



FINAL MINUTES
Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting
April 10, 2019

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

Co-President Sue Herrmann called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. She thanked Mary Sue Brown for hosting and Elaine Nissen for assisting.

Nancy Possinger questioned this sentence in the March 13 Minutes: "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". It was amended to read: "There was a brief discussion about the small storage locker. The locker will be kept for additional storage through fiscal year 2019-20". Sue Gagner moved to approve the March 13, 2019 Minutes as amended; Donna Jean Simon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-President Herrmann announced that Lisa Cherry, Donna Jean Simon and Laura Desmarais will attend the State Convention in Springfield on May 3 and 4. She noted that no one is able to take advantage of the State Trio grant. She encouraged a Board member who had not previously attended to try to go to the Convention this year. She reminded Board members that Lisa Cherry is slated to be elected 2019-2020 Illinois State President Elect.

Co-President Herrmann reminded members that Springfield Lobby Day is May 15. According to the State survey, too few members are interested in travelling by bus so carpooling is suggested.

Co-President Herrmann reminded members that the Spring Banquet will be held on May 20 and that registration is due by May 14. Suzanne Gagner noted that, in addition to 3 free national memberships to be awarded as door prizes, the LUNAFEST committee has donated 5 gift cards for door prizes. There followed a discussion of ways to encourage more members to attend the Banquet. One suggestion was to offer new members a 50% discount on the cost of the dinner. Board members, with one exception, were in favor of that proposal.

Co-President Herrmann reminded members to register for the Online Work Smart Workshop, keeping in mind the goal to have 100,000 people registered by August.

OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS

Treasurer Elaine Nissen noted very few changes in the March Financial Report except for LUNAFEST returns. She supplied a chart with LUNAFEST results as of 4/10 which shows an event profit of \$5,245.65. There might be slight changes to that figure when all receipts and bills are tallied. Program Vice President Donna Jean Simon sought and received

approval to give the Glen Ellyn Historical Society \$75 from the Program Expense Budget in fulfillment of the Branch Contract with the Society. Mary Sue Brown raised the issue of a donation policy and this will be pursued at a later meeting.

Book Sale Chair Nancy Possinger reported that Discover Books will pick up remaining books at the end of the Book Sale. There followed a discussion of distribution of books to charities. Nancy proposed meeting with her committee to consider some of the proposals and she will report to the Board when a decision has been made.

Nancy reported that 45 people have signed up for the Book Sale potluck. She noted that she has heard from the Boy Scouts and from some High School students who will assist in setting up before the sale and helping at the conclusion.

Almost 600 boxes of books have been sorted and more are expected before the end of April. Nancy called attention to the significant number of hours Marilyn Wiedemann and Ewa Bacon have spent sorting books. Lisa Cherry and Sue Herrmann have collected 600 flats so far; the goal is 1200.

Co-President Herrmann and the Board congratulated Nancy on the work she and her committee have done to date.

LUNAFEST Chair Suzanne Gagner, who was vigorously applauded by the Board, was happy to report that LUNAFEST was a success. She will be holding a debriefing session next week. Lisa Cherry noted that, if the Branch chooses to repeat LUNAFEST, there should be more discussion about distribution of profits.

Membership Vice President Karen Schulz reported that three new members signed up at LUNAFEST and one more is in the works. Currently Branch membership is 137. A discussion began about not only retaining members but encouraging them to be active in the branch. Karen and her committee have worked on mentoring but need to find more mentors. Donna Jean Simon agreed to survey the Branch to seek people interested in mentoring.

Public Policy Chair Patricia Spence called attention to the LUNAFEST pictures posted on the Branch Facebook page and on the Branch website. She announced that the April edition of TWIGS will contain more contact information on newly elected legislators. She reminded Board members that voting for the 2019-20 National AAUW election opens April 15. She is planning to send an All Branch Email regarding upcoming Public Policy meetings in Glen Ellyn and Carol Stream.

Cultural Chair Suzanne Gagner reported that the last event of the year will be Dee Dee Bridgewater and the Memphis Soulphony, May 3 at the MAC.

OLD BUSINESS

Co-President Herrmann reminded members that TWIGS submissions are due April 15.

At 9:13 pm Co-President Herrmann closed the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: June 12, 2019 at Donna Jean Simon's Home. Both new and retiring Board members will be in attendance.