

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH

Minutes of Board Meeting September 13, 2023

Location: Nancy Possinger's home (and via Zoom)

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The following items were distributed by Secretary Miller to the Branch Leadership team prior to the meeting: Agenda, Board Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2023. Proposed 2023-2024 Budget, Financial Reports for July and August, and Zoom link.

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Nancy Possinger*, Karen Schulz*, Maureen Sheehan*, Janet Miller*, Sarah Allen*, Susan Hagerty*, Patty Mugavero*, Carolyn Oesterle, Jane Palmer, Karla Bullett*, Laurie Driscoll*, Ewa Bacon and Via Zoom: Fran Kravitz* and Marilyn Wiedemann

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With our 10 total Officers and Voting Chairs in attendance, the quorum rule was met.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Miller called for any additional corrections or additions to the August 13, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Hearing none, A motion to accept the minutes was made by Karen Schulz and seconded by Laurie Driscoll, the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- Thank you to everyone for help with the September branch meeting. It successfully brought branch members together for social time and an informative program about Artificial Intelligence.
- Signing Forms: Conflict of Interest Policy, were completed by all board members.
- There is no new mission statement. *The Gender Equity and Economic Security* statement is meant to grab attention on the AAUW website.
- Technology Chair is a possible addition to the board. This would be a rotating position to set up Zoom or other technology related equipment for meetings.
- Board Meeting Hosts and Co-hosts needed for upcoming meetings.
- Central States Regional Conference – October 19-21 -St. Louis Speaker- Lisa Maatz – Public Policy and Organization Consultant
- Winter Banquet option was reported for Sue Hermann, possibly, Wyndemere
- An informal survey for the Winter Holiday Gathering with luncheon, dinner, or Winter Holiday Open House options was distributed and discussed, but no results were reported at the meeting.
- Openings for DEI and Publicity are not filled yet.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sheehan provided a review of the July and August financial reports with an explanation of minor changes. The 2023-2024 proposed budget will be presented to the membership at the September Branch Meeting and voted on at the October 4 Branch Meeting. The proposed budget was approved unanimously by an independent vote of the executive board.

- The proposed 2023-2024 budget is posted on the Members Only section of the website for viewing by the membership.
- A balance of \$36,303.09 is the assets of the branch as of this meeting.

Membership Vice President:

Membership VP Allen announced the September 30 deadline for reporting the branch membership to the national membership office. There are still approximately 7 members being contacted for renewals. The roster will be cleaned up and Karla Bullett's email address will be corrected. An updated report will be presented at the next board meeting. A new member event will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 7pm, at Sarah Allen's home.

Program Vice President Report:

Co-Vice President Mugavero announced the program for the October branch meeting. The speaker will be Sam Mitrani, a history professor at the College of DuPage, presenting the lecture, *Hearth to Shield: History of Policing in Chicago*. The October meeting will begin with a social time at 6:45.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR (Aging Information Resources)

Ewa Bacon reviewed the work of the AIR group. There are streams of information for: Home, Medical, Transportation, and End of Life. The group is trying to keep everything current and would like feedback about the usefulness of the information. A private Facebook page could be set up for feedback.

Book Sale

The Book Sale Chair, Karla Bullett is submitting the necessary school district forms for obtaining a site for the 2024 book sale.

Cultural Arts

Karen Schulz reported for the committee. 30 interested members have signed up for the group. The first event will be the Picasso exhibit at the Elmhurst Art Museum on October 25.

Fall Fund Raising Walk

Chair Carolyn Oesterle reported on the Fall Fundraising Walk at Hidden Lake, September 22, 9am. Contributions help our Opportunities Fund for AAUW priorities and our local scholarships. More information will be in the newsletter.

STEM

Fran Kravitz announced the plans for fall STEM activities. Topics include Diffraction of Light, Secret Messages and Squishy Circuits.

Public Policy

Public Policy Chair, Laurie Driscoll introduced herself. She will be providing information about contacting the five congressional representatives in our area.

Twigs

Articles are due to Kathy McCullough by 5pm on September 15th

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Not reporting: AAUW Online, Branch Buddy, Fall Fundraiser, Historian, Publicity

New Business

Great Decisions Interest Group. Peggy Connolly is proposing the establishment of a Great Decisions interest group. According to branch policy a motion to create this interest group is needed. A one year overview of the group is required to continue Great Decisions the following year. **Motion:** *I move we initiate an interest group called Great Decisions as proposed by Peggy Connolly to begin in January 2024 and to be reevaluated twelve months later.* The motion was made by Laurie Driscoll and seconded by Maureen Sheehan. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 11, 7pm, at Jean Lindsey's house

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 pm, Sarah Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen Schulz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.