

Venice Nokomis Woman's Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2022

Liz Mazzu, President, called the meeting to order at the Venice Public Library at 1:30 PM. Liz wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed current members and their friends. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She read the VNWC Collect due to not handing out the sheets of paper with the Collect on it for everyone to read. With Covid still circulating, we are trying to limit our community touching. Liz announced there was a signup sheet in the back of the room for an Activity Chair or Co Chairs. Very flexible events can be planned like lunches, dinners, book club etc. Linda Ecker made the signup sheets for the Outreach Committee and has volunteered to be on this committee. Liz mentioned an opportunity to socialize with members after the meetings at different restaurants. Then she asked Lorraine to present her information.

Lorraine Finizio had spoken with the hostess at the Salty Dog. Lorraine asked for a show of hands as to who would be able to go after the meeting to the restaurant with the tables being set up outside. Ten members were interested. Lorraine hoped the Activity Chair/Chairs would continue with this social activity.

Liz asked for approval of the December General Meeting Minutes. Tricia Cook made the motion. Lorraine Finizio seconded. All members approved.

Kathy Moller was selling the 50-50 raffle tickets.

Laura Hester inducted Sherry Neary into the Club with our VNWC Oath. She was presented with flowers. Sherry said Lois Johanns got her interested in the Club.

Tricia Cook reported that for the first time the VNWC will be going to the Venice Chamber of Commerce Event for non-profits. The event is being held Friday, January 21 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. The Chamber of Commerce parking lot is across from the Venice Hospital. We were included in the Gondolier newspaper article.

Fox Lea Farms is a horse jumping equestrian site. We participated in an event there 2 years ago. The event this year is Friday, March 11. It lasts from 5:00PM to 9:30 PM. We will need volunteers from 4:30PM to approximately 8:30PM. Volunteers from our organization direct cars in the parking lot, with flares and orange reflective jackets. Some husbands drove golf carts to transport people from the parking lot. We sold raffle tickets of which we kept 50% of the profits. The cost to get in at the gate is \$10.00 which include parking, admittance and light hors d'oeuvres. VNWC got half of that amount. We made close to \$4,000 the last time we worked there. Tricia advised us to wear sneakers and pants. Also we should bring bug spray, jacket, a cooler and camp chairs. There are food trucks at the event. Trisha will have a signup sheet at the meeting for the event.

Laura Hester announced the Chalk Festival will be held this year from April 1-3 at the Venice Fair Grounds. The event this year will be a shorter and more compact one than in previous years. Viewing the chalk art will be Friday through Sunday. We will be sharing a booth with the Venice Library Bookstore. They will sell books from the bookstore. The VNWC donated all their library books in 1965 to start the Venice Library. We will use this time for a membership drive. Laura will be one of the Volunteer Captains of the Chalk Festival. We will need VNWC volunteers to work at the booth.

Laura will have a signup sheet at the next meeting. We will have to cover the booth from 10:00AM to 6:00PM. On Tuesday a very nice appreciation lunch is held for those that worked the Festival.

Kathy Price announced that Rick Belisle will speak to us in February about orchids. Rick can answer any questions members might have about the care of orchids. Be sure to shop and purchase orchids at the Orchid Show. Denise from the Chalk Festival will speak to us in March. Myrna Goldbaum, a VNWC Member, spoke to us today.

Myrna gave us a fun interactive presentation on palm reading. She has written 4 books, does palm reading on the internet, has read a total of 57,190 palms, and appeared on radio and television. She has talked to people in 93 different countries and worked in 65 different cities. She passed out her informative brochure. We enjoyed having one of our own members give us this presentation. Liz presented Myrna with a gift to show our appreciation.

Liz had a guest, Kathy Finian, pull a name for the raffle. Kathy told us she found out about the club from the Island Walk newsletter. Lori Shemelli won the 50-50 raffle.

Liz ended the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Minutes Submitted by Pat Church, Secretary

