



FINAL MINUTES
Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting
October 17, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Herrmann, Lisa Cherry, Donna Jean Simon, Janet Arden, Karen Schulz, Elaine Nissen, Patricia Bernhold, Suzanne Gagner, Mary Sue Brown, Nancy Possinger

Co-President Sue Herrmann called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm. She thanked Janet Arden for hosting and Karen Schulz for co-hosting.

Secretary Patricia Bernhold presented the September 12, 2018 Minutes. Karen Schulz moved to approve them, Suzanne Gagner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-President Herrmann asked for feedback on the Northern Illinois Fall Leadership Conference, co-hosted by Donna Jean Simon, District 4 Director. Lisa Cherry, Donna Jean Simon, Karen Schulz, Elaine Nissen and Julie Nolan attended. The response was overwhelmingly positive regarding the three topics discussed: Women in Leadership, Title 9 and the ERA. Co-President Lisa Cherry congratulated Donna Jean and Jo-an Takamoto Sabonjian for an excellent conference that was mission-based, meaningful, energizing and enjoyable. Donna Jean thanked Karen Schulz for her work in registration for the meeting.

Co-President Herrmann led a discussion on how to present the Board's decision to discontinue mailing TWIGS (with the exception of members who do not have email access). It was decided that Donna Jean would chair discussion at the November Branch meeting using a process listing pros and cons of the decision. Every member in attendance would be invited to brainstorm reasons why or why not mailing should be discontinued. At the end, ballots would be given to each member in attendance and a simple majority would suffice to approve or disapprove the Board's decision. If the decision is approved by the Branch, the Handbook of Policies and Procedures would need to be amended. That can be accomplished by the Board.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Elaine Nissen noted that Federal and State reports due in November are ready to be filed. She reported no major changes in the September Financial Report.

Program Co-Vice President Janet Arden reported that she is working with Dr. Megan Bang, presenter for the November Branch Meeting. Janet asked the Board for suggestions about the Survey to be sent regarding the October Branch Meeting and discussed the possible addition of questions related to ways in which members can participate in Branch activities.

Co-Vice President Donna Jean Simon will report in November on specific activities generated by the September round table discussions. She is in the process of tallying ideas strongly supported by Board members and anticipates that the Board can take action on some of them in November.

Membership Vice President Karen Schulz reported that in response to the October Leadership Conference emphasis on Mission over numbers, she and her Membership Committee (of new members) are following that direction. She did add that membership is currently 130 and noted that new members are already being mentored and becoming involved in the Branch.

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS

Book Sale Chair Nancy Possinger reported that there are 135 boxes of books which include many curios. Publicity is at work on advertising both collection and the sale. Nancy suggested targeting book groups and service groups.

Nancy moved approval of a contract with the 1st United Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn as the site for this year's Book Sale. Lisa Cherry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nancy opened a discussion of what to do with leftover books. She will take Board suggestions back to her committee to investigate the possibility of providing time at the end of the sale for charitable groups to take unsold books.

Co-President Cherry, reporting for Susan Levy Creed, announced that Susan was delighted to report that she has secured an excellent speaker for the Winter Banquet. Branch contributions to funds will be voted upon at the November meeting.

LAF Chair Mary Sue Brown presented information on the need for local chapters to support LAF including the amount that LAF usually expends in a year. After discussion, it was decided that Mary Sue will collect more information and call for a vote on the Branch's continued funding of LAF in November.

Co-President Herrmann, reporting for Patricia Spence, said there were no updates since the Branch Meeting.

Co-President Herrmann, reporting for Fran Kravitz, said that Fran is working with the Glen Ellyn Police Department to provide STEM workshops four times a year.

Cultural Arts Chair Suzanne Gagner reported that all is on track with LUNAFEST. She and Mary Sue Brown will work on finding sponsors for that event.

Co-President Herrmann reported that the Publicity Chair is still open.

OLD BUSINESS

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk was a success and Margaret McGrath reported that she had already collected \$1260 to be sent to National for scholarships.

Suzanne Gagner said that Voter Registration needs have been filled but that she is preparing now for registration for the 2020 elections.

NEW BUSINESS

Co-President Herrmann reminded members that the Winter Banquet will be on December 5 at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn.

Co-President Herrmann noted that positions will be open for President, Vice Presidents of Programs and Secretary for 2019-2021. Karen Schulz will chair the Nominating Committee and three additional people will be appointed by Co-Presidents Herrmann and Cherry.

At 9:17 pm Co-President Herrmann closed the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: November 14 at Patricia Spence's Home

BRANCH MEETING - November 7, 2018

After discussion, a vote was taken to discontinue mailing TWIGS except to those without email. The results of a paper ballot were: 22 "yes", 6 "no" and 1 "abstention". The motion passed.