



VENICE-NOKOMIS GENERAL MEETING MARCH 14, 2024

Venice Community Center Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 1:15 by President, Liz Mazzu

1. President-Liz Mazzu
 - a. Greetings to our members
 - b. Collect
 - c. Welcome to our Visitor: Staci Ragsdale
 - d. New website password-1886LAlbee!
 - e. "Congrats" on a successful Fashion Showcase February 21, 2024-
 - i. Thank you to Laura Jo & her committee Gail Mandel, Linda Ecker, Maria Ruetz, Joan Brinton and her decorating committee, models, & volunteers.
 - ii. Thank you to those who attended. You all contributed to its success.
 - f. Vote for proposed new Board members:
 - i. Proposed slate:
 1. Vote-President: Joan Brinton
 2. Vote 1st VP/Membership: Amy Jean Carlson
 3. Vote 2nd VP/Programs: Bernie Novicki
 4. Vote Fundraising and Special Events: Gail Mandel
 - ii. All approve
2. 1st Vice -Joan Brinton
 - a. Vote-proposed Policies and Procedures
 - b. 30 Members Attended
 - c. No changes requested by membership
 - d. Vote was unanimous
 - e. Draft Attached as a separate document
3. 2nd Vice President-Lorraine Finizio
 - a. Speaker- Venice Senior Friendship Center-Tammy Heller, Manager & Robin Boyce, Assistant Manager
 - i. Not a nursing home but there is a health center & nutrition counselling
 - ii. Everything that happens at the SFC is to help seniors' mind, body, & soul
 - iii. Various classes like Zumba and Neuro-challenge
 - iv. Activities like cards, bingo and dances
 - v. Groups for supporting caregivers
 - vi. Bistro & Boutique which fund the SFC
 - vii. Not a government entity but a non-profit
 - viii. Entertainers and instructors are now paid positions
 - ix. \$150/year for membership, \$90/half-year for snowbirds. There are scholarships for the financially challenged. There is a 5-day pass to try it out.
 - x. Define a senior as 50+
 - xi. Around 650 members
 - xii. www.friendshipcenters.org / (941) 955 – 2122 / 2350 Scenic Drive
 - xiii. Many volunteer opportunities & accept in-kind donations (food, household, jewelry)



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- xiv. Food pantry on Wednesday
- b. May Picnic
 - i. Need to know approximate headcount
 - ii. May 9th at 11:30
 - iii. Caspersen Beach Pavillion
 - iv. \$10 < \$15 includes lunch
- 4. Treasurer-Kathy Moller (absent)
 - a. Dues of \$35 due April 1. If you have check/cash today please see Joan Brinton. Checks can be mailed to VNWC PO Box 416 Venice FL. 34284.
- 5. Credit cards, there is a service fee to use, contact Kathy Moller or bring to the next meeting April 11.
- 6. Fundraising and Special Events-Laura Jo
 - a. Review Fashion Showcase
 - i. Used to have bingo and breakfasts
 - ii. 4 years ago: Had a dance party & Fox Lea Farms, approximately \$11,000 to Venice Theater
 - iii. 3 years ago: Almost no fundraising due to COVID just Fox Lea Farms, approximately \$5,000 for Symphony Youth Programs
 - iv. Last Year: Dance Party & Fashion Show \$12,000 & grant of \$6,900 for a total of \$20,000 to VABI Urban Forest
 - v. This Year: Wine Tasting & Fashion Show, Venice Art Center Student Camp: still don't know what the total is but hoping it is over \$10,000
 - 1. Venice Art Center is holding an appreciation party on the 27th. Laura Jo needs a headcount
 - vi. REMINDER: 2026 will be Venice's & our 100-year anniversaries
- 7. Linda Eckert
 - a. Looking for people to plant flags at the National Cemetery for Memorial Day
- 8. Carol Alexander- 50/50 Raffle winner
 - a. \$90 to split
 - b. Gail Mandel was the winner but generously donated the money back to the club
 - c. A donation came in for the club for \$5
 - d. Total to the club = \$95
- 9. Secretary-Vicki Hazle
 - a. Approve minutes: since website has been unavailable to members due to new password, will bring it up for a vote next month.

Adjournment: at 2:28

- 1. Lorraine Finizio made a motion to adjourn
- 2. Lisa Cavalea -second
- 3. All approve