

1. Meeting called to order at 1:11 PM
2. President-Liz Mazzu
  - a. Welcome
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. Collect
  - d. Introduce and welcome guests: Holly, friend of Ellie Vick
  - e. Encourage Volunteering-learn workings of the club
  - f. Thank you to Laura Jo and her committee for the successful and enjoyable Caribbean Night Dance Party
  - g. Thank you to members who donated to the raffle baskets. Overall merchants have not been willing to donate. Hotel Venezia, Nokomis soap store, and Orchid Envy
3. First Vice President-Joan Brinton (absent)
  - a. Introduce new members and induct
    - i. Gail Mandel
    - ii. Pam Hindman
  - b. Introduce new Board officer candidate-Lorraine Finizio as Second VP, Programming and Hospitality
  - c. Other candidate?
  - d. Vote
    - i. Motion – Tricia Cook
    - ii. Second – Verna
    - iii. All Approve
  - e. Carol Alexander as Appointee to Director at Large
4. Second Vice-President-Kathy Price
  - a. Thanks to Kathy for her service to the club and Board.
  - b. April “Making Memories”
  - c. May picnic at Caspersen \$10 pp
  - d. Danielle Hughes, Child Protection Center (state-funded as a contractor)
    - i. Everyone is a mandated reporter in the State of Florida
      1. 800-96-ABUSE (just for Florida) or reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us
      2. Sarasota and Desoto Counties combine are 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in Florida yet we are 1,000<sup>th</sup> of US-wide calls alleging child abuse (Our counties are high in sex abuse percent)
      3. Every 18 minutes a child is abused in Florida
      4. Child abuse is 10 times the rate of cancer
      5. ¼ girls, 1/6 boys is sexually abused before age 18 (90% of abusers know the children)
    - ii. Core Programs
      1. Prevention: Teach about topics that are trending to schools / classrooms
      2. Intervention:
        - a. Gather information for DCS and Police in a manner that is in the best interest of the child. Every investigation is a gray area.
        - b. “supervised visits”

- c. Pet Advocates Working in the Suncoast (PAWS): using PAWS in the court process (started in 2010). Dog sits at the child's feet during witness process. Started with 3 volunteers now there are 9 which max
  - 3. Treatment for trauma (SATP) 94 successful out of 251 participants
- e. Special Guest: Venice Police Chief, Charlie Thorpe
  - i. Median age of Venice resident is 68 versus 48 for Sarasota
  - ii. So not child abuse problem here like other communities
- f. If you are interested in volunteering to supervise visits, please contact CFSVP Program Director, DeeDra Pata at 941-492-6491 or by email at DeeDraP@cpcsarasota.org
- 5. Treasurer-Kathy Moller
  - a. Dues \$35 needed by 4/1
- 6. Fundraising and Special Events-Laura Jo
  - a. Caribbean Nights fundraiser-February 28, 2023 about \$3500 net!
  - b. 2023 Fashion Show about \$7500 net
  - c. Next Fashion Show: January 25, 2024
  - d. Next year's charity: Venice Arts Center Children's Program
- 7. PR - Tricia Cook
  - a. Fox Lea Farms-March 10. 2023
- 8. Vicki Hazle- Secretary
  - a. Motion- Approve previous minutes Kathy P
  - b. Second - Margie
  - c. All approve
- 9. Next month's meeting at the library
- 10. Adjourn at 2:39 PM
  - a. Motion to Adjourn - Laura
  - b. Second - Bonnie
  - c. All approve