

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH

Minutes of Board Meeting August 27, 2024

Location: Jean Lindsey will host the meeting, 1644 Orth Drive, Wheaton, at 7PM. This is an in-person meeting only.

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

The following items were distributed by Secretary Miller to the Branch Leadership team prior to the meeting:

June Minutes, August 27 Agenda, and the list of 2024-2025 Board Officers and Chairs. Heidi Fraser will have an updated Financial Report at the meeting.

Thanks for planning to participate in our first Board meeting for 2024-2025.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Schulz*, Janet Miller*, Jean Lindsey*, Patty Mugavero*, Susan Hagerty*, Marie Corcoran*, Heidi Fraser*, Jane Palmer, Laurie Driscoll*, Patricia Spence, Caroline Oesterle, Susan Levy Creed*, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann, Fran Kravitz*, Ewa Bacon

* Officers or Voting Chairs

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-President Schulz 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 June, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. One correction was made for the September speaker as the recipient of an AAUW Fellowship and a March 25 date correction for the board meeting list. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Marie Corcoran and seconded by Jean Lindsey, the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- Welcome to the Incoming Officers and Chairs for 2024-2025. There are board positions open. Let Nancy or Karen know if there are suggestions for filling these positions.
- Signing forms were distributed and signed.
- Volunteers are needed to Host or Co-Host the board meetings in November, April, May, and possibly June. Board Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. The dates are August 27, September 24, October 29, November 26, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27, and June 24. The September board meeting host is Ewa Bacon, Karen Schulz will co-host. January and February will probably be Zoom meetings.
- The Spring Luncheon at Adele's on May 31 was discussed. Board members expressed their opinions. The luncheon will probably be held at the restaurant.
- The Used Book Sale was successful again this year. There will be future discussion of major overhauls or other possible fundraisers in September.
- The Co-Presidents plan to streamline the monthly branch business meetings and encourage members to read reports in Twigs.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- A proposed budget meeting was held on August 26. This did not leave the treasurer enough time to prepare the document.
- A plan to alter the months for presentation of the proposed budget will be investigated.
- A successful audit of the branch finances has been completed. The report will be added to the branch records.

Membership Vice President:

- The Membership Vice Presidents are working on the membership roster for 2024-2025. They are working with the Treasurer to confirm the list. There are 123 members with six outstanding to confirm.
- There is a two-month grace period for payment.
- The branch has a Dues Assistance Fund if any member needs it.

Program Vice President Report:

- Programs for 2024-2025 are in place for most of the year. See the Twigs issue for details of the extensive list being planned.
- The September meeting will have an AAUW Fellowship recipient as a speaker.
- The September meeting will also showcase Interest Groups with details of their plans.
- Members will be encouraged to bring their own beverages in recyclable containers to future meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale

- The Opportunity Fund will receive over 14,000 dollars from the sale.
- Details of the sale results is on the Members Only page of the branch website.
- Knowledge Discovery and Scarce took all the leftover books.

Fund Raising Walk

The fund-raising walk announcement was made by Carolyn Oesterle.

The event will take place on September 20, 9 am, at Hidden Lake. It will be about a two-mile walk. There will be a trivia contest prepared by Patricia Spence. The park district shelter will be used as part of the event. Members can sign up at the September branch meeting.

Public Policy

- Voting in DuPage County begins on September 28 at the Du Page County Fairgrounds. There will be other early voting locations announced in October.
- Voter Guides for candidates are online, including National.
- Title IX will need the support of Congress to update changes that are on hold for now.
- Illinois AAUW Connections will have information about proposed issues. Three bills concerning reproductive rights are included.

Stem

- Kits are being prepared for upcoming programs.
- Stem volunteers will be needed. Days and times will be determined.

CAC

- Ewa Bacon is serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee for 5 years. This is her third year. Her report follows.
- District 200 is planning a November 5 referendum. Money will be used for major updates at the middle schools.
- The committee is discussing the tax impact for residents. The district is asking for 151 million dollars.

Twigs

Articles should be submitted to Susan Peters by September 15.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 24, 7pm Ewa Bacon will host, Karen Schulz will co-host.

Address: 405 W. Front Street, Wheaton # 305

Adjournment: 8:40 pm