

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH
Minutes of Board Meeting February 25, 2025

Location: Zoom only meeting.

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

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

January Minutes, February Agenda, January Financial Report, and the Zoom information for the board meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Schulz*, Nancy Possinger*, Janet Miller*, Susan Hagerty*, Jean Lindsey*, Ewa Bacon, Susan Levy-Creed*, Heidi Fraser*, Patricia Spence, Carolyn Oesterle, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann, Laura Desmarais, Fran Kravitz*

* 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 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Miller called for any additional corrections or additions to the January 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Two typos were found, Dignity Index instead of Diversity Index and one spelling error. A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Jean Lindsey and seconded by Karen Schulz the motion was approved.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- **Book Sale Update.**
Parkview Elementary School in Glen Ellyn will be the site for the 2025 Used Book Sale. The school is located on Park Ave. near Reserve 22. This is a location with high visibility. The dates for the sale are June 19-21. There will be two weeks prior to the sale for preparation at the site. The branch is ready to form committees for the sale.
- **Dignity Training.** Seven members of the branch were trained in how to implement the Dignity Index. The branch will join the League of Women Voters for a workshop to give others a chance to experience the Dignity Index. The event will be held on March 20, 2025 at Hadley Middle School in Glen Ellyn, 7 – 8:30pm.
- **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.
- **Memoir Writing Interest Group.** A motion was made: “I move to start a new interest group, Memoir Writing Circle, sponsored by the branch to meet once or twice a month beginning in March” Motion made by Karen Schulz and seconded by Nancy Possinger. The motion was approved. Darwin Walton will lead this group at Beacon Hill on Tuesdays of the month, 6 – 8:30pm.
- **Lilac Parade.** Participation in the Lilac Parade was discussed. Another opportunity might be the Lombard Craft Fair on May 4, 2025. There will be further discussion at the March Board Meeting.
- **Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers May 31st.** Look for information and invitation in the April Twigs issue.
- **Manhattan Short Film Festival.** Susan Peters presented a proposal for the branch to sponsor the one-week film festival, September 25 to October 5, 2025 at the Glen Arts Theater. An extensive breakdown of the project and the financial aspects was given in a handout. (Please see your copy.) A motion was made: “Proceed with planning The Manhattan Film Festival at the Glen Arts Theater this fall.” Motion made by Susan Levy-Creed, seconded by Heidi Fraser. The motion was approved.

Twigs

Articles should be submitted to Susan Peters by March 15.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- The financial report for January was presented to the board by Heidi Fraser.
- There were expenses from two STEM programs.
- There were three branch membership renewals.
- \$100 Interest from Fidelity was posted.
- Discussion of STEM Grant. Money is budgeted from an AAUW Illinois Grant received in 2017. \$618 is left in the budget from that grant. \$800 was budgeted and \$1000 was transferred from the Community Actions Projects Fund.
- The branch could apply for another AAUW Illinois grant to use for STEM if funds need to be replenished.

Membership Vice President:

- There are 123 branch members.
- The election of new officers will be conducted at the March 5 Branch Meeting.

Program Vice President Report:

- The March 5, 2025 Branch Program is "Title IX in Transition: Understanding the New Landscape" presented by Dr. Suzanne Chod. The program location is the Glen Ellyn Police Station, also using Zoom.
- The April program is "Save Our Night Skies" about the effects of light pollution presented by Adam Kreuzer. Location: Glen Ellyn Police Station.
- May 15 is rescheduled at the Wheaton Library for the Clarence Goodman program "An Unfinished Journey: African American Music". Check for reservations at the library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- District #200 Board Election is April 1, 2025. There are seven elected board members and three are staying: Julie Kovitz, Dave Long, and Brad Paulsen. There are four open spots on the board. Seeking re-election are: Angela Blatner, Rob Hanlon (current board president), and John Rutledge. New candidates are Katy Ebbesen, Amy Erkenswick, Brooke Gennero, and Sara Paver. There is a candidate forum scheduled for Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 at the Wheaton City Hall. It will be recorded and available for viewing. Please be an informed voter.

Cultural Arts

- Hokusai Art Exhibit at the MAC. An outing has been arranged for Friday, June 13. An exclusive introduction to the exhibit is at 10:00 am followed by a tour of your own at 10:30 am. Information about attending will be in the April Twigs issue. 20 attendees are needed to get a group discount which is \$27 per person. Sign-ups are encouraged early so a discount is available.

Public Policy

See Twigs article for information. We are encouraged to tell our representatives to vote NO on HB#22 for Save (Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility).

Old Business/New Business

- Nominating Committee Report. The nominees for the 2025-2026 slate are: Maureen Sheehan and Patricia Spence for Co-President, Sarah Allen and Karen Schulz for CO-Program Vice President, and Valli Schiller for Secretary. The election will be held on March 5, 2025 at the Branch Meeting.
- Notify Nancy or Karen if you want to announce anything about your area of interest at the March 5 branch meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 25 at 7pm, Host: Ewa Bacon, 405 W Front Street, Apartment 305, Wheaton and Zoom

Adjournment: 9:02 pm