

## **AAUW October 7, 2015 Board Minutes**

Attendance: Marilee Scheuneman, Carol McMillan, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Roli Wendorf, Diona Koerner, Adie Shore, Jane Pendergast, Marie McKellar, Selena Barron, Linda Swann, Natasha Rose

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Diona Koerner at 4:35 p.m.

1. A motion was made by Adelaide DiGiorgi to approve the September Board minutes which was seconded by Jane Pendergast. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Jane Pendergast to approve the September Branch minutes which was seconded by Adie Shore. It, too, passed by unanimous consent.

2. The Treasurer's Report- Carol McMillan. The only change to the report which was previously sent to all Board members is that a \$70 contribution which was made in honor of Natalie Fogel was taken out of Branch funds and put into the WCC Scholarship fund as was the intention of those making the contribution.

WizGirls registrations are mostly coming in on Paypal. Almost 100 registrations have been received that way, many more than by mail so it is a successful program.

Membership dues are coming in ahead of projections and expenses for the year are starting to come in. Two of the insurance policies which were approved by the Board at the August meeting, the director and officer insurance and the crime bond, have already been paid. We still owe \$300 for the liability policy.

Carol said that she would like to have someone undertake a financial review. Nancy Pura was asked, but said she was not qualified to review a 501(c)(3) organization. Carol found guidelines on how to do so for an organization like ours online from the Unitarian Church. Names of members who might be able to do this were discussed, for example, Roseanne Klein.

Jane Pendergast said she spoke with the Branch attorney concerning the use of a link with Amazon on our website and he said there was no problem with our doing so as long as we do not ask our membership to shop there or make any qualitative comparison with other shopping websites.

3. Branch Project Reports.

Adelaide DiGiorgi reported on membership. We currently have 180 members. We have one new member and one returning member. She reminded all in attendance about the October 17 New Members Coffee and asked everyone to think of people they know who might be interested in attending.

Selena Barron spoke about programs. The November program will be presented by Wilma Gitchel. It will feature her family's life on an Indian reservation. The December program will be a luncheon at LaCatena on December 6 at 12 noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$31.50 but we will charge \$35 per person. Adie Shore will be in charge of the Toys for Tots program.

Roli Wendorf talked about the trip to see the movie “Duktar” on October 11 for the 3:05 showing. Members will meet at the theater and buy their own individual tickets.

Jane Pendergast spoke about the Common Core roundtable discussion which will be on October 28 at Pace University. She said there will be room for approximately 30 observers and she will send out an email asking anyone interested to contact her.

Selena Barron reported on voter registration. We did not participate in the registration at the Greenburgh Library because the League of Women Voters had already canceled that reservation. Jane Pendergast reported that she and Sandy Flank registered people at the Saw Mill Club. She recommended that in the future we try for outdoor spots in order to attract a broader population.

4. Meetings- There will be a meeting to discuss the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Friday, October 9 at 10 a.m. and a “brainstorming” session on October 29 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss possible programs for our Branch which could use the funds available from the sale of the New York City Branch house. Both meetings will be at the home of Natasha Rose.
5. WizGirls – The registration is going well. The goal is to have 100 girls in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and an additional 100 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. As of now we have 90 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders registered and 56 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Mount Vernon is sending 40 girls, and New Rochelle is sending 20. As of yet we do not have any registration from Yonkers. We had a nice article in the Rivertowns Enterprise about the program. There is a need for additional volunteers and for teachers who can be team leaders for the afternoon projects. As of October 7 we have not received the contributions from Mastercard or Cognizant, but Sheila is confident they will be forthcoming.
6. Grant applications – We can apply for \$500 for mission based projects. Last year we split the money and gave \$250 to EYO and \$250 to Start Smart. This year we will ask for the money for WizGirls.
7. AAUW funds- So far we have \$2500 in contributions. Last year we raised a total of \$6500. The National AAUW emphasis this year is for unrestricted funds so they can use it where the need is greatest, but the designated funds are still available so members can give to whichever they prefer.
8. Library conference room cost – The library is charging \$50 for a four hour rental. We are asking them to cut the cost to \$25 for a two hour rental since that is how long our meetings take. The new fee will start in 2016. As we have been giving a \$300 contribution to the library, the cost is not a deterrent to using the library for our meetings.
9. The District V conference was cancelled due to weather.
10. WCFWC- The Westchester County Federation of Women’s Clubs has 22 member organizations, down from 24 last year. We need a new representative to that organization –various names were mentioned including Colleen Fay and Judy Walsh.
11. Upcoming Board messages in Chips were mentioned. Sheila will do one on WizGirls for November, Mary Logan on AAUW funds in December and Wilma will do January’s on EYO.
12. New business- Adie Shore told the Board that she has accepted a new full time position but will still stay on as Corresponding Secretary.
13. The next Board meeting will be on November 4 at 12 noon at the Greenburgh Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Natasha Rose