

## AAUW Venice Branch Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2023, William Jervey Public Library

Joyce Mikulski called the Business Meeting to order at 11:45 am. A message from the Co-Presidents was read. Kathleen Pickering spoke on the AAUW Venice community involvement initiative for this year. The Women's Resource Center and the University of South Florida are the organizations. Future programs will outline all the volunteer opportunities available.

Brief Board reports were given. New members and guests were introduced. SIG chairs had brief announcements. Program dates are listed in the Venice Views.

The Venice chapter has sponsored a girls' U14-16 years softball team to enhance AAUW visibility. A game party will be held on October 26 before the game at 7:30 PM. The games are played at the Pinebrook Fields.

Polo shirts with the AAUW logo will also be available to raise visibility.

A scholarship fundraising event will be held on January 14, 2024. The program is a live portrayal of RBG.

The Home Tour is on February 9, 2024. Only two homes have been selected, and another two are needed. The committee is looking for other possible homes.

The Giving Challenge will be in April.

Wendy Seeley spoke for the Scholarship Committee. A scholarship reception at Café Venice will be held on November 20 to introduce this year's winners. The cost is \$25.

The media chair noted the deadline for Venice Views is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before that issue's release. Members are encouraged to check the chapter website for all information on activities, policies, etc.

Public Policy suggested checking the ZOOM recordings for the League of Women Voters website for information on various projects, policies or other news.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Biviano and Wendy Seeley