

AAUW Venice Branch Minutes – May 8, 2025

Location: Venice United Church of Christ - 620 Shamrock Rd, Venice, FL

Jan Harris introduced Kathleen Pickering who presented speakers from the Venice Museum. The program described the city's plans for celebrating the Centennial November 2025-May 2027.

Bev Weltzien called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and presented the Moment of Civility video.

Minutes from April 10, 2025, branch meeting was posted on website.

Bobbi Amero, Finance Director, announced a total of approximately \$55,000.

Vice President Joyce Mikulski thanked those who attended the Miss Venice Fastpitch Softball game. Wendy Seeley will manage ordering polo shirts.

Wendy Seeley, Education Director, discussed plans for two new scholarships of \$5,000 each at two local colleges. Two girls are attending Tech Trek this year. Wendy suggested looking into other STEM activities in the state.

Public Policy Director, Debbie Blackwell, suggested encouraging young people to vote: three seats on school board will be up for election in '26. County libraries are providing lunch to children attending library functions.

SIG chair, Hilda Dillman, mentioned the variety of SIGs. Judy Napier stated several activities will be offered during the summer months.

Old Business

Consult the Website venice-fl.AAUW.net for news and activities. The Holiday luncheon will be December 4, 2025, at Pelican Pointe.

New Business

Kay Olsen announced Betty Ehik has died. A memorial service will be held July 17, at Venice Presbyterian Church.

Plans are underway to offer "Patriotic Bridge" in January 2026.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Donovan