



FINAL MINUTES
Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting
August 8, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Herrmann, Lisa Cherry, Donna Jean Simon, Janet Arden, Karen Schulz, Elaine Nissen, Patricia Bernhold, Susan Levy-Creed, Suzanne Gagner, Mary Sue Brown, Kathy McCullough

Co-President Sue Herrmann called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm. She thanked Karen Schulz for co-hosting.

Secretary Patricia Bernhold presented the June 12, 2018 Minutes. Donna Jean Simon moved to approve them, Karen Schulz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-President Herrmann reminded the Board that it is a team and that each member should feel free to call on others for assistance. In that spirit, new Board members have been approached to act as coordinators rather than being asked to assume the entire burden of whatever job they assume. Nancy Possinger has agreed to be Book Sale Coordinator but there are still openings for committee members. There is still an opening for a Publicity Coordinator.

Co-President Cherry reported that the AAUW is planning a yearlong celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women being given the right to vote. A highlight will be the 1-2 day 2020 National Convention to be held in Washington, DC, along with regional convening sessions.

Co-President Cherry also reported that the State of Illinois has authorized the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch to register voters. Registrars will need to be trained. Suzanne Gagner, Donna Jean Simon and Janet Arden will follow up on this issue.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Program Co-Vice President Donna Jean Simon reported on plans for the September Branch meeting. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 9 to 12. It will be set up so that members will have an opportunity to join small rotating discussion groups regarding STEM, Title Nine, Membership, Community Outreach, Economic Security and Retirement Planning, Attracting New Members and Community Outreach. The discussions will be limited to 15-20 minutes and interspersed with "commercial breaks" to allow interest groups to promote their programs.

Co-Vice President Janet Arden reported that she had received 59 responses to the Digital Program Survey which is almost 50% of membership. The survey was so well received that similar surveys will be sent in the future.

Membership Vice President Karen Schulz reported that dues paying membership is at 121 with 24 non-renewals. Karen and Kitty Johannsson are in the process of contacting these people. Karen will double check email addresses to be sure that everyone with email is receiving all Branch notices. Karen also reported that she expect 4 new members to sign on in September.

Treasurer Elaine Nissen reported that year-to-date figures are similar to other years. However, some changes in the budget are being suggested to cover Lunafest. These changes will be reflected in the budget presented to the Branch. Janet Arden moved to accept the 2018-19 Budget with the suggested changes; Karen Schulz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The annual Audit Report was signed off by Donald Westlake, Phyllis and Charles Goodman and Cathy SooHoo. Elaine presented a Certification of Audit to Co-President Lisa Cherry.

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS

Fund Raising Committee member Suzanne Gagner reported that LUNAFEST will be held at Center Stage in Naperville on March 30, 2019 from 5 to 9 PM. She noted that Cindy Hernandez, Manager of Center Stage, has donated the site. Currently tickets are projected to be \$30. There will be a Silent Auction during intermission. Suzanne also reported that she had received a good response to her Cultural Arts survey.

In Margaret McGrath's absence, Co-President Herrmann reported that the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk will take place on Saturday October 13.

In Phyllis Fogel's absence, Co-President Herrmann informed the Board that Phyllis wants Board members to send pictures to her from all Branch events.

Newsletter Editor Kathleen McCullough reported that the TWIGS deadline continues to be the 15th of the month and that she has emailed Board members the specific way to send information. She emphasized that Revisions need to be noted in the subject line.

LAF Chair Mary Sue Brown reported that she is becoming familiar with her responsibilities and should have something to report at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the expense (in time, money and effort) of mailing Newsletters and Karen Schulz moved to send TWIGS only electronically. Elaine Nissen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A timeline to cease mailing has not been established but when it is there will be an all Branch email and TWIGS will specify when mailing will cease. Those members without email addresses will continue to receive TWIGS by mail.

Co-President Herrmann noted that because the October Branch Meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month it will be necessary to reschedule the October Board Meeting. Board members agreed to have the October Board Meeting on October 17.

At 8:58 pm Co-President Herrmann closed the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: September 12 at Donna Jean Simon's

BOARD VOTE ON REVISED BUDGET

After deliberation, Treasurer Elaine Nissen has revised some of the 2018-2019 Budget changes she suggested to cover Lunafest that were approved at the August Board Meeting. Through an email vote, these revisions have been approved by the Board.