

MINUTES

Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting

November 10, 2021

Location: Home of Jean Lindsey

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Sue Brown, Carolyn Oesterle, Barbara Roos, Kathy Wessel, Jean Lindsey, Nancy Possinger, Lillian Sorensen, Maureen Sheehan, Marilyn Mauritz, Ellen McGowan, Patricia Kaczor, Mary Mossman, Fran Kravitz, Suzanne Gagner, Susie Gullickson ONLINE: Patricia Kaczor, Jane Palmer, Patricia Spence

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Mary Sue Brown called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Co-President Oesterle reported that there will be the dedication of a building designed by Frankie Robinson's father-in-law, Alonzo Robinson. The building, the Milwaukee Fire Department Administration Building will be renamed the Alonzo Robinson Milwaukee Fire Administration Building. Several Wheaton Glen Ellyn AAUW members will attend the November 30 dedication. Mr. Robinson, Wisconsin's first black registered architect, designed numerous buildings including Milwaukee's Central Civic Plaza, many churches, government facilities and private residences.

Bylaws revisions are still in progress and will be voted on at the March Branch meeting.

A Zoom training will be offered to interested members. A signing sheet was circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Lillian Sorensen called for approval of the October 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes and the October 6, 2021 Branch Meeting Minutes. They were approved as written.

OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS:

Treasurer: Treasurer Maureen Sheehan reported that COD finally cashed their check sent to them in the spring. Contributions from Hidden Lake Forest Preserve Walk exceeded the expected amount by \$600. Lunafest earnings were also \$600 more than expected. Unrestricted Funds at the end of October were \$ 4,980.60. Treasurer Maureen Sheehan then made a motion to contribute \$ 50 from the Branch to AAUW Fund 4550 (for Education and Training) in memory of deceased member Diane Serb. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Gagner and passed unanimously.

Membership:

Co-Vice-President Nancy Possinger stated that membership now totals 105. She presented the new, colorful and detailed 6-page brochure about our branch which will be distributed during the Book Sale and branch meetings. After a discussion about the Lombard Branch which is expected to disband, Policy Manual Committee Chair Jane Palmer suggested that President Mary Sue Brown follow up

officially with the President of the Lombard Branch regarding their remaining members possible interest in joining our branch.

Programs:

Co-Vice-President Kathy Wessel stated that the speaker for the November Branch meeting in 2022 will be Diversity Officer Deanie Brown. She will discuss diversity and inclusion focusing on the importance of overcoming unconscious feelings.

Book Sale:

Committee Chair Susie Gullickson reported that committee members who visited Briar Glen School were positive about the location—plenty of space, clean and with good parking available.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

DEI Committee Chair Marilyn Mauritz reported on zoning issues in DuPage County that seem to restrict not-for-profit financial assistance to provide housing for refugees. She attended a community resource DEI meeting in Glen Ellyn. A DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) book group is being started by the DEI Chairs of the Branches in the State.

EOF:

Committee Chair Ellen Mc Gowan made a motion that AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch make a \$1,000 contribution to National now for our annual contribution. The motion was seconded by Mary Sue Brown and passed unanimously.

Fundraising/Public Policy/Social Media/Facebook:

Committee Chair Patricia Spence reported that State Senators and Representatives have been very thankful for AAUW's letters and calls recognizing their work.

Lunafest:

Committee Chair Suzanne Gagner stated that Lunafest for the Fall of 2022 is ready to go. Hopefully, we will be able to do it in person this time.

Publicity:

Committee Chair Mary Mossman brought up the possibility of using specific zip codes for publicity. The Book Sale will provide an opportunity to add to our email list.

STEM:

Stem Chair Fran Kravitz reported that the "Science Girls on the Go" kit, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" has been released. The experiment demonstrates the effect of static electricity. Fran attended the AAUW "Women in Stem" meeting. The STEM Committee Chair stated that AAUW National will no longer support TECH SAVVY.

Winter Gathering:

Ellen Mc Gowan stated that the zoom presentation by Dr. Monica Reyes on December 1 will start at 7 pm. 21 members are interested in attending. Small groups will meet in Mary Sue's home, Susie Gullickson's home and Nancy Possinger's home. Catering will be available for those attending Mary Sue's group. Please contact Karen Schulz if you are interested in attending.

An additional group, including those members that listened to the speaker in their individual homes, will meet for lunch in the Reserve 22 Restaurant on the following day, December 2. Please contact Patricia Spence by November 22 if you would like to be included.

At 9 pm President Mary Sue Brown adjourned the meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be on January 12, 2022

Mary Sue Brown will host and Patricia Spence will co-host