

FINAL MINUTES

Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Branch Board Meeting

June 8, 2022

Location: Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Sue Brown, Carolyn Oesterle, Nancy Possinger, Lillian Sorensen, Maureen Sheehan, Patricia Spence, Mary Mossman, Fran Kravitz, Jane Palmer, Susie Gullickson.

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-President Oesterle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everybody.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Sorensen called for approval of the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and the Addendum to the minutes. Two corrections were requested. Committee Chair Spence made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, Vice President Possinger seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

CO-PRESIDENTS' REMARKS/DISCUSSION:

Co-President Oesterle reported that the July 4th Glen Ellyn Parade will start at noon. Members will meet at her house at 10 a.m. Carpooling is strongly recommended. Sign up must be completed by June 29. A liability waiver must be signed before walking. The walk is just over a mile and takes about one hour 15-30 minutes. Members will wait in President Oesterle's shaded patio and then go down at about 11:15 to get in line. Water, a hat and sunscreen are recommended. RED, WHITE AND BLUE clothing wear is a must. The branch has signs from last year. Last year was great fun!

Committee Chair Palmer discussed the Policy Handbook. Members have received a working draft. Final job descriptions have been emailed and members have been asked for input by Monday June 13. Committee Chair Palmer will then make any final changes to the job descriptions. After that, she will tackle the six Appendices which consist of over 20 documents. Many of these documents will be replaced by internet links or with a reference to a document posted on the Branch website. Then, the Handbook will get a final proofreading to make sure all references to Appendices, etc. have been updated. Last task will be to update the Table of Contents. At that point, the final document will be distributed to branch members. Branch members will be asked to accept the document at the August Board Meeting.

Co-President Brown stated that we need to increase our branch presence in School and Library Board Meetings. Committee Chair Mauritz, members Ewa Bacon and Marilyn Wiedemann have been very supportive of this effort so far. It is more important to keep track of developments, rather than to attend every meeting. Fall primaries are under way and elections will take place in 2024. It is important to get to know the people involved and share information. Awareness is very important. Meetings are online and also stored.

Vice President Possinger and Treasurer Sheehan were congratulated as new officers. The consolidated election will take place in the spring of 2023.

A motion was made by Committee Chair Mossman to nominate Committee Chair Palmer to serve as Board Secretary from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Present Secretary Sorensen has resigned her position for personal reasons. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Possinger and unanimously approved.

Co-President Oesterle stated that the "Conflict of Interest Policy" will not be implemented. A whole branch email will follow.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sheehan stated that expenses have been as planned. The Book Sale this month will generate considerable income for the branch. Pre-sales are not allowed. A \$ 495 deposit has been paid for Lunafest.

Regarding Dues, 33 members are paid off until 2023 and 9 members are lifetime members.

Past mistakes are being reviewed as some people failed to renew their dues but their names were still left on the updated list.

At this time, most branch members have been able to renew their Dues online.

There will be an extension date for members to submit reimbursement of expenses incurred for the Book Sale. The original date was June 10.

It is still unclear how the online Directory will affect renewal of dues for different members, Lifetime Memberships and "Shape the Future" deals.

A Budget Meeting is scheduled for July.

Membership:

Vice President Possinger shared that the gathering with previous Lombard members was very enjoyable and successful. The Branch added 5 new members in May from Lombard. At the end of May we have 115 members. The Branch brochure will be revised in time for distribution at the Book Sale. Vice President Possinger thanks Jane Palmer for all of her help with reviewing verbiage in the brochure and revising the graphics.

Programs Report:

Co-President Oesterle reported that the following programs have been scheduled:

September 7

Nafia Khan from HOPE Fair Housing, a nonprofit dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination across Illinois since 1968, Topic "Fair Housing 101". Thank you Barb Ross

October 5

Dr. Steve Macek, a communications professor at North Central College, speaking on “Citizens United, Dark Money and Gender Equity.”

November 2

Deanie Brown from the Springfield AAUW Branch and Chair of the Illinois State Supreme Court Diversity Committee will discuss “Implicit Bias and How it affects Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.”

January 4

Dr. Mary Virginia Orna will discuss women who deserved the Nobel Prize, but did not receive it in a talk titled “Women in Waiting...and Still Waiting”. Thank you Committee Chair Fran Kravitz

February 1

Julie Strauss discusses “Women’s Rights and the Supreme Court.” Thank you Committee Chair Spence.

There was a motion by Co-President Brown to increase the honorarium for Julie Strauss from \$ 150 to \$ 200. The motion was seconded by Committee Chair Spence and approved unanimously.

March 1

Kelwin Harris, an urban planner working as county assessor for Cook County will discuss “The Politics of Place – Confronting Racism and Creating Equitable Communities in a COVID World.”

April 5

Dr. Donna Kiel from DePaul University will discuss her RISE (Reflection, Inquiry, Self-Awareness and Empathy) program.

Book Sale:

Committee Chair Gullickson reported that the branch venue is excellent and staff and branch members have been very accommodating. There are also student volunteers. Book sorting has been good and very organized. There is a need for more tables. Emails have been sent to returning customers. The Daily Herald published a very positive article. Yard signs will be placed this week, there are 4 left. Suggestions were made to place more yard signs in specific locations in downtown Glen Ellyn. Member Ewa Bacon was unfortunately injured handling books. However, she will be able to continue helping at a slower pace. Committee Chair Gullickson has been diagnosed with COVID. Donations have included: \$ 190 (from Committee Chair Gullickson and her family) ; water (from Committee Chair Fran Kravitz); supplies (from Committee Chair Suzanne Gagner).

Public Policy:

Committee Chair Spence reported that she put in her Summer Twigs article, and in an email to the Public Policy Interest Group, the best sites for finding out about candidates for the June 28 Primary. (Committee Chair Palmer suggested these sites be sent to all members via a Branch email).

Committee Chair Spence asked for the Board’s input in choosing which date, September 23 or September 30, would be better for the Fall Fundraising Walk. September 23 was decided upon.

Publicity:

Publicity Chair Mossman offered to execute any suggestions about publicity in Glen Ellyn for the book sale. She mentioned Ms. Meg Phlem from the City of Glen Ellyn as an important contact.

STEM:

Committee Chair Kravitz has prepared 150 Science Kits for the children's section of the book sale.

At 9 pm Co-President Brown adjourned the meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be July 13.