

## **VAAUW Board Meeting January 28, 2025**

Meeting called to order by Co-President Bev Weltzien at 9:40 AM

Minutes from January 7, 2025, board meeting were not available for review. The minutes will be distributed for review at the March board meeting.

### **Finance – Bobbi Amero**

Balance sheet for January will not be completed until the end of the month.

Effective 7/1/25-6/30/26, Paula Dulski will serve as Treasurer. It will become official when the new board makes the appointment at the April meeting.

### **President's Report- Jan Harris and Bev Weltzien**

Prior to the board meeting, Bev sent her report which included a report from Patti Warner and Cynthia Bioteau on the upcoming Home Tour. Bev attended Florida AAUW state president's board meeting. A summary of that meeting is attached.

Jan Harris spoke about our participation at the Venice Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Rally on January 31. Our volunteers will distribute information about our branch activities and visit other non-profits participating that day. Jan would like -our chapter to consider more collaboration with the chamber.

### **Vice-President- Joyce Mikulski**

Joyce Mikulski stated our chapter is practicing DEI values, i.e. starting our branch meetings with a civility message. She would like to increase student participation in the Start Smart/Work Start online courses by making the students aware of the program and encouraging their participation. To increase participation, our chapter can help increase use of these courses by making the students aware through our connections at USF and SCF.

### **Media**

Nancy and Susan distributed the tri-fold brochure they created to be distributed at the Venice Chamber of Commerce and Home Tour events.

The February issue of Venice Views will be available online today. Ann Saller was the editor.

### **SIG- Hilda Dillman**

Due to lack of participation, Mah Jong will not meet this month.

### **Membership-Marge Collin**

Marge intends to create an information sheet on the benefits of membership.

### **Public Policy-Debbie Blackwell**

Debbie suggested contacting Tom Edwards, school board president for help in promoting Tech Trek. She also suggested Dr. O'Connor, superintendent of schools, as a speaker at a future branch meeting.

#### **Programs-Lynda Weston**

Linda clarified the order of events for the February 6 branch meeting. The meeting will focus on the Home Tour.

#### **Education**

Wendy was not present. Wendy has submitted her resignation effective 6/30/25.

#### **Old Business**

Non-Profit Chamber Event on January 31, 2025. Jan recruited more volunteers for the event.

#### **New Business**

The AAUW State Regional Conference is scheduled on April 17, 2025. New board members should attend. Lunch is \$25.

AAUW dues will increase \$5.00.

Lynda Weston made a motion to adjourn at 11:26 AM and seconded by Susan Hotzler.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Rahaim, Secretary