

## **MINUTES**

### **Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting**

**October 13, 2021**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mary Sue Brown, Carolyn Oesterle, Jean Lindsey, Nancy Possinger, Lillian Sorensen, Maureen Sheehan, Marilyn Mauritz, Ellen Mc Gowan, Patricia Spence, Mary Mossman, Fran Kravitz, Suzanne Gagner, Karen Schulz, Sue Gullickson **ONLINE:** Barbara Roos, Kathy Wessel, Patricia Kaczor, Jane Palmer

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Mary Sue Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-President Oesterle asked for questions regarding the Bylaw changes that have recently been emailed. Jane Palmer questioned the change of the Chair of the Educational Opportunities Fund to Funds Chair. It was decided to defer the discussion to next month to obtain more information.

The State Fall Conference is scheduled for October 30 from 10 am to 1 pm on zoom. The meeting is designed for all Branch members. There will be break out sessions and two speakers.

Celebrating our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Mary Sue Brown and Carolyn Oesterle have constructed a Branch Scarecrow for the Glen Ellyn Scarecrow Rows event from October 16-31. It is located on Main St just south of Anthony across from Linea Hair Salon. Patricia Spence requests that people send her photos of members with the scarecrow for Facebook.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Secretary Lillian Sorensen called for approval of the September 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes and they were approved as written.

#### **WINTER BANQUET**

Non-Board Chair Karen Schulz reported that, following a survey of the Board, the Winter Banquet at Reserve 22 has been cancelled. The \$250 deposit has been credited back to our account. New options include small groups in private homes with catered or potluck meals. Further information will follow. A speaker has been selected.

#### **OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS**

Treasurer Maureen Sheehan reported that out of state Membership Directories are in the mail. The Budget has been changed per the amendment made at the October Branch meeting. This will decrease the local scholarships to \$1500 each, include a donation to National of \$1000 and return \$1000 to the EOF fund. We are now running a deficit of \$ 2,860 as shown on the bottom line. Earnings from Lunafest will be reflected in the next Financial Report.

Membership Co-Vice-President Nancy Possinger reported that the New Member Gathering in her home on October 7 was a success. Our Branch has now added 3 new members this year. The Lombard Branch may dissolve at the end of the fiscal year and members are encouraged to attend our meetings.

Susie Gullickson reported that the required paperwork has now been submitted to the school district in Wheaton to hold the Book Sale at Briar Glen School. Book collection will be from June 1 to 17. A survey will circulate to review how people can help.

In the absence of Committee Chair Laura Desmarais, Co-President Mary Sue Brown circulated a beautiful copy of Glennette Turner's book to be launched by ZOOM on October 21 at 7 PM. To sign up for the ZOOM launch, go to the Wheaton Public Library website.

Education Opportunity Fund Chair Ellen McGowan stated that the planned speaker for our Winter Gathering is Monica Reyes (de Paul Fellowship). She will address asylum request procedures and immigrant issues at the Mexican border.

Public Policy and Fundraising Walk Chair Patricia Spence reported that the recent walk in Hidden Lake Forest Preserve was attended by 25 members. The earnings reached \$ 1,905 (i.e. \$ 500 higher than expected). Co-President Carolyn Oesterle read a beautiful poem praising the walk. In Public Policy there is a big push to support the family paid leave act at this time.

Lunafest Coordinator, Suzanne Gagner, had no reports. Historian Chair, Patricia Kaczor, had no reports.

Publicity Chair Mary Mossman stated concerns about privacy issues on ZOOM. Zoom links should never be out in social media. Special procedures are necessary for non-branch members to attend our meetings.

STEM Chair Fran Kravitz shared her four exciting new Girls on the Go science projects. These will be distributed over the next several months.

Diversity Chair Marilyn Mauritz circulated a Diversity Report. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." (Martin Luther King) The report also includes descriptions of experiences reported by Muslim Americans. There is the possibility of an organized study of Glen Ellyn and Wheaton to get to know better the diversity we have in our own communities. Call Marilyn for more information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Co-President Carolyn Oesterle stated that AAUW IL is asking for nominations for Board Positions until November 30. See the website for details. She also praised the AAUW Illinois State Website. All Branch members would benefit from reading it. Gloria Blackwell has recently been appointed National AAUW President.

At 9 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: November 10, 2021

Jean Lindsey will be the host and Suzanne Gagner will co-host