

## Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club, 10/14/2021 Meeting Notes

- Liz Mazzu/ President, welcomed the members and announced that we are honoring the legacy members which collectively had 89 years of membership.
- Our Mission is still the same today as it was when the Club began.
- Liz asked several members to speak about the legacy members. (members were interviewed prior to the meeting)
- Kathy Price introduced Legacy Member Peg Graff. A brief description of her years as a member was given and Peg was asked to speak about what the meetings were like many years ago. The women came all dressed up in their long dresses to play Bridge and have lunch.  
Flowers and a new name badge were presented to Peg and she said she was glad to see that the organization is growing.
- Nancy Liner – Legacy member was not present. Liz Mazzu had interviewed Nancy and gave a brief description of her membership. Nancy served as a co-president and described the many VNWC events held at the house VNWC previously owned. She had quite an extensive history with VNWC.
- Phyllis Joseph- Legacy Member was introduced by Loraine Finizio who discussed a brief history of her involvement. She played a lot of Bridge and she is the only one left out of the foursome. She is moving to South Carolina to an assisted living facility and close to her niece and nephew. Flowers and a new name badge were presented to her.
- Irva Maddox- Legacy Member was not present but a brief history of her membership was discussed. She was in Venice since 1961. Irva was very involved in the club up until the time she moved. A luncheon honoring Irva prior to her move, was held in June at Café Venice with VNWC members. She was given flowers and a new name badge.
- Jean Marie Burton- Legacy Member was not present due to health conditions. A brief description of her membership was given including her extensive involvement with the rummage sales that the club use to conduct.
- Peg Graff announced that a longtime member, Pat Gorman passed away a couple of weeks ago.
- We read the Collect together
- Nancy Bussaglia (historian) spoke about the History of VNWC and gave some very interesting facts about the Hiedel House and the little house on the corner that VNWC had owned and sold recently. She referred to Luella Albee who started the first VNWC which had twenty-six members
- Liz asked that we look at the sign-up sheets and sign up especially if you want to be on the 100 year Gala Committee. There are a lot of suggestions, and we are refining them
- Laura Hester introduced eight new visitors (Natalie Sheehan, Sally Schmidt, Beth Dobra, Maria Ruetx, Lois Johanns, Marty Runnels(Tea house owner and Myrna Goldbaum's friend) Kathy Hughes,

- Laura Hester introduced Cathie Kelty and installed her as a new member. Cathie brings many members into the club. Flowers were presented to her.
- A sleeping mat made out of plastic bags (PLARN- plastic yarn) was presented by Joan Brinton and Bonnie Burkholder and was discussed. These mats are given to the homeless and Janet(speaker at a previous meeting) distributes them. Volunteers are needed for the Cut and Loop Group.
- Kathy Price 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Programs and Hospitality discussed the Venice Theater tour and lunch for the November meeting. After the tour there will be lunch at Café Venice. Twenty people are allowed to attend the tour. If there are more than twenty, she can schedule another time in the future. December meeting luncheon is a surprise.
- Kathy Moller -Treasurer – the report is on the website. She handled the raffle today which came to \$138. Half went to the winner, Nancy Busaglia.
- Tricia Cook/ Director of Fundraising and Special Events discussed the Horse Jumping competition at the Fox Lea Farm. Spouses are encouraged to come and help also. This event is March 11, 2022.
- Lorraine Finizio- Director at Large, discussed the Xmas tree in Blalock Park. Kathy Price volunteered her home for making decorations, but no date was given yet. Sign-up sheet is available.
- Linda Ecker, Outreach Chair- She is looking for volunteer activities that we can pick and choose and are of interest to the club members. Some of the organizations that she is researching are:
  - Venice Wildlife Center (they rehab animals so they can be placed back in the wild)  
Several members brought sheets, towels and blankets for the Wildlife Center and Linda will be taking them there.
  - Backpack Angels- Collection of hygiene products
  - Chalk Festival- we are partnering with the Library and we will have a booth for no cost- rescheduled for April 2022.
  - In Stride- horse therapy
  - Big Cat Rescue
  - July X-mas trolley
  - Salvation Army Angels – we will get names of children that are in need and we will purchase items for them
- Liz reiterated that the sign-up sheets for all the activities are on the back table and to sign up for activities.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Judy Samulson, substituting for Pat Smith, Secretary*