

MINUTES

AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch Board Meeting

November 9, 2022

Location: Patricia Spence's home and via Zoom

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

The following items were distributed by Co-President Oesterle to the Branch Leadership team prior to the meeting: Agenda, Zoom link and the Board Meeting Minutes from Oct. 12. Separately, the Treasurer sent the 9/30/2022 and 10/31/2022 Financial Reports.

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Ewa Bacon, Mary Sue Brown*, Laura Desmarais, Marilyn Mauritz*, Carolyn Oesterle*, Jane Palmer*, Patricia Spence*, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann

Via Zoom: Fran Kravitz*, Ellen McGowan*, Mary Mossman, Nancy Possinger*, Maureen Sheehan*

* Voting Officers and Chairs

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-President Oesterle called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and welcomed everybody. She thanked Patricia Spence for hosting and co-hosting the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Co-President Oesterle called for approval of the October 12, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Historian/Archivist Wiedemann moved to approve the minutes and LunaFest Chair Desmarais seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

CO-PRESIDENTS' REMARKS/DISCUSSION:

Co-President Oesterle shared her experiences as an Elections Judge and other members shared theirs.

Announcements:

- AAUW-Illinois will hold a state-wide convention in Peoria May 5-6, 2023. The TRIO Award is available to defray expenses of attending the convention for a Branch member who has not previously attended a state conference. Applications are available from Co-President Oesterle.
- The members of the 2023-24 Nominating Committee will be announced at the Winter Luncheon, December 10.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sheehan reported that net proceeds from the Fall Walk/Run Fundraiser exceeded budget by \$275 and LunaFest net proceeds are estimated at about \$4,900. This was about \$1,800 less than was budgeted for this fiscal year.

Membership Vice President:

Co-Vice President Possinger shared that the branch now has 108 members. She expressed continuing frustration with the roster data provided by national AAUW on the Community Hub. Our member count of 108 does not

include individuals listed by national as part of our branch but who, according to our records, have not paid dues to our branch.

Program Vice President Report:

Acting Program VP Oesterle reminded Board members that the January 4 Branch Program will be Zoom for all. The speaker will be Dr. Mary Virginia Orna, PhD and the topic will be: Ladies in Waiting...*and Still Waiting* for a Nobel Prize. She thanked STEM Chair Kravitz for arranging for the program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Chair Mauritz reported on national AAUW's online Diversity Tool Kit. National has requested that as Diversity Chair she should train Branch members using the Tool Kit. After discussion, this request was tabled as it doesn't fit our branch's needs at this time.

Historian/Archivist

Chair Mayer Wiedemann reported that she will work with AAUW Chair Palmer to set up a page on the website with Branch history and some photos from past Branch events.

LunaFest Film Festival

Chair Desmarais reported that according to attendees' comments and the financial results, it was a successful event. As previously reported by Treasurer Sheehan, the Branch expects net proceeds of \$4,900. This is below our budgeted amount but our budget may have been overly optimistic due to continuing COVID concerns about theater attendance. Some financial activity occurred prior to July 1 so this is the result for this fiscal year but not the total for the event. There were some difficulties with the venue and the catering but it did not affect the attendees' enjoyment of the evening.

Opportunities Fund

Chair McGowan reported that the Branch has budgeted a \$3,000 contribution to national AAUW Funds. She asked for suggestions as to where to direct our contribution. After discussion of the available funds, Study Group Chair Bacon moved that we direct \$1,000 to each of three Funds: Education and Training Fund (#4450), Economic Security Fund (#4449) and the National College Women's Student Leadership Conference Fund (#2504). Historian/Archivist seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair McGowan also reported that the speaker for our Winter Luncheon will be Angel Bohannon. She will attend in person and will discuss Leadership and Decision-making during COVID.

Public Policy

Public Policy Chair Spence reported that Co-President Brown is expected to be nominated for a position on the Glen Ellyn Library Board. The Glen Ellyn Civic Betterment Party will hold a Forum on December 3 to choose candidates for Village Trustee positions. Former Branch President Simon has applied for nomination to a Glen Ellyn Village Trustee position.

Other Board reporting: Study Group Chair Bacon is now a member of the Wheaton District 200 Citizens Advisory Committee. This Committee provides feedback to the Superintendent and the School Board from Members'

schools and PTAs. It has been operating for about 8 years and there are currently 37 members. The discussion topic for the recent meeting was "Assessing Losses due to COVID".

Publicity

Publicity Chair Mossman reported that she published the LunaFest event details in the Naperville Patch and will be submitting the bill soon.

STEM

STEM Coordinator Kravitz has requested help putting together new kits for the Science Girls on the Go[®] boxes on Saturday, November 12 at Nancy Possinger's home. Response to the email request was good and about a dozen members are expected to attend.

Study Group on Aging

Study Group Chair Bacon reported that the group recently held their first meeting and will next meet on December 16.

Twigs Newsletter

Articles are due Tuesday, November 15 by 5 pm.

Winter Banquet

Public Policy Chair Spence reported on behalf of Banquet Chair Schulz that the deadline for reservations is November 19. Another All-Branch email reminder will be sent before the deadline.

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

AAUW Online
Book Sale
Branch Buddy
Community Relations
Spring Banquet

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CLOSING REMARKS

Co-President Oesterle announced that the Board will next meet on January 11, 2023, 7 PM. Location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 pm, Public Policy Chair moved to adjourn the meeting. Membership VP Possinger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.