

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH

Minutes of Board Meeting October 11, 2023

Location: Jean Lindsey's home (and via Zoom)

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

The following items were distributed by Secretary Miller to the Branch Leadership team prior to the meeting: Agenda, Board Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2023, and the Zoom link.

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Nancy Possinger*, Karen Schulz*, Maureen Sheehan*, Janet Miller*, Sarah Allen*, Susan Hagerty* Jean Lindsey*, Susan Levy-Creed*, Ewa Bacon and Via Zoom: Jane Palmer, Laurie Driscoll* and Marilyn Wiedemann

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With our 9 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 Jean Lindsey and Susan Levy-Creed 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 Jean Lindsey, the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- Thank you to everyone for participation at the October branch meeting. It successfully brought branch members together for social time and a program about the early role of policing women's "crimes" in Chicago.
- Board Meeting Hosts and Co-hosts needed for February, May, and June.
- Holiday Gala Open House sign ups available at this meeting and the November branch meeting.
- Spring Luncheon will be indoors at Adelle's Restaurant on June 1, 2024.
- There is an updated list of Board Members and Interest & Study Group Chairs on the Members Only section of the branch website. The Great Decisions Interest Group has been added. There was discussion about how visible information should be for anyone contacting the branch.
- DEI possible chair for the position may be announced later. There is a robust group of members handling branch publicity. There was discussion of outlets for publicity of branch activities.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- The proposed 2023-2024 budget was approved by a majority of the branch at the October branch meeting.
- The Fall Fund Raiser generated \$2175.00 (as of this meeting)
- A balance of \$38,336.94 are the assets of the branch.
- Possible use of some funds to purchase a CD was discussed.

Membership Vice President:

There are 110 members with at least three more renewals expected. An updated report will be presented at the next board meeting. A new member event was held on Tuesday, September 26, 7pm, at Sarah Allen's home. Five new members attended the event.

Program Vice President Report:

Co-Vice President Lindsey announced the program for the November branch meeting. The speaker will be Candace McCarthy King. The topic is “Who Are the New Neighbors” about the changing demographics of DuPage County. The October meeting will begin with a social time at 6:45.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**AIR (Aging Information Resources)**

Ewa Bacon introduced the topic of “End of Life” resources and what legal issues are involved. She also reported on the District 200 CAC meeting. There is a plan to adapt an intense series of printed tutorials to address reading, writing, and other foundational skills for grades K-5.

Book Sale

Karla Bullett is arranging a book pickup in Naperville for about 2000 books being donated. December 2 will be the date for the pickup. Volunteers are needed at the Naperville location to get the books and places are needed to store them until the book sale.

The location of the book sale had not been finalized. Construction in school buildings in Districts 41, 89, and 44 are going on this summer. Other locations being considered are two churches in Glen Ellyn and a site in District 200.

Opportunities Fund

Susan Levy-Creed asked for a **motion** “to approve four \$2500 scholarships to be given to high school students scheduled to attend The College of DuPage.” Maureen Sheehan made the motion, and it was seconded by Sarah Allen.

A **motion** was also made to change the wording of the criteria for the scholarship. **Motion:** Change “citizen” to “resident” as part of the criteria to be considered for the scholarship. Maureen Sheehan made the motion and was seconded by Karen Schulz.

A third **motion** was made “The branch will make a donation of \$3000 to the same three National funds as last year.” The motion was made by Karen Schulz and seconded by Nancy Possinger. All three motions were approved unanimously.

Fall Fund Raising Walk

Chair Carolyn Oesterle reported on the Fall Fundraising Walk held at Hidden Lake, September 22, 9am. Contributions help our Opportunities Fund for AAUW priorities and our local scholarships. See the Treasurer’s report for total funds raised. Thank you to Patricia Spence for creating an entertaining trivia game for participants.

Twigs

Articles are due to Kathy McCullough by 5pm on Sunday, October 15th

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Not reporting: AAUW Online, Branch Buddy, Fall Fundraiser, Cultural Arts, STEM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 9, 7pm, at Ewa Bacon’s home.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:57 pm, Laurie Driscoll moved to adjourn the meeting. Jean Lindsey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.