



**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting**  
**June 12, 2019**

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Herrmann, Lisa Cherry, Donna Jean Simon, Janet Arden, Karen Schulz, Elaine Nissen, Patricia Bernhold, Frankie Robinson, Nancy Daly, Tracy Kline, Debbie Ness, Suzanne Gagner, Nancy Possinger, Patricia Spence, Mary Sue Brown, Fran Kravitz, Kathy McCullough

Co-President Lisa Cherry called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm. She thanked Donna Jean Simon for hosting.

Suzanne Gagner moved to approve the April 10, 2019 Minutes; Donna Jean Simon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-President Cherry reported on the May AAUW Springfield Day/Lobby Day and encouraged members to consider going next year. She spoke highly of meeting and interacting with State Representatives as well as time spent with AAUW's paid lobbyists.

Co-President Cherry welcomed new Board Members: Co-Presidents Donna Jean Simon and Janet Arden; Co- Vice Presidents, Program Nancy Daly and Frankie Robinson; and Secretary Tracy Kline. She thanked them and all the Board members for their willingness to serve. She noted that the Board will vote in August on two new Board positions: Fundraiser Chair and Community Outreach Chair.

Co-President Cherry passed out copies of AAUW Fundraising Policy 501 with Guidelines and encouraged all members to read it carefully, especially when considering new fundraising projects.

**OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS**

Treasurer Elaine Nissen presented the final LUNAFEST returns showing an event profit of \$5,269.67. With regard to the August Financial Report, she noted that 96 members have currently paid their dues. She informed the Board that she is interested in having someone take care of dues processing and become familiar with the treasurer's duties in preparation for the end of Elaine's term as Treasurer.

Elaine noted that the Budget Meeting will be held on July 18 at 10 am at her house. She encouraged members to attend and, if unable to, to contact her with any budget changes prior to the meeting. She noted that the annual Audit Meeting will take place on August 5.

Programs Co-Vice President Donna Jean Simon announced the good news that the Historical Society will be open in September. She noted that the recent Program Meeting had been well attended and resulted in a number of good proposals. Incoming Vice Presidents Nancy Daly and Frankie Robinson explained that they had checked out additional meeting sites and will keep them in mind if the need to change venue arises. They also discussed a few potential programs.

Membership Vice President Karen Schulz noted that membership is currently at 140. She was pleased that so many members have renewed early and that many new members are already involved in the Branch's activities.

Book Sale Chair Nancy Possinger reported that during the Book Sale Wrap the consensus was that the things had gone well. She noted that 72 people had used the Sign Up Genius. Including Donations and the Gate, the Sale netted approximately \$9500. Donna Jean Simon led the Board in praising Nancy for her hard work and successful efforts.

Nancy noted that the code for the entrance to the lockers has been changed but that the code for the lockers is the same.

Public Policy Chair Patricia Spence reported that although both houses have passed HB834 (Equal Pay Wage History Act), it has not been signed by the Governor. HB 2495 (Reproductive Health Act) has passed and been signed. Patricia also reported that only 7.4% of the Illinois AAUW membership voted in the recent election.

STEM Chair Fran Kravitz announced that she is looking for a small group to assist her with STEM.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Reporting for EOF Chair Susan Levy-Creed, Co-President Cherry noted that Susan will bring the 2019-20 scholarships to COD which administers the money to the recipients. Co-President Cherry recommended that the scholarship amount be doubled since there is sufficient money in the treasury and COD costs have risen since the sum was first established. There was considerable discussion over the matter and both the amount and the potential recipients will be discussed at a later Board meeting. After discussion, Janet Arden moved to raise the scholarship to \$2,000. Mary Sue Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-President Cherry asked for comments about the Spring Banquet. Consensus was that it was very successful. In particular, the offer of a reduced rate to new members was well received.

LUNAFEST Chair Suzanne Gagner reported that LUNAFEST netted \$5,269.67. She suggested that the event be repeated because of the very favorable response. She has already been offered use of the same venue as a donation. Karen Schulz moved that the Branch sponsor LUNAFEST again. Frankie Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There followed some discussion of other fundraising events and Donna Jean Simon recommended reading National's fundraising guidelines before deciding on an event.

Co-Presidents Lisa Cherry and Sue Herrmann thanked the Board for its support and wished incoming Co-Presidents Donna Jean Simon and Janet Arden well. Donna Jean thanked them for setting the direction for the new Board to follow.

At 9:07 pm Co-President Cherry closed the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: August 14 at Donna Jean Simon's