

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH
Minutes of Board Meeting February 14, 2024

Location: 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 January, 2024, and the Zoom link.

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Nancy Possinger*, Karen Schulz*, Janet Miller*, Maureen Sheehan*, Susan Hagerty*, Patty Mugavero*, Laurie Driscoll*, Fran Kravitz* and Via Zoom: Jane Palmer

* 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 everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Miller called for any additional corrections or additions to the January, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. One correction was made for the spelling of the location of the book sale to **Westfield School**. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Janet Miller and seconded by Maureen Sheehan, the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- Thank you to everyone for participation at the February branch meeting. There was excellent attendance again.
- April 3rd voting begins for Open AAUW Membership. The board discussed the various issues involved in making this change. Included was how opening the membership would give more interested individuals the opportunity to participate. Also discussed was the current levels of membership and whether a name change for the organization would be necessary.
- The Illinois AAUW convention is April 19-20 at Elgin Community College. Illinois AAUW celebrates its 100th year anniversary. A table for the branch will be available to highlight Wheaton-Glen Ellyn accomplishments.
- Consideration is being given to holding board meetings via Zoom until the summer.
- The annual branch meeting will be in April instead of March. Officers voting will be held at that meeting.
- Remind everyone to register at the Wheaton Library for the March branch meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- \$2500 was refunded to the branch from COD because the scholarship recipient did not use the funds. A committee will make a recommendation for what to do with the returned funds.
- \$3000 was contributed to three AAUW funds as budgeted.
- Dues from two new members and I renewal was received.

Membership Vice President:

There are currently 118 members. Bios of the two new members, Susan Peters and Ruth Sweetser, will appear in the March issue of Twigs.

Program Vice President Report:

Co-Vice President Patty Mugavero announced the programs for March and April.

The March program will be presented by the Chief Justice of the 18th Circuit Court, Bonnie Wheaton who will focus on the number of elected female judges in DuPage County. This is a Saturday morning meeting, March 9 at 10AM. It is a joint meeting with sponsorship by the Wheaton Public Library. Attendees must register for the program on the library website. The April program will be a presentation by Evelyn Casazza, The Solution to Plastic Pollution. Both meetings are at the Wheaton Public Library in person or via Zoom.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale

Karla Bullett announced the location of the 2024 used book sale. The Westfield Elementary School in Glen Ellyn will be the site for the sale on June 20-22. Sorting will take place June 11- 18. **Motion:** The branch will march to promote the used book sale during the Lilac Parade in Lombard. The motion was made by Maureen Sheehan and seconded by Laurie Driscoll. The motion passed.

Public Policy

The Illinois primary election is on Tuesday, March 19. Early voting will be available at many locations in DuPage County from March 4 through March 18. Check the March newsletter for important information about the rating for judges, change in party for Pete DiCianni, and "Wake" candidate Laura Hois. AAUW does not endorse candidates in partisan elections. but we support and encourage voters to be educated about candidates and issues.

AIR and CAC

Ewa Bacon reported on some highlights of AIR initiatives. There is a list 80 providers on the branch website. This includes electricians, plumbers, physicians and others. The committee has been working on an End of Life stream for the website. She also reported on the District 200 CAC committee. The district has lost 800 students from an enrollment of 11,000. If there are weather cancellations classes will be held using electronic learning.

Nominating Committee

The Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW nominees for 2024-2026 are: Heidi Fraser, Treasurer. Susan Hagerty and Marie Corcoran, Membership

Twigs

Articles are due to Kathy McCullough by 5pm, March 15.

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Not reporting: STEM, Cultural, AAUW Online

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 13, 7pm This will be a ZOOM only meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:23 PM