

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH

Minutes of Board Meeting May 15, 2024

Location: Nancy Possinger's House and 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 April 2024, and the Zoom link.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nancy Possinger*, Karen Schulz*, Patty Mugavero*, Susan Hagerty*, Maureen Sheehan*, Laurie Driscoll*, Karla Bullett*, Susan Levy Creed*, Carolyn Oesterle*, Kathy McCullough, Ewa Bacon, Jane Palmer, Marie Corcoran and via Zoom: Janet Miller* and Fran Kravitz*

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With our 10 total Officers and Voting Chairs in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, 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 April 2024 Board Meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Fran Kravitz and seconded by Carolyn Oesterle, the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- National Voting Results were announced. 65.1% were in favor of changing membership requirements. 66.6% was needed to pass, so the change was rejected. Bylaw changes for all branches passed.
- Janet Miller made a motion "to donate up to \$700 NCCWSL to support conference attendees." Laurie Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
- Maureen Sheehan made a motion "to change the board meetings to the last Tuesday of the month." The motion was seconded by Janet Miller. The motion passed. The new meeting time will begin in August.
- The DEI board position was discussed and will continue as a board position, but not a voting chair.
- Watch for dues renewal information from National. Members can review their individual status for renewal.
- Highlights from the IL State AAUW Convention will be in the next issue of Twigs.
- Twigs articles should be sent to Kathy McCullough by 5pm on Wednesday, May 15.
- June 1 Spring Luncheon at Adelle's in Wheaton. Turn in RSVP to Laura Desmarais by May 20. An email message reminder will be sent to branch members. 43 members attended last year. Changing the month for the luncheon was discussed, but no decision was made.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- March and April reports were available for the meeting. The March report reflects the refund of \$2500 from COD for an unused scholarship.
- Information about dues renewal will be in the June issue of Twigs.

Membership Vice President:

- There are currently 120 members.
- New members are Sally Fairbanks and Mary Morrisey.
- An email message from National has been sent to the branch members to facilitate dues renewal.

- Membership dues renewal can also be sent to Maureen Sheehan.

Program Vice President Report:

- Nothing to report for the remainder of the summer.
- The September 2024 meeting will showcase “Scholarship Winners”. This meeting will be organized by the Opportunity Fund co-chairs using the Glen Ellyn Police Station location.
- The Program planning meeting for 2024-2025 was held on May 7. Many promising suggestions were made. There will be a focus on Black History in February and Women’s History in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale

- 6000 books have been collected so far.
- Collection sites begin in May.
- Possible plans for leftovers still to be determined.
- Lilac Parade, May 19 at 1:30. Walkers will be needed.
- Yard signs are available. They can be picked up at Nancy Possinger’s home or Karen Schulz’s home. Signs will also be available at the luncheon.
- Volunteers will be needed for locker pickup at 4 PM on June 10.
- There will be six sorting days.
- Advertising for the sale is being done to reach as many customers as possible.

Public Policy

- No legislative activity during this election year.
- Title IX changes have been made. There should be information about the changes on the National website by August. New Rules from the Department of Education include changes related to LBGQ students, sexual harassment on campus and related areas, and support for pregnant mothers.

AIR and CAC

- CAC has 32 members representing all the schools in District 200. Members serve for 5 years. Topics for meetings have included Referendum prep, parent involvement, who should be contacted concerning school incidents, Special Education issues, and integration of AI into the curriculum.
- AIR has six strands for resources available to branch members. They are Home Services (plumbing, electrical, etc), Health Care, Transport, End of Life, In Home Care, and Housing. Attention will be given to maintaining the AIR site.

STEM

STEM programs are about making bridges on June 17 and paper airplanes on July 15. The location will be the Glen Ellyn Public Library. Setup begins at 2:30 PM and the session ends at 3:45 PM.

COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Not reporting: AAUW Online, Cultural

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 12, 7pm via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:07 PM