



## VENICE-NOKOMIS MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2023

### William H. Jervey Library

1. Liz Mazzu - President
  1. Welcome
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Collect
  4. Introduce Guests
  5. Grocery Donation
    - i. Going to All Faiths Food Bank
    - ii. The equivalent of 7 paper grocery bags **full**
  6. The club will not participate in the Holiday Parade due to lack of interest
  7. No Happy Hour after today's meeting due to the Fundraiser at the Art Center
  8. Discussion of Silent Auction Items
  9. Approval of last month's minutes:
    - i. Lorraine – motion to accept last month's minutes
    - ii. Liz second
    - iii. All approve
  10. Asking for input from membership
    - i. Someone suggested a suggestion box
    - ii. Approach any board member
    - iii. We are 97 years old and need to keep changing to give women what they want/need
2. Vice President- Joan Brinton
  1. Announce November birthdays:
    - i. Bernie Novicki
    - ii. Carol Potter
    - iii. Elizabeth Plocki
    - iv. Goldbaum Myrna
    - v. Judy Salmonson
    - vi. Kathy Moller
    - vii. Tricia Cook
  2. Induct new members:
    - i. Cathy Martin
    - ii. Karen Phillips
3. 2nd Vice President-Lorraine Finizio-
  1. Blalock Park on Pensacola Rd. Holiday Tree Decorating November 30
  2. Tree Lighting December ?
  3. Next month's meeting:
    - i. Holiday Luncheon
    - ii. Mama Leone's
    - iii. Noon
4. Linda Eckert
  1. Salvation Army Christmas Angels
    - i. Don't have to buy everything on a Wish List



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- ii. December 8th
- 2. Come to the Art Center:
  - i. Wonderful items for the silent auction
  - ii. VAC is a wonderful partner. They have done a lot of work to make tonight
- 5. Carol Alexander
  - 1. 50/50 Raffle: \$50 Bonnie Burkhalter
  - 2. Review of things to do from October's breakout session
    - i. Going to go on a tour together based on the session
    - ii. Looking for suggestions for a cooking class
    - iii. Laura J - You can come to a board member
    - iv. Linda suggests having more breakout meetings
- 6. Lorraine –
  - 1. We used to have a hospitality committee
    - i. Ice tea – sweet & unsweet
    - ii. Cookies
    - iii. If interested
  - 2. Venice Florida Tours – Ronnie Fernandez
    - i. 2016
    - ii. VeniceFLtours.com
    - iii. Types of tours
      - 1. Walking (max. of 20 people)
      - 2. Bike
      - 3. Golf Cart
      - 4. Ghost (max. of 20 people)
    - iv. Louella Albee – 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent location:
      - 1. used to do 2 Christmas party for the children: one for whites and one for blacks
      - 2. Started the VNWC
      - 3. She supported Dr. Albee in many ways including being his secretary
    - v. Bertha Palmer: bought 100,000 acres from Sarasota Bay to Venice.
      - 1. Brought the train depot
      - 2. Changed name from Nokomis to Venice
    - vi. Dr. Albee
      - 1. 1917 moved here
      - 2. Bought 1400 acres from Bertha Palmer and sold to Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
      - 3. Built the hospital in 1935
    - vii. Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
      - 1. Built 3 hotels – 2 still standing
      - 2. Everything they did was first rate
    - viii. Kentucky Military Institute
      - 1. 1935
      - 2. Used 2 of the hotels and the current Venice Theaters



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3. Helped revive the Venice economy
- ix. Ringling
  1. 1960 – 1991
  2. Clown College (Penn graduated)
  3. Couldn't afford to fix train depot so moved to Sarasota

Adjournment: 2:25

1. Laura Jo made a motion to adjourn
2. Kathy Price -second
3. All approve