



Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. President – Liz Mazzu
  - a. Welcome
  - b. Silence phones reminder
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance
  - d. Collect
  - e. Show of hands, happy hour at Café Venice
  - f. Introduce and welcome guest, Kathy Martin
  - g. Participation in Venice Holiday Parade, November 25. Sign up sheet in back of room.
  - h. Tickets for wine tasting fundraiser at VAC for sale before and after meeting
2. First Vice President – Joan Brinton
  - a. Induct new member, Sue Tyger
  - b. Results of membership survey
  - c. Birthday congratulations (with Liz Mazzu) for June through October birthdays
  - d. Members indicated their interest in receiving club newsletters. By a show of hands membership confirmed their desire to receive an abbreviated version of the newsletter.
3. Second Vice President – Lorraine Finizio
  - a. November speaker will talk on history of Venice
  - b. Holiday party will be lunch at Mama Leone's, December 14, noon
  - c. Tree lighting at Blaylock Park
4. Treasurer – Kathy Moller out of town. Treasurer Reports on website for review.
5. Director of Fundraising and Special Events – Laura Jo
  - a. 4 weeks to go until wine tasting fundraiser at VAC. Wines from 5 countries. Full pour will be available for purchase. Need to sell more tickets.
  - b. Lorraine Finizio, Joani Leeds and Laura Jo went to Sarasota Catering for tastings of catered food for wine tasting
6. Public Relations and Marketing – Tricia Cook
  - a. Detail of magazine and newspaper advertisements placed and 2 radio interviews promoting wine tasting event.
  - b. Will be on Venice digital sign.
7. Director at Large – Carol Alexander
  - a. Divided membership up into 4 groups for discussion related to results of membership survey and further suggestions.
  - b. Each group spokesperson, Gail Mandel, Linda Ecker, Shirley Bahler, Aimee Holmes, provided a main suggestion
  - c. Carol gathered responses and will provide results at next membership meeting.
8. Speaker – Mary Moscatelli, CEO, Venice Art Center
  - a. Art center began in 1956 with 60 artists who provided an exhibit
  - b. Original facility small box-like building in 1968, additions built around it in 2013
  - c. Offer classes in multiple media, 12 free exhibitions per year, 600 vendors in gift shop, café, 200 volunteers, auctions
  - d. Facility available to rent for weddings, celebrations of life, etc.
  - e. Children's programs
    - i. School show from 19 area schools - this is 36th year.



- ii. Family Fun Day
  - iii. Summer kids' camp for about 350 children, parent-child paint classes, kids' night out, winter break will be new this year, teen online exhibit
  - iv. Scholarship programs for children to attend classes; had about \$8000 past year, used all money; receive grants
- 9. 50/50 Raffle. \$100 received. \$50 winner Janice Crocker
- 10. Vicki Hazle, Secretary (absent)
  - a. Motion to approve September minutes made by Kathy Emann.
  - b. Second made by Laura Jo.
  - c. All approve
- 11. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn 2:50 made by Lorraine Finizio.
  - b. Second made by Beth Dobra
  - c. All approve