

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting Jan 7, 2015.
at the Greenburgh Public Library (GPL)

Present: Selena Barron ,Ruth Berlowitz, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Diona Koerner, Stephanie Lemnios, Mary Logan , Pam Margand, Marie McKellar, Carol McMillan, Linda Motelson. Jane Pendergast, Marilee Scheuneman, Adie Shore, Ann Toffel ,

Diona called the **meeting to order** at 12:20 PM

1. Minutes of Branch and Board meetings of Nov 5th were approved

2. Treasurer's Report.. Carol reviewed the Financial Statement as of Dec 30th and the proposed budget for 2014-2015 which consists of what we know we will need. Linda's request that \$500 be sent to EYO & \$300 be sent to the Library was authorized by the board. Diona will send a \$300 check to the library with a thank you note. Budget requests are due by the end of Jan (see Jan Chips). The Budget Meeting will take place on Feb 4 as the first item on the Board meeting agenda and all interested parties are invited to attend. A notification announcing the Budget Meeting at 12:00pm on Feb 4, 2015 at the GPL will be emailed to all members and will also be announced in the Feb newsletter.

3. Committee/Action Group Reports

a) Membership – Adelaide reported we have 185 members and 2 more will be paid shortly, We will now make phone calls to National members to encourage them to join us. Diona will check the list every few months. It was agreed that the best way to get new members is to bring a friend to our meetings.

b) Tech Savvy Girls

- **EYO** – Marilee reported that some who participated in prior years want to participate this year. She sent out 131 letters. Jane and Marilee will visit some schools.
- **Hendrick Hudson School District** - Lorrin, Wilma and Diona will be meeting with them next week to discuss their plans for STEM events to encourage their female students to look at STEM careers.

c.) Start Smart workshops – Jane reported 4 workshops are planned for the spring. We will be training facilitators. We plan to contact colleges that we have worked with in the past (WCC,CMSV, Purchase) as well as some new ones for which we need contact information. If we have money we can cover their cost of \$650 and hopefully do more.

d) Common Core - Jane reported that there is a meeting scheduled at the GPL on Jan 21st. Sandy Flank suggested we need hands-on experience to understand the issues and to know how to approach it. Jane reported that the issue of the curriculum is being left out of the conversation. Teacher evaluations and testing are the issues being discussed.

e) AAUW Funds raised in 2014 - Mary reported that donations received were over \$6500. She suggested a follow-up thank you. This puts the Branch among the top ranked nationally.

f) Spring Intern- Mary reported she received 4 applications – 3 male and 1 female. They will be interviewed. The intern helps with Public Relations and writing up of articles. The school's goal is that it be a learning experience, and that write-ups become part of their portfolio.

g). Handbook update – Marie, Roli, Selena and Diona worked on the update and this is complete. The bylaws will become part of the Handbook. New language is being used: A

committee advises the Board and the members serve for the term of the Board. The current board has no committees. Other groups work on Branch projects or function as Action Groups.

h) Nominating Branch Project was composed of: Selena Barron, Jean Havens, Marie McKellar, Jane Pendergast, and Marilee Scheuneman.

Marie presented the 2015-2016 Branch Officers Slate which will appear in the next Chips, to be voted on at the April 1st Annual Branch meeting or by US mail. They are:

- Co-Presidents: Diona Koerner, Roli Wendorf
- Program Co-Vice Presidents: Selena Barron, Stephanie Lemnios
- Membership Co- Vice Presidents: Adelaide DiGiorgi, Ann Sheridan
- Recording Co-Secretaries: Natasha Rose, Linda Swann
- Corresponding Secretary: Adie Shore
- Co-Treasurers: Carol McMillan, Jane Pendergast

A warm welcome and best wishes were extended to the nominees.

The departing officers: Pam Margand, Linda Motelson, Ann Toffel and Judy Walsh were thanked, as were the officers who will continue to serve.

4) Upcoming Board messages in Chips :

- February: Steph/Selena (Edwina Martin)
- March: WCC Scholarship Luncheon (Marilee)
- April – Diana Kent (Educational Awards)

5) Grant applications: Adie Shore reported the following: 2 applications were made for Start Smart .(1) Key Bank for \$5000 on 11/28/2014 & (2) Westchester Women's Bar Association for \$2000 on 11/14/2014. They will be considered in March. Adie will provide the board with copies of the applications. WCC will be contacted in Feb and an application for Start Smart funding will be submitted in the spring. Lorrin will reach out to Con Edison for funds for EYO.

Now that we are a 501C organization, it may be easier to get donations. It was suggested that we contact Regeneron. Adie asked for contacts at Banks, Insurance Companies etc who we do business with who might be willing to donate.

6) Old business: The luncheon was a great success with 49 attendees.

New business: We were asked to think about an Emerging Leader for 2015.

7) Next Board meeting - Feb 4, 2015, 12:00 PM at the GPL

Meeting was **adjourned** at 1:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Toffel, Co- recording Secretary.