



VENICE-NOKOMIS GENERAL MEETING APRIL 11, 2024

Venice Community Center Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 1:12 by President, Liz Mazzu

1. President-Liz Mazzu
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Collect
 - c. Happy Hour-Abby's – 6 attendees
 - d. Introduce Guests
 - i. Gail May
 - ii. Janice McCoy
 - iii. Joy Satteric
 - iv. Kimberly Storie
 - e. Special Message from the outgoing president
 - i. Thank you board
 - ii. Thank you members
 - iii. New board will help the club flourish
 - f. Induct new Board-
 - i. Joan Brinton-President,
 - ii. Amy Jean Carlzon-1st VP
 - iii. Bernie Novicki- 2nd VP - Programs
 - iv. Gail Mandel- Director, Fundraising and Special Events
 - g. Thank you to Pattie Mattern, assistant to Bernie Novicki.
 - h. Introduction of Venice Main Street organization by Lorraine Finizio
 - i. Their children's programs
 1. Kids Zone at Shark Tooth Festival
 2. Movies in the park – monthly
 3. 2nd & 4th Friday night concert – many children
 4. Easter Egg Hunt
 5. Downtown Trick or Treat
 6. Fairy Doors Map
 7. Shark Spotting Map
 8. Christmas in July
 9. Children's Fountain
 - ii. Least funded of all organizations on VNWC's previously-approved recipient list
2. 1st Vice President - Amy Jean Carlzon
 - a. Induct New Members
 - i. Ann Simank
 - ii. Gail May
 - iii. Katie Dow
 - iv. Kimberly Story
 - b. Birthdays in the month
 - c. Shirt purchases-need a minimum of 6 shirts in order to place an order
3. Vote on proposal from Board for civic fundraising recipient 2024-2025 Venice Main Street



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- a. Propose by Joan Brinton
 - b. Second by Liz Mazzu
 - c. All approve
4. Vote on social recipient: These organizations were based on the input from members at a previous meeting as to what type of or specific organization members would like as the VNWC charitable recipient. This process will likely change as times goes on.
- a. Family Promise –
 - i. Help children and their families in temporary need of housing;
 - ii. funded by large donations program and small donations;
 - iii. VNWC donated to Family Promise in 2018
 - iv. Votes for - 5
 - b. Our Mothers House – single motherhood:
 - i. VNWC donated a few years
 - ii. Funds of \$1.9M
 - iii. Votes for - 5
 - c. Venice Area Mobile Meals – similar to Meals on Wheels:
 - i. Funds of \$344K
 - ii. Financial support from individuals, community groups and foundations
 - iii. Votes for – 19. **Venice Area Mobile Meals will be the VNWC Charitable Fundraising Recipient for 2024-2025.**
5. Speaker: Mike Halpern of Sarasota Canine Search & Rescue and Rosie
- a. Rosie the dog is 2 and still in training
6. Former Director of Fund Raising & Special Events -Laura Jo
- a. Total amount raised for 2023-2024 Art Center Children's programs \$15,865.17
 - b. Party to present big check on May 1 at 4 PM
7. Scholarship Committee Chair - Lynn Gnaegy
- a. Members
 - i. Beth Dobra
 - ii. Joan Brinton
 - iii. Kathy Moller
 - iv. Liz Mazzu
 - v. Pattie Mattern
 - b. Had 10 applicants vs. the usual 4
 - c. New FAFSA form not being available until May made selection difficult
 - d. \$2,000 per scholar
 - e. Considering increasing our donation for next year
 - f. Question: from where do the Scholarship funds come: The funds come indirectly from the sale of the club's house on December 30, 2011
 - i. Part of the money went into Edward Jones for working funds
 - ii. Part of the money went to our account at Community Foundation of Sarasota for the scholarships and donations to 501(c)(3) organizations (charities)
 - g. Scholarship recipient
 - i. Ariyna Lovely, Venice High School



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- ii. Kaylee Wesner, UFL
 - iii. Elizabeth Mopps, Venice High School
8. Treasurer - Kathy Moller
 - a. Dues- \$35
9. Lorraine Finizio
 - a. May Picnic
 - i. If you have signed up but haven't paid, the cost is \$10 per person in cash
10. Board Member at Large - Carol Alexander
 - a. 50/50 raffle
 - b. Total collected: \$95
 - c. Winner: Margie Simcox
11. Secretary – Vicki Hazle
 - a. Approve minutes from February meeting
 - b. Approve minutes from March 14, 2024 meeting
 - c. Motion to approve minutes - Laura Jo
 - d. Second - Tricia Cook
 - e. All Approve

Adjournment: at 2:28

1. Lorraine Finizio made a motion to adjourn
2. Laura Jo -second
3. All approve

Submitted by Vicki Hazle, Secretary