

MINUTES

AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch

Board Meeting March 8, 2023

Location: Patricia Spence'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, Financial Report and final Board Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2023.

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Ewa Bacon, Mary Sue Brown*, Marilyn Mauritz*, Carolyn Oesterle*, Patricia Spence*

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

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With 8 of our 9 total Officers and Voting Chairs in Attendance, the quorum rule was met.

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-President Oesterle called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed everybody. She thanked Patricia Spence for hosting and co-hosting the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Palmer called for approval of the February 8, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Co-President Brown moved to approve the minutes and Membership VP Possinger seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

CO-PRESIDENTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMARKS/DISCUSSION:

- School and Library Boards:
 - The Daily Herald published Marilyn Mauritz's letter to the Editor.
 - Another letter addressed PACs and outside funding.
 - AIR Chair spoke favorably about Anjali Bharadwa's presentation at the Wheaton LWV Forum. The audience at the Forum referred to the existence of the CAC (Citizens Advisory Council) when asking questions of the candidates. Mr. Long and Mr. Hjerpe are former members of CAC. There were about 150 attendees at the Forum.
- Voting on AAUW-IL bylaws changes and new officers begins April 1. Voting instructions will be sent that day in a special Connections issue. Officers: Caroline Jones – Secretary; Lori Switzer and Danielle Byron -- Co-Vice Presidents, Membership
- Voting on National AAUW bylaws changes begins April 6 and ends May 16, 5 PM. You will receive an email from National with your PIN (personal ID number).
- AAUW-IL 16th Annual Lunch with Fellows, 11 AM, Sat., April 15 at Lambs Farm. Reserve (\$25) by April 7.
- Cultural Arts Event -- Andy Warhol Lecture; April 18, 7 PM at the GE Public Library.
- AAUW-Illinois State Convention – May 5-6 in Peoria. Trio Grant available.
- Spring Luncheon – May 20 at Adelle's.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sheehan was not in attendance but Co-President Oesterle reported that the Branch finances are proceeding according to budget expectations.

Membership Vice President:

MVP Possinger reported that the branch now has 112 members. The increased dues rate for national for 2023-24 was discussed.

Program Vice President Report:

Acting Program VP Oesterle announced the details of the April 5 Branch meeting. We will meet in the Glen Ellyn Police Station Community Room, 65 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR (Aging Information Resources) Study Group

Study Group Chair Bacon reported that their next meeting will be March 17. The next resource under discussion relates to physicians and health care. The first two reports are now available on the Branch website on the Members Only page. Chair Bacon requested that a link to the Members Only page be added to the AIR page.

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, proposed alterations to Middle School facilities was discussed.

Book Sale

Chair Mauritz reported that book collections are going well. Publicity Chair Mossman will take the lead on Book Sale publicity. Secretary Palmer will give her a list of online publicity postings from prior years and train her on the emails sent to our list of prior book sale attendees. Other publicity initiatives, such as, bookmarks and flyers, were discussed. Public Policy Chair Spence offered to contact Forest Glen School to see how to get the word out to parents. She also mentioned a PSA opportunity with WBEZ. Co-President Oesterle said that she will contact the village of Glen Ellyn about their newsletter and the village marquee sign.

STEM

STEM Coordinator Kravitz reported that the Glen Ellyn Public Library March workshop was a success, with 32 children attending. The next workshop will be April 4, 3:30 PM. VP Membership Possinger will provide Branch Brochures for that meeting.

Public Policy

Chair Spence reported that the Branch's candidate assessments have been posted on the website and the website link was included in a Facebook posting encouraging voters to find out about candidates. Initial responses from members and the public have been positive. She thanked all who were involved in this rush project.

Twigs Newsletter

On behalf of the Twigs Editor, Co-President Oesterle announced that April articles are due Wednesday, March 15 by 5 pm.

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

AAUW Online
Branch Buddy
Community Relations
Cultural Arts
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Fall Fundraiser
Historian/Archivist
Library Board (Glen Ellyn Observer)
LunaFest
Opportunities Fund
Publicity
Spring Luncheon

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CLOSING REMARKS

Co-President Oesterle announced that the Board will next meet on April 12, 2023, 7 PM, at Maureen Sheehan's home.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 pm, Public Policy Chair Spence moved to adjourn the meeting. Publicity Chair Mossman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.