

AUW Bennington Branch Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 25, 2025

Present: Althea Church, Julie Haupt, Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Norma McShane, Mary Ellen Munley, Rose-Marie Pelletier, Fronia Simpson, Kathy Wagenknecht, Berta Winiker

Absent: Jennifer Kern

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: President Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Wagenknecht moved and Munlet seconded that the minutes of the June 28, 2025, meeting be approved as amended; motion carried unanimously.

Pelletier reported that she is logged in to do online banking and asked questions about procedures. Because she does not look at email daily, she asks that she be sent a text (413.412.2484) telling her about an urgent e-mail.

Church reported no new members.

Wagenknecht reminded group of the special tax status of the branch, its specialness being that it is a subgroup of the national organization. Rose-Marie will need to fill out the form for this.

Wagenknecht moved and Munley seconded the motion that lifetime members, those who have been members of AAUW for fifty years, need not pay dues to the branch. Motion passed unanimously.

Wagenknecht moved and Simpson seconded the motion that annual dues should be paid on the AAUW website. Pelletier is available to help people set up an account and pay, if desired, help people pay their dues. Branch dues are payable to the treasurer in June. Motion passed unanimously.

Winiker reported several loose ends in programming. Church needs to reschedule the October meeting from the 18th to the 25th. Winiker is hoping to schedule a program on scams and frauds, presented by the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation, in November.

Simpson is helping Wagenknecht with the newsletter. After a discussion on privacy, it was decided that we will continue to publish personal information (phone numbers and email addresses) and pictures.

Munley reported that it is very helpful for Fuller and Church to help with refreshments.

Publicity for public programs continues to be confusing. Rodrigues sends out the press releases that Mackaman writes. It would be good to have Rodrigues's list. Fuller has volunteered to design a poster for the October meeting. Mackaman and Church would print the posters for distribution, saving them the trip to Bennington to pick up the posters. Posters for Bennington would be printed at Staples, the cost to be reimbursed.

Adjournment: Pelletier moved and Winiker seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fronia Simpson  
Recording Secretary