

## Venice Nokomis Woman's Club

### General Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022

Liz Mazzu, President, called the meeting to order at the Venice Public Library at 1:00 PM. Liz welcomed current members and their friends, and thanked them for coming to our meeting. 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.

Lorraine Finizio announced that the Happy Hour after the meeting would be at the Café Venice. 17 people would be attending.

Laura Hester read the pledge and inducted Lisa Cavalea into the Club. Lisa was presented with flowers. Our new photographer, Jane Hallberg, took her photo with Laura and Liz. Lisa received her new Club shirt that she had ordered.

Laura presented the names that the Nominating Committee (Kathy Price, Lorraine Finizio, Diane Higgins, Joan Brinton, and Laura Hester) had nominated for the new Club terms:

Liz Mazzu for President (volunteered for second term)

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Joanie Leeds

Secy. Vicki Hazel

Director of Fundraising and Special Events Laura Hester

Kathy Price has been voted on to be 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. for another year

Kathy Moller has 1 more year to her term.

Lorraine Finizio has one more year to her term.

Laura asked for nominations from the floor. No other nominations were presented. Nominations from the floor will be asked for at the March General Meeting. Then the final vote will be taken.

Kathy Moller was taking checks for Club renewal. The dues have not changed at \$30.00. If someone wants to join in February or March their dues will rollover to next year. Also money was being collected for our Club shirts priced at S-XL \$25.00, and 2XL and larger \$28.00.

There were sign up tables in the back of the room for different activities.

Laura Hester talked about the condensed Chalk Festival being held at the Venice Airport on April 1-3. VNWC has a booth at the Festival. We are sharing the booth with Friends of the Venice Library. The VNWC gave the New Venice Library 6,000 book in 1965. The Library will be selling books. The VNWC will sell 50/50 raffle tickets and bookmarks. VNWC donates this money to the Venice Youth Symphony Orchestra. We will need volunteers for our tent. Laura is a volunteer for the Festival. There are volunteer jobs for the Festival listed at [AirportChalkFestival.Org](http://AirportChalkFestival.Org).

Trisha Cook talked about Fox Lea Farms being our only fundraiser this year which is being held March 11. This is their last event of the season and very popular. Fox Lea is a horse jumping farm. They give us 50% of the \$10.00 entrance fee. We received over \$3,000 at the last event. The entrance fee includes parking and hors d'oeuvres. The signup sheet for volunteers is in the back of the room. Trish said please be sure to wear sneakers and bring a jacket and bug spray. Also bring your own cooler and chairs. The event lasts from 5:00 to 9:30 PM. We get a matching amount of money from the Community Foundation.

Liz asked for a motion for the floor to approve the January General meeting minutes. Kathy Emann made the motion. Trisha Cook seconded. All approved.

Liz reminded the Club that there are bins in the back of the room to place donations for TWIG, Backpack Angels, the Wildlife Center and bring food donations.

Linda Ecker is the new Outreach Coordinator. The Outreach had their first meeting. They will meet at the library on the Tuesday after the Thursday General Meeting. The times will vary but will be between noon and 2:00 P.M. The committee will come up with different volunteer opportunities. Suggestions are welcome. Kathy Emann, Kathy Price, Lorraine Finizio, Liz Mazzu and Linda Ecker were at the first committee meeting.

Kathy Price had arranged for Rick Belisle from the Orchid Society to give a presentation to us. He first told us about the Society and how to join. The Orchid Society can be reached at AOS.Org . He explained to us that the Society gives helpful suggestions for potting, growing and fertilizing orchids. There are over 30,000 species of orchids and billions of "mongrels". There are 150,000 registered hybrids. Queen Victoria of England started the first Orchid Society, The Royal Orchid Society. Orchids need food, light, air, water with a balance and not overdoing it. He answered many of our questions that club members had. Two orchids were raffled off. Linda Ecker and a guest won them.

A guest won the 50-50 raffle of \$103.00

Liz presented flowers to a guest, Susan Rini, that she won.

Liz reported there will be a raffle at the General Meeting next month for the VIP table at Fox Lea Farms. This will be a table for 6 people with a tent cover, appetizers and drinks. The Venice Youth Symphony will provide entertainment.

Liz invited members to stay and socialize, and sign up on the activity volunteer sheets as we had a little time left to use the room. She wished everyone a Happy Valentine Day. Liz ended the meeting at 2:40PM.

Minutes Submitted by Pat Church, Secretary