

## AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

April 1, 2015

at the Greenburgh Public Library

**Present:** Selena Barron, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Diona Koerner, Stephanie Lemnios, Mary Logan, Pam Margand, Marie McKellar, Carol McMillan, Linda Motelson, Jane Pendergast, Ann Toffel, Roli Wendorf

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

### **Approval of minutes:**

Board meeting minutes of March 4, 2015 were approved

Branch meeting minutes of March 4 were approved with the following correction:

*Membership Report:- no new members at this time*

### **Treasurer's Report and 2015-2016 Budget**

Linda reported: More dues and contributions resulted in more income than projected.

Carol noted that we received \$250 toward senior awards.

With regard to our tax exempt status: Staples has issued us a card which purchases can be charged to. We cannot buy on our own and expect to be reimbursed.

### **Committee/Action Group Reports**

- **Membership report:** Adelaide reported we have 2 new members, bringing the membership to 188. It was suggested that there needs to be an article in *CHIPS* with their biographies.
- **Programs report:** Selena reported that Wed June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for Spring Fling. She is waiting to discuss menu and price with St. Andrews. She will do an article for the May *CHIPS*.
- **EYO Conference 2015:** Carol reported it was very successful. There were new members who volunteered. The Workshops went very well. Diona reported one student has an internship at the Bronx Zoo.
- **Start Smart workshops:** Jane reported that on March 11<sup>th</sup> there were approximately 20 students at the Purchase workshop. Workshops to be held in April: CMSV, WCC, Ramapo College in Mahwah NJ. Mary reported that one of the people who was trained in Rochester by Jane was going to Clinton NY to present a workshop.
- **Running and Winning:** April 16: Mary reported there will be 40 students from 21 High Schools.
- **Scholarships Luncheon:** April 28. Roli reported there is still room on behalf of Marilee.
- **Education Awards:** Carol reported we have over \$250. Roli said we will allow fund raising for Ed. Awards next year as well, and then decide what to do for future years, as agreed at the previous Board meeting.

- **Spring Fling:** Selena asked for menu ideas. This year we will be saving money since there will be no tax. We will do a 50/50 raffle.

**Purchase College:** Mary and Jane participated in the Purchase College Job Fair on March 25 to recruit an intern for our Branch.

**Future Program:** Jane suggested 2 films; One of which was “*It happened Here*” which is a portrayal of sexual harassment in schools, which is similar to the problem in the military. Perhaps the Virtual Branch would co-sponsor this.

**Branch Elections:** Linda reported that we need 47 for a quorum and we already have over 30 in absentee ballots.

**AAUW-NYS Convention** – delegates are Jane, Joan Monk, and Roli. The branch display needs photos of the Board which will be taken today. Basket is almost complete.

**Using funds from NYC house sale.**

Roli reported that Branches within a certain NYC metropolitan area may qualify to use monies from the NYC house sale for mission based programs.

There was discussion about what we could do to expedite the process to receive funding.

Suggestions were to write a letter to national leadership or ask a question at the State Convention.

We decided to start with asking a question at the Business meeting in the NYS Convention.

**New Member Coffee:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Selena’s. There will be an article in the Newsletter, also it will be announced at the Branch Meeting today.

**Poughkeepsie Branch Event:** April 28 at 7:00 PM. The topic will be “*Taking Charge of Safety on Campus*”. It was suggested that this be a program for Westchester next year.

**Upcoming Board messages in CHIPS:**

May - EYO Conference Highlights (Wilma)

June – NYS Convention Highlights/Awards (Roli)

**Next Board meeting** – May 6, 2015 at 4:30 pm at GPL. The new AAUW-NYS Diversity Director Valora Blackson will attend the meeting.

**Misc: old business, new business**

- **NOW Westchester** wants a contact so that they can work with us. On April 14 which is *Equal Pay Day* there will be a rally at noon outside City Hall with the Mayor of White Plains. Jane agreed to be the contact.
- **Student Leadership Conference (NCCWSL);** Mary requested using the \$200 funding in the budget for NCCWSL to sponsor our intern from last year, Corinne Santiago. The request was agreed to, and Corinne will write an article for CHIPS afterwards.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 5:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Toffel, Co-recording Secretary