

MINUTES

AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch Board Meeting April 12, 2023

Location: Maureen Sheehan's home and via Zoom

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

The following items were distributed by Secretary Palmer to the Branch Leadership team prior to the meeting: Agenda, Zoom link, proposed motion regarding Book Sale Publicity and final Board Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2023. The Financial Report as of 3/31/2023 was distributed separately by Treasurer Sheehan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Ewa Bacon, Mary Sue Brown*, Marilyn Mauritz*, Nancy Possinger*, Maureen Sheehan*.

Via Zoom: Fran Kravitz*, Jane Palmer*, Patricia Spence*

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With 7 of our 9 total Officers and Voting Chairs in attendance, the quorum rule was met.

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm and welcomed everybody. She thanked Maureen Sheehan for hosting and co-hosting the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Palmer called for approval of the March 8, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Treasurer Sheehan moved to approve the minutes and Public Policy Chair Spence seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

CO-PRESIDENT BROWN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMARKS/DISCUSSION:

- Elections:
 - Co-President Brown reported that the D200 School Board election results are not yet final as mail-in votes are still being counted.
 - The Daily Herald published Ewa Bacon's letter to the editor which praised their even-handed coverage of the recent elections. Marilyn Mauritz and other members also wrote letters to the editor.
- Voting on AAUW-IL bylaws changes and new officers has begun. Vote by May 4.
- Voting on National AAUW bylaws changes has begun. Vote by May 16, 5 PM. You should have received an email from National with your PIN (personal ID number).
- AAUW-Illinois State Convention – May 5-6 in Peoria. Early Registration is available through April 15.
- Spring Luncheon – May 20 at Adelle's.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sheehan reported that national has not yet cashed our recent donation checks. She also reported that, in general, Branch finances are proceeding according to budget expectations.

Membership Vice President:

MVP Possinger reported that with the addition of another former Lombard Branch member (Karla Bullet), the branch now has 113 members.

Program Vice President Report:

Co-President Brown reported on behalf of Acting Program VP Oesterle that the April 5 program on Climate Change was excellent. We may be able to put the speakers' presentation on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**AAUW Online**

Chair Jane Palmer reported that she has recently been reviewing our website for any needed updates. In light of the upcoming book sale, she noted some inconsistency how we have been describing what we do with the proceeds from our fundraisers. For background, she referred to "Fundraising Policies" in the Policy Handbook (page 3) which states:

The purpose and proposed use of proceeds from any fundraising activity should be clearly stated when the project is undertaken. To change the purpose of the project after the funds have been raised or collected is not compatible with 501(c)(3) Regulations.

Chair Palmer moved and Co-President Brown seconded, that we adopt the following wording in our publicity for the 2023 Book Sale:

Proceeds from the Branch's Used Book Sale primarily fund local scholarships. The proceeds may also support other AAUW projects related to our mission. The AAUW mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. (Short form when space is an issue): Proceeds from the Branch's Used Book Sale primarily fund local scholarships.

Discussion clarified that the long form should be used on the forms used for tax receipts for donations of cash or books. The motion was adopted.

AIR (Aging Information Resources) Study Group

Study Group Chair Bacon reported that their meetings continue. During recent discussions related to physicians and health care, the group identified the need for companions for medical procedures. An initial request for volunteers to act as companions was very successful. Discussions continue about how to match members needing companions with those who have volunteered to help. VP Membership Possinger suggested that the September Showcase meeting can be used to inform the Branch and gain more volunteers. Three AIR reports: Home Services Providers, Housing Information and Services for Seniors, and Health and Care Resources, are now available to Branch members on the Branch website's Members Only page.

STEM Chair Kravitz commented that she had recently discovered what may be a scam related to Medicare reimbursements. She has reported to the Inspector General's office that she received free COVID testing kits that she had not ordered. The kits were either expired or nearing their expiration dates. Medicare was billed for these kits that she will likely be unable to use.

School Boards (Wheaton Observer)

AIR Study Group Chair Bacon is an appointed member of the Wheaton District 200 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). At the most recent meeting, discussions continued regarding proposed alterations to D200 Middle School facilities. The proposed alterations will involve the Monroe auditorium and the Franklin library, among others. Total proposed costs will be approximately \$42M, \$120M or \$180M, depending on which of three proposed plans is selected.

Book Sale

Chair Mauritz reported that book collections are going well. Beginning May 1, she, Laura Desmarais and Marilyn Wiedemann will be collecting books daily from the six drop off sites. Chair Mauritz read to the Board her recently submitted Twigs article. AAUW Online Chair Palmer added that her Twigs Article for May lists Publicity Chair Mossman's online publicity initiatives and explains to members how they can help spread the word.

Cultural Arts Report:

Co-President Brown reported on behalf of Cultural Arts Chair, Laura Desmarais, that the next Cultural Arts Event is the Andy Warhol Lecture; April 18, 7 PM, at the GE Public Library.

STEM

STEM Coordinator Kravitz reported that the April 4 Glen Ellyn Public Library March workshop had only 8 attendees, perhaps due to Spring Break conflicts. Next month, on 5/16, the workshop topic will be Chromatography. She is looking for Branch members to assist at the library with the workshop and to help assemble the kits. The Board agreed to send an all-branch email to ask for assistance and VP Membership Possinger agreed to host a meeting to assemble the kits.

Twigs Newsletter

On behalf of the Twigs Editor, Co-President Brown announced that May articles are due Saturday, April 15 by 5 pm.

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Branch Buddy
Community Relations
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Historian/Archivist
Library Board (Glen Ellyn Observer)
Opportunities Fund
Publicity
Public Policy
Spring Luncheon

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CLOSING REMARKS

Co-President Brown announced that the next Board meeting will be the annual Joint Board Meeting with the incoming Officers and Committee Chairs. The date and place have not yet been determined.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:29 pm, Book Sale Chair Mauritz moved to adjourn the meeting. VP Membership Possinger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.