**FINAL MINUTES**

**Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting**

**March 9, 2022 (Revised 4/13/22)**

**Location: Home of Mary Sue Brown/Hybrid**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Sue Brown, Carolyn Oesterle, Lillian Sorensen, Ellen Mc Gowan, Mary Mossman (Zoom), Patricia Spence (Zoom), Maureen Sheehan (Zoom), Susie Gullickson, Jean Lindsey, Barb Roos (Zoom), Nancy Possinger, Suzanne Gagner, Peggy Connolly (Zoom)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-President Oesterle called the meeting to order at 7.05 p.m. and welcomed everybody.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Secretary Sorensen called for approval of the February 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. They were approved as written.

**CO-PRESIDENTS’ REMARKS/DISCUSSION:**

Co-President Oesterle stated that the Branch ByLaws have been approved. Appointed officers were asked to provide their signatures.

Co-President Oesterle stated that Committee Chair Palmer has completed the initial Policy Manual revision. Committee Chairs ~~have been~~ will be requested to review the areas of the Policy Manual relevant to their programs.

Co-President Oesterle proposed that Board Members be formally trained to schedule Zoom Meetings. 10 copies of a document detailing the subsequent steps to follow when scheduling a Zoom Meeting were distributed.

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer Sheehan reported that our budget continues to be satisfactory as we follow our approved plans. New system changes will pose future difficulties. The increase for National this year will be $5. There will be no increase for Illinois.

**Membership:**

Co-Vice President Possinger reported that our Branch totals 107 members. Efforts are being made to reach applicants that have previously requested to be contacted when a discount in the fees was available. They will get the benefit of paying for 12 months while having access to a 15 month membership.

Co-Vice President Possinger also reported that work is being done to put together a table top display to include Branch applications and brochures. The display may be used for banquets, the book sale, Lunafest, etc. Pricing appears to be affordable so far. They will work together with the committee, chaired by Co-President Oesterle, to create a panel celebrating our 65th anniversary.

**Programs:**

Co-Vice President Roos reported that the speaker for the April 6 branch meeting will be Tabassum Haleem, a woman with a very impressive Islamic biography. The speaker will be on zoom and the meeting will be hybrid.

Peggy Connolly will be hosting a Program Planning meeting in her home on April 11 at 7 P.M.

**Book Sale:**

Committee Chairs Gagner and Gullickson reported that 855 books have been collected. Sign Up Genius will be available in mid May. A computer will also be available at the Spring Lunch. There will be a variety of job opportunities for members to choose. For example, sitting down or standing jobs, etc.

Publicity needs to address: 1) book donations and 2) encourage people to come and buy new books. The Daily Herald, NextDoor, BookSaleFinders.com, among others, have been contacted. Facebook is up to date.

**EOF:**

Committee Chair Mc Gowan made a motion that the Branch approve the spending of $ 6,000 for Educational Opportunity Scholarships in June 2022. The amount of $ 1,500 will go to a senior girls: one from each of the following high schools Glenbard West, Glenbard South, Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South. The scholarship money will be sent to and handled by the College of DuPage. The motion was seconded by ~~Committee Chair~~ Gagner and unanimously approved.

**Public Policy:**

Committee Chair Spence encouraged all to get more details about the following in the April Twigs: The Family Medical Leave Insurance Act (SB835/HB5029) will be reintroduced next legislative session. The early (April 8) end date of the legislative session has caused legislators to delay action on bills. All previous reproductive health bills have been opposed, so far, unsuccessfully. Rep. Amy Grant (IL. 42), Wheaton, is a co-sponsor of the current HB 1722, which diverts funds for public schools to private schools.

**New Business:**

State spring Conference will be May 6-7, 2022. No registration is available in the state website yet.

At 9 p.m. Co-President Mary Sue Brown adjourned the meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday April 13 at 7 p.m. It will be a hybrid meeting in Maureen Sheehan’s home.