

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH
Minutes of Board Meeting November 8, 2023
Location: Ewa Bacon'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*, Janet Miller*, Sarah Allen*, Patty Mugavero*, Ewa Bacon, Karla Bullett*, Marilyn Mayer Wiedermann, Laurie Driscoll* and Via Zoom: Jean Lindsey* Jane Palmer, Fran Kravitz

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With our 8 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 Ewa Bacon and Patty Mugavero for co-hosting the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Miller called for any additional corrections or additions to the October 8 Board Meeting minutes. There was a brief discussion of some wording about scholarship applicants, but no change was made to correct the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Sarah Allen and seconded by Laurie Driscoll, the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- Thank you to everyone for participation at the November branch meeting. It successfully brought branch members together for social time and a program about the changing demographics of DuPage County.
- Board Meeting Hosts and Co-hosts needed for February, and June.
- Holiday Gala Open House, a detailed message will be sent to the members for the December 6 event. Included will be information about a voluntary donation to the Resource Center Outreach organization.
- DEI Chair, a discussion of the possible elimination of the position since many of the branch programs, book groups, and cultural events have integrated diversity aspects as part of them.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer: No report

Membership Vice President:

Co-Vice President, Sarah Allen gave the report. There are 113 members. Some new prospective members will be contacted. An Excel sheet has been created to keep track of members who attend regularly or on occasion. Also, who attended using Zoom. Name tags are being used each month for members in attendance. First year members are identified with red bordered name tags.

Program Vice President Report:

Co-Vice President Lindsey announced the programs for a few months. December's program is the Holiday Open House at Nancy Possinger's home. The January Program is "Let's Hear It for the Ladies" lecture by Dr. Alexis Culotta, focusing on the accomplishments of female artists and patrons of the arts. This will be a Zoom presentation. The topic for the February program is banned books.

Central States Regional Conference Report, October 19-21 in St. Louis, Missouri

Nancy Possinger reported on highlights from the conference. Five branch members attended the two-and-a-half-day conference. Thirteen states were represented. The focus of some topics presented were about challenges of membership competing for time, consolidating branches, creative methods for organizing executive board positions (rotating and sharing), and the attention that should be given to AAUW policies for members.

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

Ewa Bacon discussed a new transportation stream added to AIR resources. "End of Life" resources and what legal issues are involved including assistance to children determining "end of life" decisions was also discussed. She also reported on the District 200 CAC meeting. Free all-day kindergarten will be in place for all schools by 2027. Renovations of middle schools is an ongoing process of making major changes and updating minor concerns. The major focus is on safety and security, Special Education issues, and new science labs. Less attention will be given to Art, Music, and Library facilities.

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 First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn seems to be the best option currently available for the book sale. It is still possible to change locations without a financial penalty.

STEM

Fran Kravitz reported that the October meeting went well. The November 28 event is Squishy Circuits. Future events will be on March 26, April 23, and May 28. Volunteers are needed to assist during these events. Fran will send a detailed message to the branch members asking for sign-ups.

Twigs

Articles are due to Kathy McCullough by 5pm Wednesday, November 15th.

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Not reporting: Treasurer, AAUW Online, Branch Buddy, Public Policy

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 17, 7pm This will be a ZOOM only meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:50 pm, Karla Bullett moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Possinger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.