

Venice Nokomis Womans Club  
February 13, 2020 General Meeting Minutes  
Venice Library Community Room

President Jean Trammell called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. Members collectively recited the Pledge of Allegiance and read "A Collect for Club Women"

**Minutes:** January minutes have been available on the VNWC website for members. Being no corrections, January minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer:** Updated treasurer reports are also available on the VNWC website for the general membership. There were no questions about the reports.

**Membership:** Three guests attended all or a portion of the meeting: Andrea Johnson, Laura Hester's sister, who also greatly helped us with the Dance Party. Also attending were Ellie Vick and Donna Sorriente. Ellie also graciously participated in our Dance Party preparation, as well as attending the event. We're happy that you ladies have attended our meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Lorraine Finizio administered the membership oath to our newest member Dawn Perrault; welcome to the VNWC!

It was shared by Lorraine that we now have 73 current members.

We are still trying to correct the Evite list as not all members are receiving their meeting invitations.

The upcoming slate of officers was shared:

President: Liz Mazzu

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership: Laura Hester

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Programs: Kathy Price

Secretary: Pat Church

Treasurer: Joan Brinton

Fundraising Director: Tricia Cook

There were no nominations from the floor and this slate was accepted for vote in March. Installation will be in April. The installation luncheon will be held in April as well, not May as stated in the meeting.

**Programs:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president, Aimee Holmes shared that the Venice Art Center will be our March program. They will highlight their summer children's programs especially discussing the Family Fun Day, held in July. This event is one that our club has participated in, helping in the art area, such as rock painting.

Aimee also brought the suggestion box and encouraged members to offer suggestions for meeting program interest.

**Fundraising:** First, Joan Brinton, our treasurer shared that our Dance party net income is now over \$5600! Laura Hester, director of fundraiser, thanked members for their hard work and attendance at this event. Members agreed it was a fun event. Sharyn Lonsdale emphasized how truly wonderful and successful our Dance Party event was and that we should be proud of this accomplishment!

Tricia Cook, Fox Lea liaison, discussed our next activity, which will be our Fox Lea Farms charity partnership event on Friday March 6. She shared details on our participation: We start working outside at 4pm collecting money and directing traffic. Several husbands will be driving patrons in golf carts from the parking lot to the pavilion. We should wear long pants, closed toed shoes, jacket and bring bug spray and flashlights. Reflective vests and aprons will be provided. We share ½ of the \$10 entrance fees collected [less tax]. Tricia has some volunteers but will need more. In addition to collecting money in the parking lot, we need members to sell 50/50 raffle tickets, which entails walking through the stadium (up/down stairs), Fox Lea will share their portion of the 50/50 proceeds with our club (the monies will be going to the Venice Theatre). We will also be able to have raffle baskets and share VNWC membership information and will need volunteers for that as well. Tricia was hoping to schedule members to work in shifts, but isn't sure of the feasibility of people getting in and out of the parking lot during the event. Working members can get in free. Jean reiterated that this was a lot of fun and that the Fox Lea personnel are very friendly and appreciative of the volunteers.

**Civic Beneficiary:** Jean explained the handout being distributed: information on the Civic organizations to be considered for our fundraising efforts in our 2020/21 year. We will share the board and finance committee recommendation next month and members will have a chance to discuss and vote in March.

**Twig:** Liz Mazzu shared that eight members worked at the TWIG warehouse on Tuesday February 11 from 9-10:30. Some members then toured the TWIG shop after. TWIG is looking to expand with 2<sup>nd</sup> shop, possibly in Lakewood Ranch. They served 300 children last week and 3000 in January. There will be 'Taste for TWIG' fundraiser on Tuesday April 28, 2020 at the Venice Community Center. There will be food and wine tasting. Tickets are being sold online at [thetwigcares.com](http://thetwigcares.com).

**50/50:** \$74 was collected with the winner, Kathy Price, receiving \$37.

**Craft:** Our meeting program was making Valentine cards for A Banyan Residence Assisted Living patients, located on the island. Laura Hester showed members the individual card packets and instructed them in putting them together, encouraging them to write a brief note to the recipient from the VNWC. Theses will be delivered immediately following the meeting.

An addendum to these minutes is that Lorraine Finzio, Laura Hester and Andrea Johnson delivered the Valentines after the meeting to A Banyan Residence, wishing all a "Happy Valentines Day!"

Meeting was adjourned after the cards were completed.

Kathy Price,  
Secretary