

## **VAAUW Board Meeting January 7, 2025**

Meeting called to order by Co-President Jan Harris at 9:40 AM

Minutes from December 3, 2024, board meeting were approved.

### **Finance**

Balance sheet attached.

### **President's Report**

Deb Jackson resigned her position as liaison with the Chamber of Commerce. Jan Harris will take her place. VAAUW will participate in the Non-Profit Rally sponsored by the Chamber on Friday, January 31, 2025, 10:00-1:00 PM in the Chamber Parking Lot. Volunteers are encouraged to wear their VAAUW polo shirts and provide information about our chapter, the upcoming Home Tour, tickets for the Home Tour and new member information.

### **Vice-President**

Joyce Mikulski stated she has 9 new polo shirts, both short and ¾-sleeve. New members are joining our chapter through the national website, but we are not receiving their information from their application. They will be asked to complete the form again.

Board retreat is scheduled for April 7, 2025, 9:30-3:00 PM at the Gulf Coast Community Center. Ms. Kecia Carroll will moderate. Old and new members will be encouraged to attend. A review of the goals from the 2023 retreat will be reviewed. Goals for 2025-2027 will also be explored.

### **Media**

Nancy Brex has been working on the website.

Membership to Venice Mainstreet was renewed. Susan posted Home Tour information in their newsletter and the Home Tour poster appears on their kiosk.

The new trifold VAAUW brochure will be printed in time for use at the Home Tour. Copies will be available at the Jervey Library, and the poster will be submitted to the Town Chronicle/Wellen Park newsletter and the Venice Sun newspaper.

Ann Saller's training as a new member of Media is ongoing. She will be the February editor of Venice Views.

### **Development**

See attached report.

An ad hoc committee will meet on January 10, 2025 to "develop a framework within which funding designations for scholarships given by VAAUW can be structured." The committee will review past

criteria used to decide who, what, and how scholarships have been distributed by VAAUW. The purpose is to correlate fundraising with current tuition assistance needs and VAAUW priorities.

Volunteers for the wine tasting will occur after the Home Tour.

## **SIG**

Mahjong has been scheduled for January 22.

## **Membership**

Marge Collin was absent. Jan mentioned the importance of pairing mentors with new members and suggested scheduling a new members brunch in the spring.

## **Public Policy**

Debbie Blackwell was absent.

## **Programs**

A general discussion about the Holiday Luncheon at Hotel Venezia was discussed. There was mixed reaction to the dessert gift bags vs the additional cost to include a dessert as part of the cost. Consensus that the venue was fine. Lynda would like the Holiday Luncheon to be delegated to another person and not a part of the Programs' responsibility.

Consensus among the members that refreshments are not needed at the general meetings.

Post branch meeting lunch place will be Shamrock Café. Linda will ask for a hand count at the end of the meeting.

May 8, 2025, is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Venice Chamber of Commerce. A kick-off parade is planned on that date. Our participation is being considered.

## **Education**

See attached report.

Wendy Seeley distributed flyers from USF announcing the two Pat Weber scholarship recipients. Three of our current scholarship recipients are planning to attend the Scholarship Reception on January 15, 2025, at Hotel Venezia.

Wendy invited Chloe Nelson, staff reporter, Venice Sun newspaper, to attend the Home Tour. She accepted.

Motion to adjourn at 11:24 AM by Jo Rahaim and seconded by Susan Hotzler.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Rahaim, Secretary

