**FINAL MINUTES**

**Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting**

**January 12, 2022**

**Location: Zoom**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Sue Brown, Carolyn Oesterle, Lillian Sorensen, Maureen Sheehan, Nancy Possinger, Barb Roos, Susie Gullickson, Marilyn Mauritz, Ellen McGown, Patricia Spence, Patricia Kaczor, Suzanne Gagner, Mary Mossman, Fran Kravitz, Jane Palmer. Non-Board member Peggy Connolly

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Mary Sue Brown called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and thanked everyone for zooming in.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Secretary Lillian Sorensen called for approval of the November 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. They were approved as written.

**CO-PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/DISCUSSION:**

Co-President Carolyn Oesterle stated that Treasurer Maureen Sheehan will no longer be able to process the present printed Branch Directory available to all members. Co-President Carolyn Oesterle raised the option of setting up a Branch Directory on Line that Branch Members could carry in their smart phones or download themselves. A discussion of different options followed. Treasurer Maureen Sheehan and Committee Chair Jane Palmer offered their help to find a suitable option. The discussion will be resumed in the coming Board Meetings.

Co-President Carolyn Oesterle praised the active and valuable participation of Board Members in reviewing the By-Laws. A motion was made by Patricia Spence to approve the bylaw changes as written. The motion was seconded by Nancy Possinger and passed unanimously by the Board. After approval by State AAUW , the bylaws changes will be presented to the Branch at our March 2022 Branch Meeting. A Review of the Policy Manual is nearing completion.

Co-President Carolyn Oesterle stated the need to increase publicity for Science Girls on the Go. There is a great need to emphasize the visual part. Some options reviewed included Facebook and other social media, School PTA’s in Glen Ellyn, Wheaton and Warrenville, bookmarks, posters in libraries and our book sale. The present program was created entirely by Committee Chair Fran Kravitz with a grant. It’s for children between 8 and 12 years of age. Committee Chair Mary Mossman expressed her support.

Planning for the Branch Spring Banquet was also reviewed, taking into consideration ongoing COVID restrictions. Options included: lunch instead of dinner, outdoor venues in Wheaton, and forest preserve shelters.

Co-President Carolyn Oesterle will be available to chair a committee to create a panel celebrating our 65 anniversary. The help of members with technical and creative skills will be crucial. Please contact Co-President Carolyn Oesterle. An example could be a screen that rolls up and down. Our Branch accomplishments would be outlined. A suggestion was made not to include the year in order to avoid the panel from becoming obsolete. Once the panel is completed, it could be exhibited at our Book Sale and Lunafest and other locations.

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer Maureen Sheehan reported that the only expense in November was the amount of $ 100 for the speaker. A new member has joined from the Lombard Branch. The $ 1,000 donation sent in November to National has not been cashed yet.

**Membership:**

Co-Vice President Nancy Possinger informed that our branch now includes 106 members. Two new members have recently transferred from Lombard. The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate for the February meeting.

**Programs:**

Co-Vice President Barb Roos reported that the zoom January Branch meeting was attended by 40 members. The presentation “The Clotilda and Africatown” made by Anderson Flen, received numerous positive comments.

**Book Sale:**

Committee Chair Susie Gullickson was pleased to report that additional board and branch members have made themselves available to help in the book sale.

**EOF:**

Committee Chair Ellen Mc Gowan reported that emails have been sent to school counselors to help with selection for our scholarships.

**Lunafest/Surveymonkey Purchase:**

Co Chair of the Book Sale Suzanne Gagner expressed an urgent need for a new Chair for Lunafest in order to accomplish the objective of holding it again this Fall. Plans are underway. Dates are still open.

Committee co-Chair Suzanne Gagner brought up the suggestion to purchase Surveymonkey for $ 192 for one year. She feels the Book Sale will benefit from the use of Surveymonkey. A discussion of who would use it, how the data would change what we’re doing and how it would be evaluated followed. Jane Palmer made a motion to accept the proposal presented by Suzanne to purchase Surveymonkey for one year with the cost split evenly between the budgets of Programs, Book Sale, Membership, and Lunafest. The motion was seconded by Ellen McGowan and passed unanimously. Suzanne agreed to construct an evaluation form to be filled out after each use.

**Public Policy:**

Committee Chair Patricia Spence reported that the redistricting of Illinois based on the 2020 census will add some PP challenges because our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn membership is in more and different districts. For example, Glen Ellyn is now in Congressional Districts 3, 6 and 8. Committee Chair Patricia Spence will depend on the membership to send her vital election news like candidate forums that occur in Glen Ellyn, Wheaton and Lombard and other areas, so that she can post in Facebook or Twigs, or tell the Public Interest Group, whatever outlet is most timely. More information will appear in Twigs.

**Publicity:**

Committee Chair Mary Mossman shared that there is a great variety of publicity forms. She would be available to host a committee group with additional members. Another option would be to use the branch email to exchange information.

**Facebook:**

Committee Chair Patricia Spence reported that there have been a lot of responses to Facebook postings recently: Jan 6 Remembrance – reached 50; the posting of the link to the NYT article with a compliment to AAUW negotiating workshop reached 117; the first Used Book Sale promo reached 151; announcement of the Clotilda Branch program got 135 reaches. 225 FB users follow our Branch page. Patricia reported more than 30 reaches (our norm, if that many) a success!

**AOL Online-Website**

Committee Chair Jane Palmer reported that Tracy Kline is keeping up with the updates.

At 9 pm President Mary Sue Brown adjourned the meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be on February 9, 2022