

AAUW Westchester Branch Board Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2016

Attendance: Marilee Scheuneman, Carol MacMillan, Natasha Rose, Diona Koerner, Linda Swann, Sandra Flank, Susan Appel, Stephanie Lemnios, Jane Pendergast.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Swann at 12:10 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 2016 Board meeting.

The following correction was made to the minutes: "The current scholarship program, under the supervision of Marilee Scheuneman, donates three scholarships in the amount of \$1500.00 each, for a total of \$4,500.00 per year."

Natasha Rose made a motion to approve the minutes as amended which was seconded by Carol MacMillan and passed with unanimous consent.

The October 2016 branch minutes were approved as written in a motion made by Carol MacMillan and seconded by Sandra Flank. This motion also passed by unanimous consent.

2. Treasurer's Report – Carol MacMillan

The treasurer's report was distributed. Our dues income is slightly ahead of the budgeted amount. With regard to WizGirls, we currently have sufficient funding from the grants we received last year to run the program for several years in the future and do not need to apply for more funding. It took approximately \$6,000.00 to run the program. We had \$13,000.00 in the bank left over from last year's event and we received approximately \$3,000 in registration dues. So we have about \$10,000.00 left to apply to future programs.

3. Membership

We have 184 members at the current time and all of the yearbooks have been distributed. The new member's coffee will be at the home of Marie McKellar this coming Saturday. All new members should have been contacted and invited. Diona, Wilma and Marie will be there to speak about our branch programs.

4. Branch Projects:

Wiz Girls: Diona

We had 224 girls attending. 80 of them were in 6th or 7th grade and 144 were 4th or 5th graders. We had a great response, especially from the younger girls. Sixteen who had pre-registered did not show up, which is a good ratio. In the future we need to do more outreach to the schools, especially to make sure that the information gets to the right person in each school. We had girls from Ardsley, White Plains (through the Girl Scouts), Greenburgh and Yonkers sponsored eight girls.

In the future it would be better if the program could be held in November. The workshop leaders were very happy with the program and it was run without any hitches. The 36 AAUW

volunteers who participated in the afternoon workshops all enjoyed it, as did the girls. The people from Ardsley who worked with us were all wonderful as well. Linda Swann interjected that it would be nice if the STEM interest group could give a workshop similar to the ones at WizGirls so that we could all learn from it and enjoy it.

Start Smart/Work Smart – Jane Pendergast

We held a Start Smart workshop at Sarah Lawrence which attracted 12 participants, and it went well.

On November 5 the first Work Smart workshop will be held at the Greenburgh Library. At the end of November the Westchester County Office for Women will have a conference call with National AAUW to see about putting together a large scale Work Smart program.

On October 27 Roli Wendorf co-led a Start Smart program at New York Institute for Technology which we sponsored in conjunction with the Empire State Branch. About 25 students attended and it went well.

5. Nominating Committee: Diona Koerner

The three open positions have been filled.

Stephanie Lemnios has agreed to become Co-President; Colleen Fay will work with Sandra Flank as Program Co-Chairs and Cynthia Plater has agreed to serve on Membership along with Phyllis Hirth.

6. District V Conference

Jane Pendergast and Stephanie Lemnios attended the conference, which was on the subject of diversity in the workplace. It focused on trying to get large companies to change the way in which they looked at diversity, to make sure that diversity is thought about when hiring, and on sensitivity training for top level people. The conference attracted people from the New York Bar Association, Mt. Sinai Hospital and Verizon.

Jane also attended the Hunter College Young Women's Leadership Conference where she talked to people about AAUW and the work we do.

7. Holiday Luncheon

Linda Swann is arranging for an email about the luncheon to be sent out, and information about it has been in CHIPS. Carol MacMillan said that registration has been slow to date.

We need to see if Addie Shore is still willing to collect the toys donated to Bedford Hills Prison.

8. Beverly Jordan Trust-

Linda and Diona signed the release and sent it off. Stephanie Lemnios said that Diana Kent, who was a friend of Beverly's has written up a piece on Beverly which will appear in CHIPS. With regard to raising funds, Marilee, who is in charge of raising funds for the WCC Scholarships, said she does not want the Beverly Jordan fund raising to compete with EYO, the local scholarship funds or AAUW national funds. We will have to determine when the best time to ask for money for the Jordan

scholarship will be, as the scholarship luncheon is in April. With regard to the local scholarships, Marilee said we may be able to move some additional money from the budget to this. Marilee said that she has raised \$3600 in the last twelve months, including \$200 from the budget and \$400 from summer activities and \$3000 from donations, but that she needs to raise \$4,500.00

Carol MacMillan says that we should just ask people for money for the Jordan scholarship and emphasize that it is a one time donation. She also said we should charge more for the scholarship luncheon.

Stephanie Lemnios said we could have an evening program featuring workshops like those at WizGirls and charge for it in order to raise additional monies.

9. Conflict of Interest – it has been signed by all and sent to Roli to be put on our website.
10. Women and Culture – Selena Barron was part of a panel on the subject at the Greenburgh Library this past Saturday.
11. By law revision – A meeting on this subject needs to be held in November. Linda, Diona, Marie and Selena will make up the committee to do so.
12. Messages in CHIPS:

December – Beverly Jordan trust – Stephanie Lemnios

January- WizGirls – Maddy Krol

February – EYO- Wilma Gitchel

March – Scholarship funds – Marilee Scheuneman

April – Education Awards – Diana Kent

May – Running and Winning – Mary Logan

June – EYO Wrap up – Wilma Gitchel

13. The next Board meeting will be January 4, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Natasha Rose