

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH
Minutes of Board Meeting January 28, 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:

November Minutes, January Agenda, December Financial Report, Host Grid, and the Zoom information for the board meeting. (There was no December Board Meeting.)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Schulz*, Nancy Possinger*, Janet Miller*, Susan Hagerty*, Jean Lindsey*, Ewa Bacon, Susan Levy-Creed*, Laurie Driscoll*, Patty Mugavero*, Marie Corcoran*, Heidi Fraser*, Patricia Spence, Carolyn Oesterle, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With 10 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 November 2024 Board Meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jean Lindsey and seconded by Patricia Spence, the motion was approved.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- **Book Sale Updates.**
Possible locations being explored are Lincoln School in District 41 and Parkview School in District 89.
- **Opportunity Fund.** Motion: "Donate \$4000 to National for the Greatest Need Fund to promote the good work of the organization." Motion made by Susan Levy-Creed and seconded by Laurie Driscoll. The motion was approved.
- **NCCWSL.** The branch donation should be part of the 2025-2026 budget.
- **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.
- **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.** Glennette Turner has requested a revival of the interest group. Further information about the group is needed before taking action to approve this interest group.

Twigs

Articles should be submitted to Susan Peters by February 15.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer:

- The financial report for December was presented to the board by Heidi Fraser.
- Income included \$76 from the Holiday Gathering.
- The Sales Tax Exemption Certificate was received.
- Form AG 990-Illinois was filed for the Illinois Charity Bureau Fund.
- 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.
- Possible need to investigate another AAUW Illinois grant to use for STEM.

Membership Vice President:

- There are 122 branch members.
- Membership dues are reduced if a prospective member joins at a branch sponsored meeting or event.
- Half of National dues (\$40) can be saved.

Program Vice President Report:

- The February 5, 2025 Branch Program is "An Unfinished Journey: African American Music in Its Pivotal Decades" presented by Clarence Goodman. Joint sponsorship with the Wheaton Public Library will be at the Wheaton Library. Registration is required through the library website.
- March and April meetings will be at the Glen Ellyn Police Station. Aspects of Title IX will be the topic for the March branch meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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.
- District 200 School Board is continuing to explore the use of cell phones at school. Constituent groups are speaking to the CAC committee. Students, teachers, parents, faculty, and police will each be talking with the group. The group met students first, and the consensus was students are satisfied with the policy for use of cell phones at school.
- District 200 School Board Election is in April, 2025.

Cultural Arts

- Events in January included a concert at the Maple Street Chaple in Lombard, The Elixir of Love opera at COD with dinner at Reserve 22, and on February 22 the Illuminata Concert.

Public Policy

- National is proposing an increase in dues.
- The organization continues to work on many Agenda issues.

Old Business/New Business

- Nominating Committee: The nominating committee will be Marie Corcoran, Sue Hagerty, Susan Levy-Creed, and Maureen Dabovich. The committee will start meeting soon. Candidates are needed for President, Program Vice President, and Secretary. Announcement of candidates will be made ten days before the election at the March branch meeting.
- Remember to register for the February program at the Wheaton Library.
- Notify Nancy or Karen if you want to announce anything about your area of interest at the February 5 branch meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 25, 7pm, Zoom only meeting

Adjournment: 8:15 pm