

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting**  
**September 8, 2021**

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Co-President Carolyn Oesterle called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-President Mary Sue Brown noted that there will be a Zoom meeting on October 21st with Glenette Turner, discussing her most recent book [A Man Called Horse](#). Information will be sent regarding the link. Books can be ordered through the Bookstore of Glen Ellyn which gives Branch members a discount.

Co-President Oesterle noted that a State Conference is scheduled for October 30; links will be sent out. The meeting is designed for Board Members and will be broken into groups according to positions on the board.

Co-President Brown expressed gratitude to Fran Kravitz for extensive Zoom lessons. Co-President Oesterle added her appreciation and noted that Fran is offering Zoom training to Board members. A signup sheet was passed around.

Co-President Oesterle discussed the need to create a professional three panel display celebrating the Branch's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She is looking for 3 or 4 members to work on the designing and having display produced professionally. She noted that she and Co-President Brown intend to visit the Branch Archives at Northern Illinois University to look for pertinent information related to the anniversary. Pat Kaczor agreed to help and Patricia Spence offered Branch photos.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Co-President Oesterle called for approval of the August 11 Board Meeting Minutes and they were approved unanimously with a spelling correction.

**OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS**

Treasurer Maureen Sheehan provided highlights of the LunaFest fundraising which is only slightly under budget.

Membership Co-Vice-President Nancy Possinger reported that the Branch currently has 103 members, including one new member. She and Co-VP Jean Lindsey are hosting a new member (members from 2018 to the present) get together on October 7. Jean commented that they are trying to find ways to get people involved in a project.

Program Co-Vice-President Kathy Wessel commented on the amazing job done by Michele Bacon at the September Branch meeting and noted that members from Lombard and Downers Grove had attended the Zoom meeting. She noted that Paula Johnson, who has been involved in the ERA since 1977, will be the speaker at the October meeting. Cindy Trennert-Lukens will coordinate distribution of handouts prior to the meeting.

Book Sale Chair Susie Gullickson reported that Suzanne Gagner has agreed to co-chair the Book Sale. Susie has begun negotiations with the principal of Briar Glen Elementary School and is very pleased with the site. The Sale will be held for 3 days in June 2022, preceded by 17 days of sorting. Calls for books will begin soon.

Cultural Arts Chair Laura Desmarais will be sending out information about Glennette's book launch as a Cultural Arts event.

Diversity Chair Marilyn Mauritz provided some handouts and noted that there will be a brainstorming session at the end of September.

Public Policy Chair and AAUW Online member Patricia Spence reported that the State organization is concerned about the fate of the Illinois Ethics Reform bill. She also reported that there had been three recent FaceBook promotions of LunaFest.

AAUW Online Chair Jane Palmer noted that she is setting up a comment site so that attendees at LunaFest may comment during the showings. She clarified the fact that the Branch Website and Social Media are part of AAUW Online.

Co-President Oesterle noted that the TWIGS deadline is September 15.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Co-President Oesterle announced that the Branch will participate in Glen Ellyn's Scarecrow Rows event October 16-31. On September 27, we will pick up materials and start construction of our Scarecrow, which will celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Volunteers are needed to help with this fun project.

At 8:35 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: October 13, 2021  
Mary Sue Brown will be the host and Fran Kravitz will co-host