

## FINAL MINUTES Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting February 13, 2019

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

Co-President Lisa Cherry called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm. She thanked Suzanne Gagner for co-hosting.

Karen Schulz moved to approve the January 9, 2019 Minutes, Elaine Niessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-President Cherry noted that National AAUW, in line with its goal of promoting Economic Security had obtained significant funding from a corporate sponsor that has enabled it to create an on-line Work Smart Workshop. This workshop supplements but does not replace live Work Smart Workshops which continue to be conducted around the country. Members are encouraged to register and experience the course so that they may encourage others to take advantage of it. National's goal is to have 100,000 people registered by August and 10,000,000 by 2022. Information about the workshop will be distributed in TWIGS, at LUNAFEST and at the Book Sale.

Co-President Cherry reported that Deb Ness has been working on community outreach and is looking for opportunities to collaborate with local non-profits. All collaboration will be in accordance with AAUW guidelines. One potential opportunity would be with the McCormick Foundation Christmas Tree project at Cantigny.

## OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS

Treasurer Elaine Nissen reviewed the January Financial Report which was very straightforward. She mentioned the need to renegotiate Book Sale storage fees in April and raised a question regarding the venue of the Winter Banquet. This is being studied by the Banquet Chairs.

Program Co-Vice President Janet Arden reported that the March Branch Program at the Arboretum has been confirmed and that parking will be conveniently close to the Library.

There was a brief discussion of the April Branch Book Sale meeting. Nancy Possinger noted that it is to be a fun evening with drinks, dinner, and conversation intermingled with Book Sale business - distribution of flyers and yard signs as well as opportunities to sign up for specific jobs at the Sale. Since the dinner is potluck, a digital format has been tested that will provide for a balance of dishes.

Membership Vice President Karen Schulz announced the slate of nominees: Donna Jean Simon and Janet Arden for Co-Presidents, Nancy Daly and Frankie Robinson for Co- Vice Presidents, Programs and Tracy Kline for Secretary. Karen also reported that Branch membership currently totals 132 and that 4 potential members have expressed interest in attending the March 2 Branch Meeting.

Book Sale Chair Nancy Possinger announced that the Kickoff Meeting will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and that on March 15<sup>th</sup> Book Sale yard signs will be updated. Janet Arden recommended thanking groups such as Wheaton Park District, Health Track, ReMax, and others that support the Book Sale. It was further recommended that thanks should be posted digitally both before and after the Sale.

Nancy led a discussion of specific needs for set up for the Book Sale, for positioning of cashiers and for providing space for membership materials and donation checks. There was also a discussion of printing costs and Office Max/Office Depot prices were mentioned as reasonable, particularly for long runs.

In her absence Co-President Cherry reported that Public Policy Chair Patricia Spence has rescheduled a computer training session that had been cancelled because of the weather and that the section is filled.

In her absence, Co-President Cherry reported that Legal Advocacy Fund Chair Mary Sue Brown had to miss the Board meeting because she was speaking about LUNAFEST to the Elmhurst AAUW Branch.

In her absence, Co-President Cherry reported that Educational Opportunity Chair Susan Levy-Creed has received responses from all 4 Wheaton/Glen Ellyn high school counselors with proposed scholarship winners.

LUNAFEST Chair Suzanne Gagner was happy to report that 45 tickets have been sold and that some gift card donations have been received. She has collected \$3,067 which will cover the costs of LUNAFEST. Her team is currently working on publicity. An all Branch email will be sent to encourage members to buy LUNAFEST tickets.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS.

Co-President Cherry reminded members that the Spring Banquet is scheduled for May 20 at Adelle's. She noted that 3 free National memberships will be offered as door prizes; there will be no raffle; however, attendees are encouraged to make donations to the Leadership Fund, if they choose to do so.

At 9:00 pm Co-President Cherry closed the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: March 13 2019 at Nancy Possinger's Home

## WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN AAUW BRANCH MEETING March 2, 2019

Membership President Karen Schulz presented the slate of officers for 2019-2021: Co-Presidents: Donna Jean Simon and Janet Arden, Co-Vice Presidents Programs: Nancy Daly and Frankie Robinson, and Secretary: Tracey Kline. Mary Sue Brown moved to accept the slate as presented. Patricia Spence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.