

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting minutes at the home of Roli Wendorf , August 20, 2014

Present: Adelaide DiGiorgi, Diona Koerner, Stephanie Lemnios, Pam Margand, Marie McKellar, Carol McMillan, Linda Motelson. Jane Pendergast, Marilee Scheuneman, Ann Toffel , Roli Wendorf

Diona called the **meeting to order** at 10:15 am

1. Minutes of June 18, 2014 Part 1d corrected to " Jane reported that Mary Logan spoke with gratitude" Minutes accepted as corrected

2. Treasurer's report :

Linda reviewed the statements, and reported "we are in good shape".

Carol reported on the tax filing update: She will send registration paperwork to the State and Federal Governments. She read a "thank you" letter from ProBono Partnership for our donation of \$200

3. Committee reports:

a. Membership-

Adelaide reported 167 members renewed.

Jane suggested we contact National to make us aware of unaffiliated members in the metropolitan area (about 100) so that we may contact them about our branch.

She agreed to be a greeter at the next meeting

The committee and Barbara Sarver were thanked for their excellent work

b. Programs

Stephanie reviewed the upcoming meeting on Sept 10th at the GPL which will be a pot luck dinner. It was suggested that we provide recipes of the dishes we bring, and that an e-mail go out reminding members that we are NOT meeting at the Church in Chappaqua as we have in the past. Sandy Flank will speak on Chemistry of Sugar: to use it or not to use it

c. Hospitality Three people have volunteered to help Barbara: Adie Shore, Patricia Roth and Annette Cohen.

d. Summer programs

Diona reported that the summer trips were very successful and generally well attended

e. EYO- Marilee reported that there are new contacts at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. The event will be on Sat, March 21, 2015

4. Announcements

a. Yearbook and Website update Kudos to Barbara for an excellent job on the Yearbook and Marilee commended the website

b. Holiday luncheon Stephanie reported for Selena: A deposit of \$80 has been placed. We will have "Mystery Women" as a game. It was noted that the sound system needs to be checked for audibility.

c. Strategic Plan status Roli, Marie, Selena and Diona have been working on updating.

d. Bylaws status Carol reported that the State has not yet completed the guidelines

e. Pro Bono donation status (see above)

f. STEM interest group . This is a new group being chaired by Sandra Flank who will be helped by Doris Lowenfels. Meetings will be the second Wed of the month. The first meeting will be on the Brain and the October meeting will be on 3D printing

g. Chasing Culture interest group This is another new group being chaired by Pam Margand and they will be going to the Mount Vernon museum in NYC on Sept 24

h. District V Conference, Oct 18, 2014 Roli reported that the SWAN programme focuses on movies produced by women.

5. Sept 10 Pot Luck and Branch Meeting

3 non-board members must be elected to the nominating committee at the Sept branch meeting. Marie and Marilee volunteered and we will look for a third person.

Marilee is organizing the pot luck at the Sept branch meeting. We are being asked to bring books for centerpieces on the tables. Interest group chairs will be reminded to bring signup sheets. It was suggested that we continue the tradition of having a poetry reading before the start of the programme. Marilee will check with Mary Ellen Le Clair.

6. Chips cover articles assignments

Oct - prisons and women - Stephanie

Nov - AAUW funds - Mary Logan

Dec - Elections results - Selena

Jan EYO - Wilma

Mar Scholarship - Marilee

7. Cazenovia report (include Collaboration form) Roil reported that she and Jane attended a recent meeting which was attended by about 70 people. There was a lot of interaction time. There is a \$500 grant available to each branch for a mission-based program. See a detailed article in CHIPS.

8. Advocacy update Jane suggested that to partner with a school, we enter via a student and not administration. It is good publicity for the Branch. Also regarding Common Core- AAUW is a strong supporter. We need to find ways to be effective in the community. She suggested an Action Group.

9. Branch Brochure update Sue Lambert is doing the updating

10. Art auction fundraiser suggestion The group agreed not to do this

11. Old business- none

12. New business-

Adelaide reported that Connie Partridge recommended a new interest group- Meeting for evening dinner. It was suggested that she write an article for CHIPS.

It was also suggested that there be a Membership Committee

Meeting was **adjourned** at 11:30AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Toffel, Co-Recording Secretary