

## **Venice AAUW Board Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2024**

Present: Bobbi Amero, Cynthia Bioteau, Debbie Blackwell, Marge Collin, Jan Harris, Susan Hotzler, Joyce Mikulski, Jo Rahaim, Wendy Seeley, Pam Swarts, Bev Weltzien, Lynda Weston

Meeting called to order 9:35 AM.

Minutes of January 2, 2024 submitted and approved.

### **Finance Director**

Bobbi reported that Check #477 to Silver Foxes was spoiled; \$400 was redeposited into our account. Bobbi made a motion to approve the redeposit of \$400, Jan Harris second, and it was approved.

Bobbi created the Home Tour event on the accounting software. Ticket sales via the website are automatically deposited into the checking account.

### **Chair reports**

#### **Vice President – Joyce Mikulski**

- Opening Day for 12 & Under Miss Venice Fastpitch Team's is February 3, 2024.
- Polo shirts will be ordered again when 6 requests have been received.
- Diversity exercises are being considered during future meetings in accordance with our strategic plan.

#### **Membership – Marge Collin**

- New members are Deb Jackson and Leona Crosskey-Marsani.

#### **Media – Nancy Brex and Susan Hotzler**

- Venice Views was distributed on January 2, 2024.
- Joyce Mikulski is the current administer of the Venice AAUW Facebook account. Susan and Nancy will meet with Joyce to learn how to post on Facebook.
- Met with Jeri Jaminet to discuss giving Nancy access to the Venice Views gmail.
- Planning to recruit another editor for the newsletter.

#### **Development – Cynthia Bioteau**

- RBG event netted a profit of \$5,124.18.
- The Island Charm Home Tour on February 9. A thorough report will be provided by the Co-chairs, Dee Collins and Trena Kelly at February 1 branch meeting.
- The Giving Challenge is April 9 at the home of Paula Dulski.

#### **Education – Wendy Seeley**

- The Gulf Coast Community Foundation scholarship is now open. All applications must be received by April 3rd. Teachers have to nominate students for scholarship.
- Consider writing a grant to the Community Foundation for Tech Trek scholarships

- Three Tech Trek campers and Carol Newnam will attend the March 14 meeting. Wendy will contact Sue Slone at FL Tech Trek to request a short video to play at the meeting.

### **Programs – Pam Swarts**

- February 9, 2024: Home Tour
- March 14, 2024: Presentation about Tech Trek
- April 11, 2024: Annual meeting
- May 9, 2024: TBD

### **Public Policy – Debbie Blackwell**

- Debbie attended Lobby Days in Tallahassee January 16-17.
- Best time to visit state representatives is August and September
- Discussed HB 49, leave of absence for state workers, status of pregnant inmates
- Develop talking points and a letter to recruit members who are opposed to a woman's right to choose

### **SIGS – Lynda Weston**

- All groups are meeting.
- Jan Harris will pursue Mahjong SIG as a social inquiry.
- Movie SIG may be offered.
- Evite may be used as RSVP for SIGs.

### **Old Business**

- Pursue recruitment of a Publicity chair.

### **New Business**

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Rahaim, Secretary