

Venice Nokomis Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2020

Liz Mazzu, President, called the meeting to order at Blalock Park at 1:30 PM. Due to Covid 19 precautions of individual members touching paper, Liz read "A Collect for the Woman's Club". Liz introduced the Board Members since general meetings and attendance have been sporadic this year because of disease spreading concerns. Liz thanked the members for sharing their personal Covid experiences at the last general meeting.

Laura Hester inducted and installed Vicki Hazel to the Club today. She had joined the Club in March and is already doing work for the club. Covid has changed our abilities to follow Club procedures expeditiously.

A birthday shout out to:

Sheila Bowers, Kathy Moller, Carol Potter, Trisha Cook, Myrna Goldbaum, Jeana Hilligoss and Bernie Novicki.

Lisa Ketner introduced her Aunt Carol as a guest. She was visiting the Club today and has just moved to Venice.

Kathy Price introduced her friend Jane Hallberg, who has also moved to Florida, as a guest visiting the Club today.

Minutes

Lorraine Finizio made a motion to approve the March and October General Meeting Minutes. Margie Simcox seconded the motion. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Joan Brinton stated that all of the latest Financial Reports are posted on our web site.

By-Laws and Policy and Procedures

Liz Mazzu reminded the Membership that these documents have to be reviewed and updated every 2 years. The Board worked on the updates over the summer. The updated documents were sent to all members via email for review. Liz Mazzu asked for any questions concerning these documents. There were no questions. Kathy Price made a motion to approve the By-Laws. All members present approved. Laura Hester stated that 11 members mailed in a yes vote with the email proxy also. Therefore, with 20 members present, we had over 51% of the membership with a yes vote.

Ellie Vick made a motion to approve the Policy and Procedures. Jane Gilligan seconded that motion. All members present approved. Laura Hester reported that 11 members also mailed in a yes vote. Therefore, we have over 51% of the membership with a yes vote for this document also.

Both documents were therefore approved as our new By-Laws and Policy and Procedures.

FUNDRAISING

Due to Covid 19 all of our fundraising for this year has been sadly suspended. Venice Symphony Youth Orchestra will be our recipient for next year.

OUTREACH

Backpack angels still needs travel toiletries that you collect from hotel visits or any that you would like to give.

Please call Liz Mazzu for pickup if you have any clothes or very gently used clothes for Twig (The Way to Inspire and Give). Twig supports foster children by letting the children choose 7 clothing items from the donations plus some necessities. Also they are able to go to Twig through age 21.

Holiday Tree Lighting at Blalock Park

November 28 is the date for the tree decorating. Liz reported we have the LED lights but will need to get some decorations. Laura Hester and Kathy Price, during this summer's clean up of the storage unit, worn out, old or torn, decorations were thrown out. Lorraine referred to the decorations that were used last year. It was explained that Jean Trammel had purchased the hanging decorations from Big Lots and they were returned to her. Jeana Hilligoss said the trees will be lit from December 12 to January 6. There will be no grand lighting this year. Lorraine Finizio and Vicki Hazel volunteered to help with the decorating. Laura Hester said she will send out an email asking for volunteers to help decorate.

Community Outreach

Ellie Vick has agreed to be our new Community Outreach Chair Person. She will be looking for volunteer activities for the Club, such as one on one type activities.

Tricia Cook will be our Media Chair Person.

Ellie Vick will be sending out an email on volunteering for Salvation Army Distribution (of Angel Tree gift bags) activities.

Membership

Laura Hester stated that we need an Historian and a Director-at-Large.

Programs

Kathy Price reported on the results from her membership survey. 64% would like speakers on a variety of topics such as educational topics, fundraising, and history of the area. Members would also like a variety of activities such as visiting local places, dancing instruction, and meetings off site. 68% said no snacks/food until Covid is gone. The question of moving the meeting back to 11:00 AM got this response: 8 said don't change, 9 said change and 11 said either time 11:00AM or 1:00PM was fine. 79% will go to a meeting outside.

Our January Membership meeting will be at the Venice Rookery. Jack from the Audubon Society will give us a talk and a tour.

The December meeting has not been decided upon as yet.

The meeting concluded with Kathy Price directing the pocketbook scavenger hunt. We all had lots of junk. It was a fun game. Kathy Emann won the hunt. Kathy Price's guest, Jane, donated the wonderful basket prize.

Due to a sudden downpour starting Liz had to adjourn the outside meeting quickly. It was 2:30PM.

Submitted by Pat Church, Secretary