

VeniceAAUW Board meeting 9/2/25 via Zoom (Revised edition 9/5/25)

In attendance:

Joyce Mikulski, President
Lynda Weston, Vice President
Paula Dulski, Treasurer
Susan Donovan, Secretary
Rosemary Smith, Program Director
Hilda Dillman, SIG Director
Susan Hotzler, Communications
Leslie Curley, Education
Debbie Blackwell, Public Policy
Nancy Brex, Communications

Meeting called to order by the president at 10:35 am

Reports:

Communications directors: An email will be sent to members reminding them of deadline for Venice Views articles.

Treasurer: The clarity of the written report of the finances was appreciated by members. Any discrepancies or problems should be brought up directly to the treasurer.

Education: Tech Trek is on track for the coming year. The president's correspondence with Sarasota Superintendent of Schools and meeting with the Director of Secondary Education were very successful. The education director is reviewing scholarship programs. There was discussion about endowments mainly Gulf Coast and the director plans to review how scholarship funds are distributed. The education director is looking for additional members for the scholarship committee.

Public Policy: The director purchased a laptop. The president congratulated the director for receiving recognition from National for outstanding contributions. Much discussion about education policies in Sarasota schools, vouchers, and the Board of Education.

President: Development committee needs to pick a chair, work on fundraisers.

SIG: The SIG list has been updated and leaders have been reminded of Venice Views deadline.

Program Director: The schedule of programs for General Meetings was reviewed. Some discussion concerning the topics to be covered by February guest speaker, Madeline Ross.

New business:

October 28, 2025: Proclamation from the mayor of Venice concerning the 50th anniversary of Venice branch of AAUW at 9:30 am in City Hall.

Opening day for the 14/16 softball team the Venice AAUW supports has passed. The president will publish the team schedule.

Please use google address when communicating with the president .

Discussion about communication directors getting more publicity about scholarship recipients. Susan Hotzler will continue to pursue the matter.

Reminder USFSM Women in Business forum on 9/18.

Board meeting in 11/4 will be at the church instead of Gulf Coast.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35

Respectfully submitted by Susan Donovan, secretary