

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH

Minutes of Board Meeting April 29, 2025

Location: Patricia Spence's home, 192 East Road, Glen Ellyn, Ill and Zoom

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

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

March Minutes, April Agenda, March Financial Report, and the Zoom information for the board meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Schulz*, Nancy Possinger*, Janet Miller*, Patty Mugavero*, Jean Lindsey*, Heidi Fraser*, Ewa Bacon*, Susan Levy-Creed*, Patricia Spence, Carolyn Oesterle, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann, Laura Desmarais, Fran Kravitz*(Zoom), Laurie Driscoll*, Maureen Sheehan, Marie Corcoran*Suzanne Gagner (Zoom)

* 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 7:07 pm and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Miller called for any additional corrections or additions to the March 2025 Board Meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Jean Lindsey and seconded by Marie Corcoran, the motion was approved. The correction was the wording for the discussion of District 200 candidates up for election.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

- **Book Sale Update.**
Park View Elementary School in Glen Ellyn will be the site for the 2025 Used Book Sale. The school is located on Park Blvd. 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. Ewa Bacon went over the progress of the Book Sale Committee: Sign-up.com has been set up by Karen Bondy, the contract and insurance has been submitted (\$1940), flyers and bookmarks are being printed, 100-yard signs have been ordered, Jean Lindsey and Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann will distribute the signs, and all other aspects of the sale are being implemented.
- **Convention.** The State Convention, April 25-26, was at the Northfield Inn, Springfield, Il. There were eight attendees from the branch. Comments were positive about the speakers and breakout sessions. Gloria Blackwell was there for the whole conference. Karen highlighted the advice given to be flexible and focus on community impact as the strength of a branch. National Association Education Chair, Al Llorenz, spoke about Education issues as a major focus of the organization at this time.
- **Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers May 31st.** Look for information and invitation in the April Twigs issue. Adelle's Modern Kitchen at 11am. Reservations should be made right away.

Twigs

Articles should be submitted to Susan Peters by May 16, no later than May 21.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer

The details of the budget report were highlighted. There were no questions about the details presented.

Membership Vice President:

- There are 125 branch members.
- Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann is eligible to be a 50-year-life member. Paperwork has filed with National.

Program Vice President Report:

May 15 is rescheduled at the Wheaton Library for the Clarence Goodman program "An Unfinished Journey: African American Music". Register at the Wheaton Public Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Manhattan Short Film Festival

Suzanne Gagner gave an update on the film festival to be sponsored by the branch. The Glen Arts Theater in Glen Ellyn will be the site for the event on September 30, at 7pm.

- There will be 10 short films shown during the two-hour program.
- Two theaters, with the possibility of a third will be available. 240 tickets will be printed.
- Manhattan Short Film Festival splits 50% of Net Revenue with the branch. We are allowed to figure in Theater Rental and Marquee Rental as costs against Revenue to determine Net Revenue. The Glen Arts Theater only gets their rental fees and whatever is made from the concessions.
- Posters, flyers, and voting cards will be provided.
- Tickets will be available for sale at the May 31 luncheon.

Lombard Craft Fair

- Registration and fee of \$175 for the Lombard Craft Fair has been made.
- Set-up for the fair starts at 7:30am. The fair ends at 4pm.
- 17 volunteers are donating time to work at the craft fair in shifts of two hours.
- 14 members of the branch are donating books to sell at our booth during the mini book sale.

Fall Fundraising Walk

The Fall Fundraiser Walk will be at Hidden Lake on Friday morning, October 24. The traditional Trivia game is being prepared by Patricia Spence.

CAC

The April 15 meeting was attended by Ewa Bacon. This was an informational meeting to highlight The Student Handbook about behavioral intervention. District 200 is making this document consistent with the state handbook. This is the last meeting until fall.

Opportunities Fund

Information about possible changes in guidelines from the federal government regarding grant/ scholarship money. This should not have an impact on the annual scholarships given by the Wheaton- Glen Ellyn branch.

Cultural Arts

A group will be viewing The Hokusai Exhibit at COD on June 13 at 10am with a docent. The group will have time to look on their own when the presentation concludes. There are enough participants signed up to get the special rate that was arranged for the event.

Old Business/New Business

- Arrangements will be made to have an Opportunities Fund speaker at the September branch meeting.
- Notify Nancy or Karen if you want to announce anything about your area of interest at the May 15 branch meeting at the Wheaton Library.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 27 at 7pm, Host: Sarah Allen, 822 Abbey Drive, Glen Ellyn, IL and Zoom

Adjournment: 8:38 pm