

AAUW Venice Board Meeting held at United Church of Christ Parlor

November, 4. 2025 Called to order at 9:30 am

In attendance:

Joyce Mikulski

Paula Dulski

Debbie Blackwell

Nancy Brex

Leslie Curley

Susan Donovan

Cindy Sproehnie

Susan Hotzler

Rosemary Smith

Hilda Dillman

Leona Crosskey, guest

President remarks: Scholarship Reception held at Venetia Hotel was a success. Good to hear from the recipients.

Face Book site is getting more use. Need to remind members to share and use "like button". General meeting on 10/9/25 very successful tutorial navigating the website, facebook and membership.

E-blast will go out about service for deceased member, Mary Lou Tetford, long time member.

Treasurer report: Sent information to board members.

Program report: Nothing has changed in the monthly planning. November's program will probably attract guests because of the popularity of the Venice Symphony. Discussion about gifts for guest speakers. Gift cards may be best option.

Communications: Venice Mainstreet gave half page ad for price of a quarter page. Cleaned up web site. President will meet with Kathy Doucette in January about the site.

Development: Fundraising plans include impersonator, wine tasting, card game, lunch with an author. Committee has met 3 times. 40 responses to the survey. Looking for more interesting venues.

SIG: Nothing new to report.

Membership: 153 members as of July 1. 4 guests, 2 new members at next general meeting.

Reminder to greet guests and new members, direct them to sign up for SIG events, etc.

Mentor guidelines and job description published for the board and approved. Will be sent out in Venice Views.

Public Policy: PEN(public education network) explained and a history of the group presented. A discussion of public education in Manatee and Sarasota Counties was held. PEN conference for 11/8 has been canceled. There is a need for the membership to be educated on AAUW public policy especially concerning education.

Education: Tech Trek material has not reached the chair. Expected soon or will follow up with her contact. The chair has been calling other organizations that give scholarships for guidance.

Old business: Reminder to membership to get articles into Venice Views by the 15th of the month.

New business: Joan Cash replaces Bonnie Hagen as cheer message sender.

Next meeting will be held via Zoom on December 2.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Submitted by Susan Donovan