

AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH

Minutes of Board Meeting July 29, 2025

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

CONTENTS OF BOARD PACKET

The following items were distributed by Secretary Schiller to the Branch Leadership team prior to the meeting: May Minutes, July Agenda, FY25-26 Branch Board Calendar, Details of AAUW's Five Star program for Branches FY26, and instructions for the board meeting via Zoom.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Sheehan*, Patricia Spence*, Karen Schulz*, Marie Corcoran*, Susan Hagerty*, Valli Schiller*, Ewa Bacon*, Carolyn Oesterle (Zoom), Susan Levy-Creed* (Zoom), Laurie Driscoll*, Fran Kravitz* (Zoom), Susan Peters (Zoom)

* Officers or Voting Chairs

With 10 total Officers and Voting Chairs in attendance, the quorum requirement was met.

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Presidents Maureen Sheehan and Patricia Spence called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Secretary Schiller called for any corrections or additions to the May 27, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. None were noted. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Marie Corcoran and seconded by Ewa Bacon; the motion was approved.

REMARKS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

Maureen Sheehan led a review of all the dates/events on the FY25-26 Branch Board Calendar.

- The September Board Meeting is pending whether there is business to discuss. The November 25, 2025 Board meeting will be Zoom only as it occurs close to Thanksgiving. No objections were noted.
- A motion to book Adelle's Modern Kitchen on May 30, 2026 for the Spring Luncheon was made by Karen Schulz and seconded by Marie Corcoran. The motion was approved.
- A motion to hold the Winter Gathering on December 3, 2025 at Marie Corcoran's home (with details to follow) was made by Marie Corcoran and seconded by Karen Schulz. The motion was approved.

Twigs

Articles should be submitted to Susan Peters by August 15, 2025 for publication in the September issue.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer

- No financial statements were presented. The Treasurer's report is deferred to the August board meeting.

Membership Vice President – Marie Corcoran

- There are 129 paid branch members. One additional returning member's pending payment will bring membership to 130. Annual dues are currently receivable from 20 members who are in their 3 month non-renewal grace period. The grace period ends September 30, 2025.
- Branch new member orientation meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 17. Information packets are being updated.

Program Vice President – Karen Schulz

- The Fall KICK-OFF Branch Meeting will be held September 3, 2025 at the Glen Ellyn Police Department. Dana Fanslow, director of the Nippersink Public Library District, is confirmed as guest speaker with topic pending. Gelato will be served. Please invite your friends; non-members welcome.
- Sarah Allen hosted a well-attended program planning meeting on July 22, 2025. In addition to the September KICK-OFF meeting, December, November, and February programming is now planned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**STEM – Fran Kravitz**

We have been contacted by the Glen Ellyn Public Library to present workshops for December, January, and February, meaning that we will have workshops from September 2025 through February 2026. Monthly workshops have been planned on exciting topics including magnetic fields, chemical batteries, tensegrity, kinetic energy, the science of bubbles, and Möbius strips.

Book Sale update – Ewa Bacon

- We collected 14,300 adult books and 5,500 childrens' books. 45 Branch members worked during the sale.
- According to sales tickets, we had 750 customers. There were 481 sales transactions on Thursday, 159 transactions on Friday and 110 transactions on Saturday.
- Gross sales proceeds were \$17,288, with net proceeds to be determined at a future date.
- Park View Elementary School was an excellent site. New features included puzzles and games, Saturday incentive pricing for multiple bags, and a checkout station reserved for large orders.
- A motion was made by Marie Corcoran to continue the existing Book Sale leadership of Nancy Possinger, Karen Schulz, and Ewa Bacon for the next sale tentatively scheduled in June 2026. The motion was seconded by Laurie Driscoll and unanimously approved.

MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival (MSFF) – Susan Peters

- 69 tickets have been sold with two months to go for the screening on September 30, 2025 at the Glen Art Theater. Local signage will go up in mid-August. We will decide in 30-40 days if we need a second site.
- Members can buy their tickets at branch events to avoid EventBrite's \$3.52/ticket service charge.

Public Policy – Laurie Driscoll

- We have new AAUW state chairpersons.
- There will be a sign-up sheet at the September 3, 2025 Branch meeting to subscribe to public policy email notifications.

Fall Fundraiser Walk – Carolyn Oesterle

A 2 mile walk with coffee and refreshments is scheduled for October 24, 2025

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was discussion of how to identify candidates for open committee chair positions (e.g., through new member orientation) as well as providing mentorship for new committee chairs.
- There was discussion of the Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Branch's approach and commitment to participating in AAUW's FY26 Five Star Program for Branches.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 26 at 7pm, Host: Patricia Spence, 192 East Rd, Glen Ellyn and Zoom

Adjournment: 8:54 pm