

Minutes of AAUW Westchester Board Meeting at the Greenburgh Public Library, Oct 1, 2014

Present:

Marlene Cartaina, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Wilma Gitchel, Lorrin Johnson, Diana Kent, Diona Koerner, Stephanie Lemnios, Mary Logan, Marie McKellar, Carol McMillan, Linda Motelson, Jane Pendergast, Ann Toffel , Roli Wendorf

Diona called the **meeting to order** at: 4:40 PM

1..... Approval of minutes

Sept 10 Branch Meeting – approved with the following correction 5.) Second sentence should read: Ann Sheridan thanked Pam for her hard work in distributing the Yearbooks. Bylaws committee will check bylaws for procedure for approving branch minutes.

Sept 17 Board Meeting – approved with the following correction. 3a) postage is \$1.12

2. Treasurer’s Report ;

Linda reviewed the Financial Report as of Sept 28th.

Re 501(3)(c) status –Carol reviewed the legalities of tax exempt purchases. The following procedures are now in place: When making a large purchase, the bill should be sent to Carol/the treasurer or e-mail Carol to place the order or use a special Debit card to charge purchases. For small purchases, pay the sales tax.

Signing branch checks: The bylaws committee will find out who can sign branch checks.

3. Committee/Action Group Reports

a.....Membership – Adelaide reported we have 176 members. Helping the committee are Jane Pendergast, Natasha Rose & Janet Demb Most of the yearbooks were picked up at the last meeting. The rest were mailed.

b..... Programs

Stephanie reminded us that The Holiday luncheon is at noon Dec 7th

c.....EYO- Wilma met with the new person in charge at CMSV. At a recent meeting security guards, janitors and others on the campus attended.

Finances: We have large reserves through contributions and unexpected donations.

Last year’s conference coincided with Spring Break, so there were no chaperones to bring more students.

d.....Start Smart

Roli reported there has been no response from Berkeley College. This will need follow-up in the fall.

SUNY Stony Brook- Jane will present a workshop on Nov 6th; Natasha will attend to get trained.

WCC will have a workshop in the spring. Workshops will be held at Purchase in March & College of Mt St Vincent- Nov 6th

WCFWC High Tea was September 19th. Met with Presidents and Representatives of Westchester Women's Clubs

October 23rd meeting at the Kittle House is open to all members.

e.....Wilma reported that the Greenburgh library does children's STEM programs . They want speakers for others in the Library System. Names are being added to our contact list.

f. Title IX Mary Logan will participate in a panel discussion on Sexual Assault on Campus on October 25 at Long Island Post College.

4. Upcoming Board messages in Chips

November – AAUW Funds (Mary)

December – Midterm Elections (Selena)

5. Announcements

District V Conference – October 18, 11am at College of Mount St Vincent

6. Discussion on **funding for mission based programs**: STEM, Start Smart, Education Awards etc

Diana Kent, related a brief history of awards given in the past.eg Dictionary Award and Writing awards. She presented an outline of costs involved in this year's Outstanding Student Award. 42 High Schools were contacted and approximately 35 responded. The Board approved her request to write an article for April CHIPS and ask for contributions for the High School Education Award.

The 8th Grade Awards- monies allocated in the budget is sufficient. New expense will only be postage.

Roli spoke about a \$500 grant for 2014-15 from NYS AAUW that can be applied for to cover any mission based program, eg EYO, STEM-based program, Start Smart, Title IX.

Lorrin suggested it be split between EYO and Start Smart. EYO could use the funding to give a stipend to student helpers, person doing the lighting etc. This was approved by the board.

7. Misc: old business, new business-none

Reminder that the next meeting is lunchtime and the group agreed that we each bring our own.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Toffel, Co-Recording Secretary.