

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH

Minutes of Board Meeting June 14, 2023

Location: Nancy Possinger'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, and final Board Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2023. The Zoom link was sent by Co-President Oesterle and the Financial Report as of 5/31/2023 was emailed separately by Treasurer Sheehan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Sarah Allen, Mary Sue Brown*, Sue Hagerty, Jean Lindsey, Janet Miller, Marilyn Mauritz*, Carolyn Oesterle*, Jane Palmer*, Nancy Possinger*, Karen Schulz, Maureen Sheehan*, Patricia Spence* and Via Zoom: Fran Kravitz*, Mary Mossman and Marilyn Wiedemann

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With all of our 8 total Officers and Voting Chairs in attendance, the quorum rule was met.

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-President Oesterle called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm and welcomed everybody. She thanked Nancy Possinger for hosting the meeting and Karen Schulz for providing snacks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Palmer called for any additional corrections or additions to the May 10, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Hearing none, Co-President Oesterle accepted the minutes as submitted.

REMARKS FROM INCOMING CO-PRESIDENTS:

Co-President Oesterle turned over the meeting to incoming Co-Presidents Nancy Possinger and Karen Schulz who welcomed the incoming Officers and Chairs of the 2023-2024 Board. The Branch Calendar from the Policy Handbook was distributed.

- Fundraising Plans for 2023-2024: Co-President Possinger announced that the Luna Foundation will not be providing films or otherwise supporting a film festival this year. We hope to sponsor the Book Sale again in 2024 but decision will be deferred until after the results of the 2023 Book Sale are known. If we don't think we can provide our four scholarship awards from just one fundraiser, we need to convene another "Fresh Look" committee to review possible other fundraising options. This was last done in 2010.
- Change of Board and Branch meeting dates: Co-President Schulz announced that the Branch meetings for September and October are set for the first Wednesdays of those months. She proposed that we change future Branch meetings to the second Wednesday and change future Board meetings to the first Wednesday. The next Board meeting will be August 9. At that meeting, the Board will be asked to vote on changing meeting dates. She noted that this proposal is a change in Branch policy and would require changes to the Policy Handbook. Discussion followed.
- Plans for July 4th Parade: The Glen Ellyn parade will be at a location near the College of DuPage due to the Main Street construction project. We now have 12-13 members signed up. The marchers should wear red tops and white bottoms if possible.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sheehan reported the May 31 balance of \$31,486.97. She made the following requests:

- Book Sale publicity should state that only cash and checks are accepted.
- Board members are requested to submit all reimbursement requests by June 20.
- Dues receipts are slow. Only 50% have paid to date. Follow up will be needed soon.

Discussion of dues payment process followed. An all-Branch email will be sent soon. In a few weeks, follow-up phone calls will be made. Sarah Allen suggested that personal letters might help. Special reminders might be needed for lifetime members as national did not send them the dues invoice.

Membership Vice President:

Membership VP Possinger reported that the branch now has 117 members.

Program Vice President Report:

Incoming Co-Vice President for Programs reported that speakers are confirmed for September through February. The rest will be lined up later.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale

Co-Chair Oesterle reported that we have collected more books than last year. Parking for the sale will be tight. The small lot nearest the gym will be reserved for customer pickup and customers who need handicapped spaces. Members should park at the GE Historical Society on Thursday and Friday and at the District 41 office (across the street) on Saturday.

A \$3 coupon was authorized for members (and family or friends), to be used on Thursday or Friday. An all-branch email will be sent with the coupon.

The Co-Chairs complimented all the hard-working members who participated in the book collection drive.

STEM

STEM Coordinator Kravitz reported that she is working on a new experiment kit for the Science Girls on the Go™ boxes and also for the Book Sale display. She is also looking at a possible new site for a box at the entrance to her subdivision. As for Library events, plans are in the works for the Fall.

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Not reporting: AAUW Online, AIR Study Group, Branch Buddy, Community Relations, Cultural Arts, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Fall Fundraiser, Historian, Publicity, Public Policy and STEM

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 9, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 pm, Book Sale Chair Mauritz moved to adjourn the meeting. Membership VP Possinger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. After adjournment, outgoing and incoming officers met to discuss transition of duties. Outgoing officers passed on their files to the incoming officers.