

1. Meeting called to order at 1:21
2. Liz Mazzu – President, via FaceBook Messenger
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Collect
 - c. Activities will be posted to the website
3. Kathy Price - 2nd Vice President, Programs
 - a. Our speaker, Caitlin Joyner, Directory of Rotary Futures Venice High School
 - b. Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club started the program and still provides about 1/3 of the program's budget
 - c. Rotary Futures is a non-profit
 - d. Its mission is to help students find and apply for post-secondary high school opportunities – primarily college
 - e. Help find funding for students in their post-secondary pursuits
 - f. Venice HS 2600 students, 589 seniors of that, a little over half will pursue college
 - g. County has a person dedicated to technical and 2-year programs so Rotary Futures primarily supports kids going on to 4-year programs
 - h. Many kids don't have what "everyone" has. The family doesn't have extra room in their budget for college or parents won't provide for college expenses
 - i. Rotary Futures has a goal to provide safe space for these kids
 - j. Specifically, they support students by:
 - i. Helping them determine their path after high school
 - ii. Sends out blasts to let students know about 300+ scholarships and upcoming deadlines for applying
 - iii. Help students write resumes, get recommendation letters, address/send applications, and write thank you letters
 - iv. Help them complete forms and applications
 - v. Provide encouragement
 - k. Technical and Community College are completely paid for in Pell Grants if a student is Pell Grant-eligible. Pell Grants pay for about 1/3 of state university
 - l. For 4-year sophomore year and beyond, there are only 20 - 25 scholarships: there is a need to have other scholarship opportunities
 - m. Rotary Futures provides input into our scholarship recipients. This helps balance the scholarships across all worthy students
4. Joan Brinton- 1st Vice President, Membership
 - a. Guests: Karen Phillips, Carol Alexander and Nancy Woodley, President of VABI
 - b. Membership cards
 - c. New members inducted: Lynn Gnaegy and Marie Kaps
 - d. See Joan for Club shirt
5. Kathy Price – 2nd Vice President, Programs
 - a. December meeting will be a Christmas Dinner
 - i. Bay House at Bay Indies
 - ii. Ugly Christmas Sweater contest
 - iii. Potluck: type of dish to pass is alphabetical by last name
 - iv. Tuesday December 6 at from 5 PM to 7 PM

6. Laura Jo- Fundraising and Special events
 - a. Fashion Showcase
 - i. January 19 at Hotel Venezia at 1:30
 - ii. 9 different shops
 - iii. Need 4 more models, ticket takers and dressers
 - iv. There will be guest bags, coupons/swag from shops
 - v. \$45 ticket (our cost \$22).
 - vi. The room can hold 240
 - vii. Please sign up to volunteer
 - viii. Tickets will be at December meeting
 - ix. Advertising: sent announcements to about 6 different organizations, handouts, ads in Venice Magazine and Gondolier, social media, HOAs
 - b. Dance party. It will be held in mid-winter: there is little fund-raising. The intent is mostly for the members to have a party. Any funds raised will go to the Urban Forest
7. Kathy Moller – Treasurer
 - a. 50/50 Raffle – Kathy Price won
 - b. Treasurer's Report is in Members-only section of website
8. Linda Ecker- Outreach
 - a. Community volunteer opportunities such as animal rescue organization or a food bank
 - b. Salvation Army Angel Tree
 - i. We have our angels assigned
 - ii. Come sign up. Linda will mail you the empty bag
 - iii. Goody bags due in December
 - iv. One child per ticket: members can team up to split the cost
9. Approve minutes from September meeting
 - a. Motion to approve: Kathy P
 - b. Second: Verna
 - c. All approve
10. Tricia Cook (not present)
 - a. Need volunteers for Back Pack Angels for matinee and evening Christmas concerts on Dec 17th at Venice Performing Arts Center (VPAC). The Christmas concerts on Dec. 16th & 17th at the Venice Symphony will have people accepting toiletries on behalf of Back Pack Angels. They need people to say "thank you" for the contributions. They don't need more help on the 16th but both the matinee and evening concerts on the 17th need volunteers. 4 of our members volunteered already for the matinee time so need a few more and also need for the evening concert.
11. Marti Runnels and Maria -Activity coordinators
 - a. Today's Happy Hour will be at Hotel Venizia
 - b. Venice Art Center: painting Santas on pond fronds Max 24
 - c. Wine Bingo at 2 PM January 17th Devine Wine Bar: Max 24
12. Lorraine Finizio – Director at Large
 - a. Pass
13. Adjourn at 2:30
 - a. Motion to Approve: Joan

- b. Second: Sally Schmidt
- c. All Approve