

FINAL MINUTES
Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting
August 11, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Oesterle, Mary Sue Brown, Maureen Sheehan, Jean Lindsey, Nancy Possinger, Jane Palmer, Ellen McGowan, Barb Roos, Marilyn Mauritz, Kathy Wessel, Peggy Connolly, Suzanne Gagner, Susie Gullickson, Patricia Bernhold **On Zoom:** Patricia Spence, Mary Mossman

CALL TO ORDER

Co-President Mary Sue Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-President Oesterle briefly discussed ideas for celebrating the Branch's 65th anniversary. One idea was a traveling display at libraries, theaters and other public venues. Mary Sue Brown stated that the book sale will be at Briar Glen Elementary School.

In light of current Covid concerns, Co-President Oesterle stated that the September Branch meeting will be solely on Zoom. Peggy Connolly said that she would like to invite the Lombard and other AAUW branches to the meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Co-President Oesterle called for approval of the July 14 Board Meeting Minutes and they were approved without correction.

OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS

Treasurer Maureen Sheehan noted that Audits for the past 2 years have been conducted and that they were fine. Phyllis and Chip Goodman and Cathy SooHoo served as auditors. Maureen reviewed the current operations Budget, introduced the proposed budget for FY22 and discussed various changes in the budget resulting from the Covid shutdown. Maureen moved to accept the budget as proposed by the Budget Committee. Following discussion, the budget was approved unanimously.

Membership Vice-President Nancy Possinger reported that the Branch currently has 100 members and noted that she and Co-VP Jean Lindsey have been calling members who have not renewed. In an attempt to encourage newer members and 4 non-renewing 2019 members, there will be an event held early in October to introduce them more thoroughly to the Branch, its goals and activities. Nancy encouraged all members to encourage friends to join AAUW.

Program Vice-President Kathy Wessel reported that Peggy Connolly has been working assiduously to recruit program presenters. The September speaker is Michele Bacon.

Book Sale Chair Susie Gullickson reported that the Book Sale will take place at Briar Glen Elementary School early next summer.

Diversity Chair Marilyn Mauritz has been working on the meaning of diversity as it applies to the branch. She is planning for a brainstorming session to be held on a Saturday sometime after September 1.

EOF Chair Ellen McGown noted that she is looking for a speaker for the December Banquet.

Public Policy Chair Patricia Spence reported that on August 16 she will be on an AAUW-IL Zoom about accessing the ilga.gov website in depth. She further noted that she has requested that all the Branches in District 4 share the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn branch FB posting on Lunafest.

Lunafest Coordinator Suzanne Gagner reported the sale of 15 tickets so far. She said it is very easy to get the tickets. She noted that there is an additional \$3 fee for getting them online. Members who plan to invite people to a showing may collect \$20 from those attending -they will not have to purchase tickets through the site. Suzanne noted that there are many ways to access the films and she is working to prepare guidance. Suzanne will be publicizing Lunafest in the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Patches and she will be sending out all Branch emails weekly. She also noted that she has not received any donations to date.

Co-President Oesterle noted that the TWIGS deadline is August 15. She reminded members to be careful to follow Kathy McCullough's formatting requests. Board members were reminded to cc publicity Chair Mary Mossman on all emails to the Twigs, Facebook, or website chairs.

AAUW Online Chair Jane Palmer had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Co-President Oesterle discussed a slogan for the 65th Anniversary celebration. Members expressed approval of "Celebrating 65 Years of Empowering Women and Girls."

Members were reminded that after the speaker on September 1 there will be a general Branch meeting at which time Interest Group Chairs will give brief presentations.

At 8:54 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: September 8, 2021
Ellen McGowan will be the host and Barb Roos will co-host