

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH
Minutes of Board Meeting October 29, 2024

Location: Marie Corcoran is the host for the board meeting, 31 Hawkins Circle, Wheaton, at 7PM. This is an in-person and Zoom meeting.

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

The following items were distributed by Secretary Miller to the Branch Leadership team prior to the meeting:
September Minutes, October 29 Agenda, September Financial Report, and the Zoom information.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Schulz*, Nancy Possinger*, Janet Miller*, Susan Hagerty*, Marie Corcoran*, Jane Palmer, Carolyn Oesterle, Susan Levy Creed*, Ewa Bacon, Patricia Spence, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann, Susan Peters, Fran Kravitz* (Zoom), Laurie Driscoll* (Zoom)

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With 8 total Officers and Voting Chairs in attendance, the quorum rule was met.

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Presidents Nancy Possinger and Karen Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Miller called for any additional corrections or additions to the September, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Susan Levy-Creed and seconded by Marie Corcoran, the motion was approved.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- Options for the next used book sale.
 1. **Possible scaled down sale with modifications.** Smaller collection of books from fewer drop-off locations, more direct book drop-offs at the same venue as the sale. Venue is the key to implementing this option.
 2. **Take a year off from the sale.** Concern for eliminating visibility for the branch. The board was not in favor of this option unless it was necessary. Consider other smaller fundraisers since funds will already support philanthropic donations for the coming year.
 3. **Manhattan Shorts Videos fundraiser details from Susan Peters.** A one-week film festival at a local movie theater showing 10 short films. The branch would share profits from the venue collaboration.

The Board was in favor of the scaled down sale depending on a possible sale location. After exploring possibilities for the site of the sale by the co-presidents and some volunteers the Board will decide.

- The Holiday Gathering Event will be on Wednesday, December 4 at the home of Peggy Connolly from 4 until 8pm. Sign-ups for food donations and clean up assistance will be available at the November branch meeting. An email message will be sent to the membership and information also will be in the December Twigs edition.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- The financial report for September was presented to the board by the Co-Presidents. Unrestricted: \$5,374.40 Total assets: \$40,333.11
- Book Sale profit after expenses was \$14,110.69. Opportunity Fund: \$30,625.27
- The proposed budget will be presented to the branch membership at the October meeting. A vote will be taken at the November branch meeting.

Membership Vice President:

- There are 121 branch members.
- There is a three-month grace period for membership renewal.
- A free membership is available to be used as decided by the board.
- Branch members can confirm their status through the Membership VPs and the National website. Membership lists are updated monthly.

Program Vice President Report:

- Programs for 2024-2025 are in place for most of the year. See Twigs issues for details of the extensive list being planned.
- The speakers for the November program are Mike Murray and Hugh Brady. Their topic: Community Mental Health Boards: Needed or Not?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- Ewa Bacon is serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee for 5 years. This is her third year. Her report on topics for the meeting follows.
- Concern for screen time usage by students. Recommendation for less time spent on all varieties of media.
- Handling of cell phone usage at school.
- Discussion of the four-year program to provide Chrome Books to students. Is there less need for students in grades 1-6?

Public Policy

- Be sure to vote November 5.

Twigs

Articles should be submitted to Susan Peters by November 15.

Old Business/New Business

- The next Branch Meeting is November 6. All members are encouraged to invite guests.
- Notify Nancy or Kanen if you want to announce anything about your area of interest at the November 6 meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 26, 7pm. Nancy Possinger will host, Janet Miller will co-host.

Address: 26W070 MacArthur, Carol Stream

Adjournment: 8:40 pm