarships), insurance and budget plans; then shared their recommendations with the Board. Committee members include Dwaine Smith, chairperson; Janet apple, Debra Wright, Jeana Hilligoss, Lorraine Finizio, Jean Trammel and Kathy Price.

Janet discussed VNWC finances such as income sources, investments and gifting. All can be seen monthly in the Treasurer's report. This committee undertook the job of finding balance in gifting and managing finances. Janet highlighted items in the 1,3,5 & 10 Year Goals drafted by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. She discussed parts of the Goals such as gifting recipients and review of investments. It has been recommended that our club return to its original focus of Civic giving. Please see attached for the details of the 1,3,5 & 10 Year Financial Goals document.

Janet shared that next year's Financial Committee will be comprised of new, fresh members. Attitude and involvement are important aspects of our club so anyone who is interested and wants to be involved should volunteer for this committee.

And please remember the spirit of our Collect!

Ann noted that the finance committee has worked hard and accomplished much in just one year!

Membership: Lorraine again shared the names of those nominated for upcoming officers and Board members:

President: Jean Trammel

1st Vice President of Membership: Lorraine Finizio

2nd Vice President of Programs: Aimee Holmes

Secretary: Kathy Price

Treasurer: Joan Britton

Fundraising: Laura Hester

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Lorraine made motion to accept the slate of the new officers, there was 2nd from Paula Sylvester. Each new member was unanimously approved by vote: Jean Trammel. Joan Britton and Laura Hester. The new slate will be inducted at the April luncheon meeting.

Minutes: February minutes were accepted unanimously as written, with a motion from Verna Silk and a 2nd from Lorraine Finizio

Treasurer's Report: The January and February reports were approved unanimously as presented after a motion by Jean Trammell and a 2nd from Laura Hester.

Programs: 2nd Vice President, Aimee Holmes, shared information about our April Installation Luncheon. Paper copies of flyers were available for signup, and email attachment will be sent as well. This will be held on Thursday April 11, 2019 at 11:30. The price will be \$25 and a chicken or vegetarian entrée selection is available. There will be entertainment after lunch.

The May program will feature speakers from some of the Civic groups listed as possible recipients of our gifting. They will speak about their community programs, specifically about their children's programs.

Fundraising: Lise had no additional report and she was thanked and congratulated for the amazing job she has done for the past five years!

50/50 Raffle: Debra thanked Chris and MaryLou for selling the 50/50 tickets. \$59 was collected, \$34 going to VNWC and two prizes of \$20 and \$15 to be awarded. Winners were: Janet Apple, \$20 and Kathy Price, \$15.

Announcements: Ann announced that Happy Hour would be held at Paradise Grill. She thanked Debi Wolfe for her amazing job as hostess and her wonderful treats for our meetings.

Joan Brinton asked for toiletries, as she was collecting them for Tricia Cook for the Backpack Angels program.

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:00 pm after a motion from Jean Trammell and 2nd from Aimee Holmes.

Kathy Price,
Secretary