



**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting**  
**November 14, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Herrmann, Lisa Cherry, Donna Jean Simon, Elaine Nissen, Patricia Bernhold, Mary Sue Brown, and Patricia Spence

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

Secretary Patricia Bernhold presented the October 17, 2018 Minutes. Donna Jean Simon moved to approve them and Lisa Cherry seconded the motion. Elaine Nissen asked that the Minutes be amended to clarify Federal and State Report actions. Mary Sue Brown requested that a phrase be eliminated from the LAF section of the Minutes. After discussion, the Minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved.

Co-President Herrmann noted the fact that the Lois List Fund has now been closed. A discussion regarding our contributions to national funds revealed that our funds are well endowed and that AAUW National has requested that contributions be made to the Greatest Needs Fund #9110. Annually, the Branch has contributed a \$5/member amount to National to fund LAF. Co-President Lisa Cherry recommended that this year the Branch send \$600 (of the \$1,000 available from the Book Sale) to support LAF and to send the remaining \$400 to National AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved this distribution.

Co-President Herrmann reminded members that the deadline for Winter Banquet reservations is November 26. Donna Jean Simon noted, with gratitude, that the Banquet hosts are sending email notifications when payment has been received.

Co-President Herrmann noted that Illinois Form IRS 990-N is due December 31<sup>st</sup>. She also noted that \$1400, from the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk donations, has been sent to National.

**OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS**

Treasurer Elaine Nissen reported no major changes in the October Financial Report.

In the absence of Book Sale Chair Nancy Possinger, a written report was distributed. This report discussed the issue of Book Sale remnants, times of the sale (including set up days) and a list of Book Sale prices. These prices remain the same, except for Hard Cover books which will be priced at \$3.00. Nancy noted that, as of November 9, 203 boxes of books have been packed.

In the absence of Membership Vice President Karen Schulz, Elaine Nissen reported that Branch membership totals 130.

Public Policy Chair Patricia Spence noted that the State AAUW is still working on overriding Governor Rauner's veto of the bill on salary disclosure but that it is possible that this may be affected by the change in government in 2019.

Patricia encouraged members to provide input on Public Policy priorities as outlined by National. She noted that LAF is working on transgender equality with the hope of succeeding in lower courts which seem strong on this issue.

Patricia noted that enrollment for a second Facebook training class scheduled for January is filled. In the near future she and Suzanne Gagner will get special training in maximizing Facebook coverage for nonprofits.

In Suzanne Gagner's absence, Elaine Nissen noted the importance of deciding how to use moneys raised by LUNAFEST. Lisa Cherry emphasized the need to protect the Branch's 501(c)(3) status. Since there is not a Branch Program meeting in January, the possibility of scheduling a January open meeting for Branch members that would focus on LUNAFEST was approved by the Board.

With regard to discontinuing mailing of TWIGS, Co-President Cherry advised the Board that it will be necessary to make changes to the Newsletter Editor section of the Handbook of Policy and Procedures. This can be done by the Board. With regard to transitioning to an e-mail only policy, Lisa recommended that those currently receiving mailed copies be allowed to use money in the 2018-19 budget earmarked for printing and mailing until the end of the budget year. There will be no money in the 2019-2020 budget for TWIGS' mailing.

During discussion of the Branch vote on discontinuing the mailing of TWIGS, Donna Jean Simon advocated for consideration of the emotional aspect that was clearly represented. She emphasized the need for communication to address that and to apologize for the fact that the issue was not presented as well as it might have been. With Board approval, Co-Presidents Herrmann and Cherry will compose a letter apologizing for the earlier miscommunication and informing the Branch that the TWIGS budget will be available to those who want to continue receiving a mailed copy through the end of the 2018-19 year. Lisa asked for consensus on the above proposal. The Board unanimously approved the proposal.

Program Co-Vice President Donna Jean Simon highlighted the results of the Board member votes on suggestions stemming from the Showcase Meeting Round Table. Her summary is attached to these minutes and will be emailed to all Board members. The Board will consider these recommendations in January.

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

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS.

Co-President Herrmann noted that positions will be open for President, Vice President 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. Sue asked Board members who are interested in serving in any of these positions or on the nominating committee to please contact Lisa or her.

Co-President Herrmann reminded members that the December TWIGS deadline is November 15

At 9:11 pm Co-President Herrmann closed the meeting.

*Next Board Meeting: January 9, 2019 at Patricia Spence's Home*