

FINAL MINUTES

Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Board Meeting

May 11, 2022

Location: Home of Mary Sue Brown/Hybrid

IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Sue Brown, Carolyn Oesterle, Barbara Roos (Zoom), Nancy Possinger, Lillian Sorensen, Maureen Sheehan, Jane Palmer, Marilyn Mauritz, Laura Desmarais, Ellen McGowan (Zoom), Patricia Spence, Fran Kravitz (Zoom), Susie Gullickson, Peggy Connolly.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed everybody.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Sorensen called for approval of the April 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as written. They were approved as written.

CO-PRESIDENTS' REMARKS/DISCUSSION

Co-President Oesterle shared positive memories of our branch's participation in the Glen Ellyn 4th of July Parade last year. She requested members' feedback regarding our branch participating in this year's parade again. There were no objections. Co-President Oesterle stated that Vice President Possinger's car would be available like last year as well as the signs. The starting point will be Co-President Oesterle's home. Specific instructions and directions will be made available.

Co-President Oesterle also shared that Women'sMarch.org has organized a group march on Saturday May 14 to meet at Kane County Courthouse in Geneva from 12 to 3 pm. Carpooling will be available departing from Glen Ellyn Public Parking location next to the Library. An email will cover further details.

The Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday May 21 at Adelle's. Full details are available in the May Twigs.

Co-President Oesterle stated that the AAUW-IL Spring Convention May 6-7 had a great turnout and was very successful. After dinner Friday, we were treated to a documentary about outstanding sports champion Lucy Harris. The programs on Saturday included: 1. Social Media's negative effects and how to improve them; 2. A panel on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; 3. a panel on Branch Development; and 4. a presentation by a member of the American Library Association on helping with censorship difficulties and attacks on public libraries and things you can do to help. It was an excellent Convention. See Twigs for details.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sheehan reported that our financial balance is appropriate, as planned. The rental of the school for the book sale will be \$ 880. There has been a donation of \$ 150.

Difficulties persist for paying Dues online. Dues total \$ 96 per member. Treasurer Sheehan will contact national and keep members informed as to how to proceed. Members should abstain from paying until Treasurer Sheehan provides accurate information.

Membership:

Co-Vice President Possinger shared that a new member, Heidi Koberstine, has joined the branch. The branch now totals 108 members.

On May 19 Vice-President Possinger will host a casual gathering with previous Lombard branch members. General information regarding our branch, the book sale, Lunafest, the book groups, the movie group, will be shared. They appear to be a very close group. Ideally, if they join, we would add 5 more members, raising our total to 113 members.

Regarding the Table Display, Vice-President Possinger will have more progress to report very soon.

Programs:

Peggy Connolly reported that on April 11 she hosted a Program Planning meeting. 12 branch members attended. They were able to come up with 32 suggestions on different topics. Book Sale chair Gagner suggested that it would be better to send a Survey Monkey to poll branch members as to preferences about the possible programs. Peggy agreed. Unfortunately, after many serious attempts to launch the Survey Monkey, they were not able to get it to work. Co-President Brown stated that the issue will now be addressed by a new VP of Programs and the Board.

Book Sale:

Committee Chair Gullickson reported very good progress. So far 4000 books have been collected. Many branch members have made themselves available for help. There are 50 yard signs. Flyers will be ready the 2nd week of June. Sign-up Genius starts next week. Members are encouraged to make donations to cover expenses. More help is needed for final clean up in the school. Suggestions were made to ask the Principal to send a specific note to parents about the Book Sale. The PTA could also be helpful in publicizing the event.

Cultural Arts:

Committee Chair Desmarais shared concerns about having cultural activities for the branch during COVID. With COVID improving, more activities will be planned.

Lunafest:

Committee Chair Desmarais stated that Center Stage has increased the seats allowed to 165. With this increase, Center Stage seems best for Lunafest. Ticket price will be raised to \$ 50. A \$ 420 deposit will be required. Tentative date will be Saturday October 15.

Diversity:

Committee Chair Mauritz praised a Diversity Presentation in the Spring Conference. The importance of forming alliances with groups that have similar values was emphasized.

EOF:

Committee Chair Mc Gowan reported that the names of the 4 women scholarship recipients are now available. Each of the four recipients will receive \$ 1,500. Their names are as follows:

Wheaton North: Samantha Johnston. Plans to become a licensed psychiatrist with professional emt/medical training. After two years at COD, she plans to transfer to National Louis University. She would love to work in a hospital psych or emergency unit in the future.

Wheaton Warrenville South: Mayra Orzuna. She was originally going to attend UIC but changed to COD for her Associates Degree and then will transfer to UIC to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Glenbard South: Ariana Anderson. No additional information on her.

Glenbard West: Gwen Slomka. No additional information on her.

Policy Manual Revision:

Committee Chair Palmer reported that 2/3 of the work has been done. The project will be completed in the next 1-2 months.

Public Policy:

Committee Chair Spence stated that disruptions in the schools and with school boards is expected to start again in September-October. At that time, with elections coming up, our presence in the schools will be very important. AAUW recognizes the vital need for public education in our democracy and our input can help protect it.

Facebook:

Jane Palmer's re-posting of a past book sale image and a new picture of a cat perusing a book case elicited many hits.

AAUW Online

Committee Chair Palmer reported that the new logo is now in the Members Only page.

STEM:

Committee Chair Kravitz referred to the National STEM Education Think Tank. She is working on new kits for Science Girls on the Go.

At 9.15 pm Co-President Brown adjourned the meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday June 8 at Carolyn Oesterle's home. Lillian Sorensen will provide the treats.

Addendum to the AAUW Board Meeting Minutes from the May 11 meeting:

An email vote sent out on May 16 was taken on the following motion:

Please vote on the following motion that is put forth by Co-President Carolyn Oesterle and seconded by AAUW Online Chair Jane Palmer. The voting period will end May 23. Thank you all.

I move that the Board approve the rental fee of \$ 990.00 for the use of Center Stage for the Lunafest fundraiser and that we increase the ticket price to \$50.00 to help defray the expense.

On May 23, the votes were counted and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Laura Desmarais, Fran Kravitz, Lillian Sorensen, Suzanne Gagner, Mary Mossman, Nancy Possinger, Ellen McGowan, Kathy McCullough, Mary Sue Brown, Jane Palmer, Maureen Sheehan and Carolyn Oesterle. Barb Roos abstained.