

2024-10-1 Board Meeting Minutes

ZOOM

Present: Bobbi Amero, Cynthia Bioteau, Nancy Brex, Marge Collin, Lesley Curley, Jan Harris, Susan Hotzler, Joyce Mikulski, Jo Rahaim, Wendy Seeley, Bev Weltzien, Lynda Weston

Co-president Bev Weltzien called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM.

Secretary's Report – Jo Rahaim

Lynda Weston made a motion to approve the September 3, 2024, board minutes. Marge Collin seconded. Approved as submitted.

Finance Director's Report – Bobbi Amero

Treasurer's report was not presented. It will be available before the next board meeting.

Vice President's Report – Joyce Mikulski

Report attached.

Joyce will send an e-blast to members to gather on October 29 for dinner at Asaro's Restaurant and attend the game afterward.

Membership – Marge Collin

Report attached.

Created a VAAUW bookmark to use as a recruitment/marketing piece. Also putting together, a packet with a welcome letter, the rules of civility, list of SIGs, and national membership standards.

Media Directors – Nancy Brex and Susan Hotzler

Report attached.

VAAUW public relations tri-fold brochure is being completed.

Development – Cynthia Bioteau

Report attached.

An e-blast invitation for the Wine Tasting event will be sent within a week. It will go to VAAUW members and Cindy Sproehnle's wine clubs. VAAUW members are encouraged to invite their friends. 60 tickets will be sold on-line. The VIP reception has been cancelled.

Drivers are needed for the shuttle to Leona Crosskey's home on Casey Key.

Holiday Party - The silent auction will not be offered. Bobbi Amero secured the Silver Foxes. The used clothing project benefiting the Women's Resource Center may be moved to November. Cynthia (?) will check with Dee to inquire if November or December is the best time to make the donation.

Education – Wendy Seeley

Report attached.

The Scholarship Reception will be postponed until January 2025.

Programs – Charlene Turczyn
Report attached.

Public Policy – Debbie Blackwell
Report attached.

SIGS- Lynda Weston
Report attached.

- Jeri Jaminet and Charlene Turczyn agreed to co-lead the Euchre group. Looking for a leader for Mahjong. Lynda will call Barbara Swartz about her interest in leading the Mahjong SIG.
- Public Education Network (PEN) is encouraging its members to review the League of Women Voters new study on policies in Florida for the banning of books in schools. Lynda will give a brief review of the study at the November branch meeting.

Old Business

Policy and Procedures document has been revised. AAUW-Florida approved the revision. Due to the limited space on our website, our history cannot be stored there as planned. A meeting is planned with the Kathy Black (Historian), Jo Rahaim, and website coordinator, Nancy Brex (local contact) and Cheryl Bonds (national contact).

New Business

There was discussion about current chapter positions which are appointed or elected. The nominating committee will discuss whether our by-laws need revision to reflect any changes. Patti Warner is the chair of the nominating committee. The issue will be addressed in 2025.

As a response to Hurricane Helene, a plan was discussed to send an e-blast to our members offering any assistance to hurricane victims. Joyce will send the e-blast. Members will be asked to volunteer if help is requested. Lynda Weston suggested creating an emergency response plan for future use. Lesley Curley and Jo Rahaim will meet to develop the plan.

Joyce Mikulski suggested scheduling a “mini” branch meeting in October 2025 in place of a social event. The purpose is to inform members about the upcoming schedule and volunteer opportunities.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM. Motion made by Marge Collin; seconded by Lynda Weston. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Rahaim