

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH
Minutes of Board Meeting November 26, 2024

Location: Nancy Possinger is the host for the board meeting, 26W070 MacArthur Ave., Carol Stream, 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:
October Minutes, November 26 Agenda, October Financial Report, and the Zoom information.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Schulz*, Nancy Possinger*, Janet Miller*, Susan Hagerty*, Jean Lindsey*, Ewa Bacon, Susan Levy-Creed* (Zoom), Laurie Driscoll*, Patty Mugavero* (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 7:04 pm and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Miller called for any additional corrections or additions to the October, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Susan Hagerty and seconded by Laurie Driscoll, the motion was approved.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- **Book Sale Updates.**
Exploring Lincoln School in District 41 as a venue. Rental would include 2 rooms with a total cost of \$1840. Park View or Glen Crest, District 89 might be possible venues. Locations need to be seen by a group of volunteers. Visibility for the branch is the main goal, not necessarily profit. A scaled-down number of books for the sale would be fine. A modified collection plan would save hours of time for picking up books and sorting. Any summer dates for the sale would probably work.
- **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 was available at the November branch meeting. An email message will be sent to the membership and information will also be in the December Twigs edition.
- **ERA Take Action.** Laurie Driscoll provided information for the board which also will be shared with the branch. All states have voted to pass the ERA amendment. Legal Opinion is if the President approves, the amendment can be sent to the National Archivist to publish by a January 20 deadline. A flyer about how members can contact the president to take action will be sent to AAUW members.
- **Opportunity Fund.** Motion: "Donate \$4000 to National for four specific funds to be chosen by the branch, one being the Greatest Need Fund" Motion made by Susan Levy-Creed and seconded by Laurie Driscoll. The motion was approved. Motion: "Donate four \$2500 scholarships to high school students attending COD". Motion made by Susan Levy-Creed and seconded by Laurie Driscoll. The motion was approved.
- **NCCWSL.** New Administration for the conference has been implemented. Check the budget for the amount to donate from the branch budget.
- **Diversity Training.** An offer of joint participation on March 20 was made to AAUW and League of Women Voters.

- **Convention.** Save the date for the State Convention, April 25-26, at the Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL. Funds in the budget are available for possible attendees from the branch.
- **Twigs.** Articles due December 15 to Susan Peters for the January issue.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- The financial report for October was presented to the board by the Co-Presidents.
- The proposed 2024-2025 budget was approved at the November branch meeting.
- The Sales Tax Exemption Certificate was received.

Membership Vice President:

- There are 122 branch members.
- Membership dues are reduced if a prospective member joins at a branch sponsored meeting or event.
- Three free memberships are available to be used as decided by the board. (National)
- 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 for the year.
- Winter Gathering is December 4 at Peggy Connolly's home.
- January Program is "A Resilient State: What Illinois is Doing Right and Why It's Better Than You Think" Dr. Robert Bruno, Professor of Labor and Employment at the University of Illinois, Champaign and Frank Manzo, Economist at the Illinois Policy Institute are the speakers.
- Discussion of ways to enhance sound clarity with headphone microphones worn by speakers.

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.
- District 200 School Board election is in April. Six candidates are running.
- Handling of cell phone usage at school will have input from stakeholders: students, staff, parents, police. A general policy is needed.
- There was generous approval of the referendum during the November election.

Old Business/New Business

- Nominating Committee: The nominating committee will be Membership Chairs Marie Corcoran, Sue Hagerty, and two or three other members. The committee will start meeting in January.
- Notify Nancy or Karen if you want to announce anything about your area of interest at the January 8 branch meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 28, 7pm, Zoom only meeting

Adjournment: 8:35 pm