

Venice AAUW Board Meeting Minutes – October 31, 2023

Present: Cynthia Bioteau, Nancy Brex, Marge Collin, Barbara Constantz, Jan Harris, Susan Hotzler, Trena Kelly, Joyce Mikulski, Wendy Seeley, Bev Weltzien, Lynda Weston

Meeting called to order 9:35 AM.

Minutes of October 3, 2023 previously submitted and approved.

No Treasurer's report.

Chair reports

Vice President – Joyce Mikulski

Joyce submitted the strategic plan for 2023-24. Formed a committee to work with each program chair to support and implement the plan. The committee members are Bobbi Amero, Cynthia Bioteau, Lesley Curley, and Pam Swarts.

The VAAUW polo shirts were purchased and will be sold at branch meetings. The cost per shirt is \$30-\$33.

Membership – Marge Collin

The 2023-24 branch directory was published and distributed at the October meeting. There are omissions and corrections. An e-blast will be sent to members with correct information.

Media – Nancy Brex and Susan Hotzler

Publicity for the 2023 Home Tour will be in the November Venice Views and Venice Main Street newsletter. It was recommended VAAUW pay for a table at the Venice Farmer's Market to sell tickets for the Home Tour.

Renewal of our subscription to Venice Main Street is due.

A reminder to send articles for Venice Views to AAUWVeniceViews@gmail.com.

Development – Cynthia Bioteau

There are 12 people on the committee for the RBG event on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the Venice Art Center. Donation envelopes will be placed on the seats at the performance for additional fundraising.

Co-chair Trena Kelly confirmed two homes on Venice Island for the Home Tour in February. A third home is possible but the owners have not returned to Venice. It was suggested to add another 1-2 homes, preferably a historic home. Trena will distribute a sign-up sheet for volunteers, designate a house "mother" for each venue.

Education – Wendy Seeley

A reception for our scholarship recipients will be November 20, 4:00-6:00 PM at Café Venice. Sign-up and payment will occur at the November branch meeting. \$25 per ticket.

Wendy plans to contact area schools to promote Tech Trek applicants for next year.

Programs –

Women's clothing in good condition will be collected at the holiday luncheon and donated to the Women's Resource Center.

Art in the Afternoon has not been well-attended. The group meets January-March at the Jervey Library on Wednesdays at 1:30.

Public Policy – Barbara Constantz

Our chapter encourages members to sign a petition to place abortion rights on the ballot. 900,000 signatures must be validated to assure it will appear. Next year's focus will be on getting out the vote to affirm abortion rights.

SIGS – Lynda Weston

Sign-up sheets will be at the November branch meeting for upcoming SIGs.

A request was made to offer Bridge again.

An e-blast will be sent to give members the password for the Venice Views website.

Old Business

None

New Business

Kathy Bosch is responsible for compiling the list of birthdays published in Venice Views each month. It was decided the monthly birthday list is sufficient and an e-card is not needed.

Jan Harris announced board members will be reporting directly to either Jan or Bev. Those reporting to Bev; Cynthia Bioteau, Debbie Blackwell, Nancy Brex, Barbara Constanz, Susan Holtzer, Joyce Mikulski, and Jo Rahaim. The reporting to Jan; Bobbi Amero, Marge Collin, Trena Kelly, Wendy Seeley, Pam Swarts, and Lynda Weston.

The VAAUWboard gmail listserv is not working. Send emails to each individual board member.

Due to the technical problems at the October branch meeting at the library, future meetings using Powerpoint or other computer programs should be checked before the meeting.

Cynthia Bioteau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Hotzler, and passed at 11:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Rahaim, Secretary