

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH
Minutes of Board Meeting September 24, 2024

Location: Ewa Bacon is the host for the board meeting, 405 Front St. Apt 305, Wheaton, at 7 PM. 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:
August Minutes, September 24 Agenda, and the Zoom information.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Schulz*, Nancy Possinger*, Janet Miller*, Jean Lindsey*, Patty Mugavero*, Susan Hagerty*, Heidi Fraser*, Jane Palmer, Caroline Oesterle, Susan Levy Creed*, Fran Kravitz* (Zoom), Ewa Bacon

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With 9 total Officers and Voting Chairs in attendance, the quorum rule was met.

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-President Nancy 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 August, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Marie Corcoran and seconded by Jean Lindsey, the motion was approved.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- Completion of signing forms for conflict of interest has been done.
- The Host volunteer list is almost complete. A few co-hosts are still needed.
- The Spring Luncheon at Adele's on May 31 was approved.
- A Used Book Sale discussion was deferred until another board meeting date.
- The Co-Presidents plan to streamline the monthly branch business meetings and encourage members to read reports in Twigs. Visitors will be welcomed by the Membership VPs, Budget information will be announced, future programs will be highlighted by the Program VPs, and other brief announcements will be provided as needed.
- AAUW-IL Fall Conference 2024 via Zoom on October 5 from 9-11am. Members need to register to receive the Zoom link.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- The financial report for July-August was presented. Unrestricted: \$6769.22 Total assets: \$41,110.22
- The proposed budget for 2024-2025 was discussed in detail by the board. Changes for line-item expenses were honored where appropriate. Disbursement of Opportunity Funds will be discussed later.
- Book Sale profit after expenses was \$14,110.69.
- Jane Palmer will draft the sales tax exemption renewal application for Heidi and she will submit it before November 1.
- A motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget was made by Jean Lindsey and seconded by Susan Levy-Creedy. The vote to pass the motion was unanimous.

- 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.
- A new member meeting is planned for October 9, at 7pm.
- Branch members can confirm their status through the Membership VPs and the National website. Member 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 speaker for the September program is Joel Jara, Community Relationships Coordinator. The topic will be Healthcare Programs for DuPage County families.
- The November program will focus on Mental Health issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising Walk

The Fall Fundraiser had a profit of about \$2000. There were 33 participants.

Stem

- Information about dates and topics is in Twigs. Glowing Reactions is the first topic on December 9.

CAC

- 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.
- Electives for Middle School are being developed.
- Discussion of Career Paths for High School.
- Handbook—Screen Time was shared with the CAC committee.

AIR

- The AIR committee is finished with its work after two years. The resources of AIR categories will be maintained on the branch website. They include home services, medical providers, retirement home information, transportation needs, and end-of- life issues.
- Articles for Twigs with relevant news or information will continue to be provided by Ewa Bacon.
- Recognition goes to the committee members; Ewa Bacon, Lisa Capps, Suzanne Gagner, Pamela Johnson, Susan Levy-Creed, Peggy Connolly, Donna Staples, Cindy Trennert-Lukens, Lillian Sorensen, Nancy Possinger, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann. Consultants were Bonnie Wheaton and Mary Callow.

New Business

A suggestion was made to develop a speaker's series on intellectual topic of interest to the branch in addition to regular branch programs. Possibly twice a year.

Twigs

Articles should be submitted to Susan Peters by October 15.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 29, 7pm Marie Corcoran will host, Sue Hagerty will co-host.

Address: 31 Hawkins Circle, Wheaton

Adjournment: 9:15 pm