

VENICE NOKOMIS WOMAN'S CLUB

General Meeting Minutes | March 10, 2022

Liz Mazzu, President, called the meeting to order at the Venice Public Library at 1:00 PM. 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. She asked all guests to raise hands and welcomed them to our meeting. She reminded the members that dues of \$ 30.00 are due by April 1st. They can be given to Kathy Moller or mailed to VNWC Box 416 Venice, Fl. 34285. Liz reminded members to bring donations for TWIG to the meeting. Lorraine Finizio will take the items to TWIG. Liz asked for a motion to approve the February General Meeting Minutes. Tricia Cook made the motion. Lorraine Finizio seconded the motion. The Club approved. Liz asked for a show of hands as to members going to T.J. Carney's happy hour after the meeting. 14 members were going.

Laura Jo announced the VNWC Board Nominations:
Liz Mazzu-President
Joanie Leeds-1st V.P. Membership
Vicki Hazel-Secretary
Laura Jo- Fundraising and Special Events Director

Laura asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The membership approved all the above nominations unanimously.

Laura introduced our speaker, Denise Kowal, Founder and Chair of the Venice Chalk Festival. Denise told us Venice has the largest Chalk Festival in the world. It will be held from April 1-3 at the Venice Airport. It was previously held in Sarasota for 6 years and then transferred to Venice. The theme this year is resilience. The Festival does not censure too much art work. They will not allow any hate art work. All money raised goes back into the event. They bring artists in from countries that don't have street art. They have areas where beginners can work and paneled walls and grounds for visitors to chalk on. All costs have increased including art supplies and rooming for visiting artists. Friday entrance fee will be \$10.00 with about half of the art work done. Saturday entrance fee will be \$15.00 with most of the art work done by late in the day. Sunday entrance fee will be \$20.00 with all of the art work finished. The festival has become too large to have a competition. The artists will go to Sarasota after the Chalk Festival and expand the sidewalk painting in Sarasota. Laura had a signup sheet for volunteers to work at the Chalk Festival. Denise thanked us for letting her speak. She encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy. Laura said everyone who volunteers gets a free t-shirt and on Monday morning there is a volunteer appreciation lunch and all the art can be viewed.

Liz reported there are 24 new members this year. Laura inducted 8 new members by reading the VNWC Pledge which all agreed to.

Pamela Burroughs
Diane Coverstone
Laura Robinson
Kathy Finan
Anita McCarroll
Carrie Luber
Joy Cony
Dawn Mendes

The new members were presented with their VNWC badges and flowers.

Tricia 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 will also get 50% of the proceeds from a raffle. We will also have a raffle for 2 tickets to the Patriotic Pops Concert. We received over \$3,000 at the last event. Our proceeds will go to the Youth Orchestra of the Venice Symphony. The entrance fee includes parking and hors d'oeuvres. The signup sheet for volunteers is in the back of the room. Tricia asked to please see her if you want to volunteer. Tricia said please be sure to wear sneakers and bring a jacket, bug spray and flashlight. 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.

Kathy Price reported that our guest at the April meeting will be the small business owner of Burgundy Square Café of Venice. Kathy said our May meeting will be a lunch picnic at a local park. Bring money or a check to the next meeting for the lunch.

Kathy Price randomly picked a name from the new guests and flowers were given to Christine Mulvihill. Kathy Moller had a name picked for the raffle. Lois Johans won.

Liz invited Maria Ruetz and Marti Rummels, our Activity Coordinators, to present their suggested Club Activities:

Marietta Museum March 24th. Carpool from the Venice Library.

Sip and Shop April 21st

Afternoon tea in May.

Liz thanked Lisa Ketner for doing a great job being our Newsletter editor.

Liz wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Laura Jo made the motion. Kathy Price seconded. All approved. The meeting concluded at 2:30.

Minutes Submitted by Pat Church, Secretary