

**Board Meeting of the Westchester Branch of AAUW
January 6, 2016 Minutes**

Attendance: Diona Koerner, Roli Wendorf, Jane Pendergast, Wilma Gitchel, Linda Swann, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Marilee Scheuneman, Stephanie Lemnios, Carol McMillan, Selena Barron, Marie McKellar

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Diona Koerner at 12:10 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous board meeting were approved with one minor change – in Paragraph 5, “change” was replaced by “clarification” in the following sentence: “One major clarification is that we may now have absentee electronic voting for members who are unable to attend our annual meeting”. Branch minutes were approved as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report –Carol McMillan:
We are doing well financially and have three new members. We have not yet received a bill from Ardsley Middle School for WizGirls which had costs of \$4,400 and received \$3,000 from registration.
For EYO, the branch may receive \$10,000 from the NYC Branch House Fund.
3. Membership Report - Adelaide DiGiorgi
The branch had 188 members but recently Vicki Slater passed away making it 187. Ann Sheridan will write about the three new members for next month’s CHIPS. Barbara Sarver will do the name tags. Diona thanked Marilee for her write up of new members in the Jan CHIPS.
4. Survey Results – Stephanie Lemnios
Stephanie presented feedback from the brainstorming session at the holiday luncheon on December 6, 2015 which explored which programs members wanted to receive additional funding.
5. Diamond Jubilee – Marie McKellar
The charge for the celebration will be \$60 per person and some people will give additional donations. There will be a committee meeting on 01/15/16.
Stephanie Lemnios will do the favors. Stephanie and Sue Lambert will do a rolling slide show and photo displays all around.
Roli Wendorf went through the budget, which totals \$1,000 to \$1,500, and ways to raise money to cover the expense. It was noted that membership is now \$600 ahead of the figure stated in the budget.

6. Nominating committee – Marie McKellar

The committee has met and chosen a slate of officers for 2016-2017 which is:

Co-Presidents: Diona Koerner, Linda Swann

Program Co-Vice Presidents: Sandy Flank, Stephanie Lemnios

Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Phyllis Hirth, Pam Margand

Recording Co-Secretaries: Marge Kingsley, Natasha Rose

Corresponding Secretary: Adie Shore

Co-Treasurers: Carol McMillan, Jane Pendergast

7. EYO – Wilma Gitchel

The new brochures are ready.

The College of Mount St. Vincent has increased its charges for the conference and the budget is now over \$20,000. There is money in the bank for this year but next year could be a problem. Having sufficient funds is dependent on whether EYO will get \$10,000 or some lesser amount from the NYC Branch House Fund this year and if so, whether this will be repeated next year. The possibility of finding a cheaper venue was discussed.

Sheila Narayanan will talk to MasterCard about using MasterPass, Master Card's version of PayPal, for EYO's registration.

8. Start Smart – Roli Wendorf

There were no workshops in Fall 2015 because the time was needed for training. In March, however, there will be a workshop at Purchase College, and another at Sarah Lawrence College in September. A grant has been received for expanding this program so additional colleges are needed.

9. Running and Winning – Jane Pendergast

The committee has met and there is a \$200 contribution in the budget.

10. New Intern – Roli Wendorf

The new journalism intern, Jessica Gallego, has an impressive resume. Roli Wendorf confirmed that the intern would do a write up of EYO, as was done by last year's intern. She also reported that our Branch raised over \$6,500 for various AAUW Funds in 2015.

11. Conflict of Interest Policy – Linda Swann

Linda Swann explained the new Conflict of Interest Policy for a not-for-profit organization which the board members are required to sign each calendar year. Linda Swann will print up a signature page to append to the Annual Statement of Directors so that all the board members can sign the statement at the next board meeting in February.

12. Bronx Academy for Software Engineering – Roli Wendorf

There are two Academies for Software Engineering: one in Manhattan and one in the Bronx. The schools take children by lottery and 80-85% of the students are male. In order to influence the number of girls wishing to attend the academies, AAUW needs to encourage guidance counsellors and leaders to send girls from NYC to EYO and also to send a counsellor with the students.

Wilma talked about a separate program at EYO for the counsellors.

13. Collaboration with Manhattan College Professor – Diona Koerner

A Manhattan College Professor, whose daughter had a wonderful time at WizGirls, has applied for a grant to enable girls to participate in a study of the Hudson River in Peekskill, and our branch is partnering with her in this project.

14. 2016 AAUW NYS Convention – Roli Wendorf

The Convention takes place in Saratoga Springs from April 15-17. Roli Wendorf and Jane Pendergast will attend the state conference but, unfortunately, this means they will be unable to attend EYO this year which is on April 16th.

Putting an announcement in the NYS Convention Journal of the 60th Anniversary of the AAUW Westchester Branch was discussed. The decision has to be made by February 26th and will be brought up in the budget meeting.

15. Awards – Roli Wendorf

The recipients of the Emerging Leader Award, the 21st Century Program Award and the Education Award have been selected.

16. NYC Branch House Funds – Diona Koerner

Twice a year we can apply for grants from the NYC House Funds. We can submit multiple applications but if more than one grant is approved, we must select only one of them. The next deadline is February 1st when we will be applying for a \$10,000 grant for EYO. The deadline is approaching and Wilma has not yet received the application form.

17. Next Board Meeting on February 3rd – Diona Koerner

AAUW gets charged for using the upstairs room at the Greenburgh Public Library for their board meetings. It was suggested that we hold next month's board meeting in the room downstairs so that Carol McMillan can project information about the budget on the wall.

18. Paid Family Leave Campaign – Jane Pendergast

NYS AAUW has already signed on to this campaign. Jane proposed that our branch get involved which she thought may involve demonstrations, phoning and a trip to Albany. The board passed a resolution to support NYS AAUW in its Paid Family Leave Campaign.

The meeting was adjourned by Roli Wendorf at 1:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Swann.