

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

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

Co-President Lisa Cherry called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. She thanked Nancy Possinger for hosting.

Donna Jean Simon moved to approve the February 13, 2019 Minutes, Sue Gagner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-President Cherry invited all Board members to meet with AAUW Directors Claudia Richards and Erin Harkins-Medina on March 20 at 7:00 pm at her home. Claudia and Erin will update members on new initiatives and seek input from them on their thoughts about and hopes for the future of AAUW.

Co-President Cherry reminded members to register for the Online Work Smart Workshop, keeping in mind the goal to have 100,000 people registered by August. She also mentioned the possibility of working with other groups in the area to gain support for future live Work Smart Workshops. She noted that Community Outreach could identify women's groups in the District 4 area who might be willing to co-sponsor a workshop.

Co-President Cherry proposed establishing Community Outreach and Fundraising Chair Positions. This proposal will be brought to the April meeting for discussion. Lisa noted that because establishing new chairs would require revisions to the Policy and Procedure Handbook, she will postpone revising the section related to distribution of TWIGS.

Co-President Cherry reminded members of the State Convention in Springfield on May 3 and 4. She noted that the Branch will pay for registration (full amount) and hotel (half the cost) for all Board members attending the Convention. There will also be one full reimbursement for a Board member attending the Convention for the first time using the State Trio grant.

OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS

Treasurer Elaine Nissen noted the correction of the date on the previously emailed Financial Report to 2/28/19. She reported no significant changes in the Budget except for the influx of LUNAFEST money. She mentioned changes that National has made in processing dues and noted that she will be urging members to pay their dues online if at all possible. To that end she will bring a laptop to the Book Sale Potluck and to the Book Sale itself so that members can pay dues online with assistance. Elaine announced a change in banking which will enable the Branch to have an interest free account plus free e-banking. She and Co-President Cherry will sign off on the necessary paperwork.

Program Co-Vice President Janet Arden reported that although members seemed impressed by the March Branch Meeting, there was a very low response to the program survey.

Reporting for Membership Vice President Karen Schulz, Lisa Cherry noted that there will be a membership table at LUNAFEST with the Membership recruiting tri-fold display and membership brochures. She also reported that two new members have joined the Branch.

Book Sale Chair Nancy Possinger reported that 500 boxes of books have been sorted and that she expects more before the end of April. Wheaton Sports Center and Health Track will collect books the first two weeks of April and more books will be collected from Estate Sales. On March 15, 19 members will meet to update Book Sale yard signs. By the end of March all members will receive an online invitation to sign up for Book Sale duties. They will also be able to sign up at the April 3 Branch Book Sale potluck.

There was a brief discussion about the small storage locker and it was decided to extend the lease through the year so that books and other Branch materials can be stored over the summer and throughout the year.

Public Policy Chair Patricia Spence noted that starting with the March edition and continuing in the April edition TWIGS will contain contact information on newly elected legislators. She reported that her second Social Media Class was a success. Regarding publicity for LUNAFEST she noted that all District 4 Branches (except for Batavia) have reposted the original Wheaton-Glen Ellyn LUNAFEST post.

In her absence, Co-President Cherry reported that Legal Advocacy Fund Chair Mary Sue Brown had nothing to report.

In her absence, Co-President Cherry reported that Educational Opportunity Chair Susan Levy-Creed has no new information.

OLD BUSINESS

LUNAFEST Chair Suzanne Gagner was happy to report that LUNAFEST has been sold out and that numerous generous gift card donations have been received. Raffle tickets for the cards will sell for \$3 each or 4 for \$10. She is looking for a team to sell tickets at the event. She announced that LUNAFEST is in the black. Her team is currently working on publicity and there will be prominent signs directing people to Center Stage Theater.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Co-President Cherry announced that State AAUW is sponsoring a Springfield Lobby Day on May 15th and that it may include a tour of the Capitol and offer bus transportation to Springfield. More information about Lobby Day will be available soon.

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. Attendees will be encouraged to make donations to the Leadership Fund.

At 9:12 pm Co-President Cherry closed the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: April 13, 2019 at Mary Sue Brown's Home