

AAUW June 15, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Marie McKellar, Diona Koerner, Roli Wendorf, Marge Kingsley, Carol McMillan, Selena Barron, Sandra Flank, Stephanie Lemnios, Ann Sheridan, Linda Swann, Natasha Rose

The meeting was called to order by Roli Wendorf at 10:00 a.m. As this was a meeting of the old and new boards, Roli first asked everyone to introduce themselves and state their board position.

Old Board Meeting:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 4, 2016 Board Meeting.

In item 9, Stephanie asked that the term “workshop leaders” be changed to “workshop assistants.”

Carol asked to have the minutes distributed to Board members earlier in the month in case the minutes reflect any action that needs to be taken. It was agreed to do so.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Linda Swann and seconded by Ann Sheridan.

The minutes of the May 4, 2016 Branch Meeting were approved as written in a motion made by Carol McMillan and seconded by Stephanie Lemnios.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Carol McMillan

Carol noted that we are approaching the end of the fiscal year, which will be June 30, and asked that anyone who is owed reimbursement send in their request prior to that date. She said that the Spring Fling cost \$700.00 more than we took in, but that since we had budgeted for it to cost up to \$1,500.00 more we were in good shape.

With regard to the Senior Awards, DeeDee Emerson contributed the entire cost of the books so the \$70.00 remaining from the fundraising this year will be applied to next year.

In addition the 8th Grade Awards cost us \$250.00 but we had budgeted \$300, so we are ahead on that as well. On the other hand, we had budgeted \$300 for printing the newsletter, but that actually cost us \$600.00

We need to send out checks to the WCC Scholarship Fund and to the Greenburgh Library.

We also have \$13,000.00 waiting for the next WizGirls program and we have \$1500.00 for Start Smart from a grant received for that program.

Carol has currently received approximately 105 membership renewals.

3. Committee Reports

Membership – Ann Sheridan

We currently have 190 members. A renewal letter will go out to those who have not yet paid for next year by July 1. On July 15 phone calls will be made to those who have still not renewed, and a second round of phone calls will be made on July 25. The deadline for renewing members to be listed in the Yearbook is July 31.

Ann said that it would be helpful to have other Board members assist in making those calls.

Programs – Selena Barron

Selena reported that the Spring Fling was successful, with 83 members attending.

Programs for next year will be discussed in the new Board section of the meeting.

Summer Programs – Roli Wendorf

The list of summer programs is in CHIPS and there were also sign up sheets at the Spring Fling. The Science Barge trip is already full, with 27 members attending.

4. Beverly Jordan Trust – Stephanie Lemnios

Stephanie reported on the research that she and Jane Pendergast have done on this topic. They contacted the Buffalo AAUW branch, which has a substantial scholarship trust which they manage. The tenor of that conversation was that it is a difficult undertaking to manage the funds and they recommended that someone else manage the funds for them.

Stephanie also contacted the Westchester Community Foundation but they have a \$100,000.00 minimum investment. The woman Stephanie spoke with at that foundation said that we could also contact ETS or Scholarship America, but that they both have high fees.

We also spoke about the Westchester Community College Foundation. They will invest and manage the money and can give us a list of potential recipients who meet the qualifications that Beverly Jordan set out in her bequest. They have a \$45,000.00 minimum investment, but may also be able to help with matching funds.

Stephanie will investigate the Westchester Community College Foundation further and will speak with the attorney for the estate to determine whether or not we can add additional funds to bring it up to the WCC Foundation minimum and whether the trust is to remain in perpetuity or if we can use some of the principal. The Board decided to make no decision until further information is received.

Library Series on Women and Culture – Roli Wendorf

Roli reported that the Greenburgh Library will be holding a discussion series on that topic and that on September 10 they will be showing the movie “They Named Me Malala” and holding a panel discussion afterwards. The Library asked for an AAUW representative to be on that panel, and Selena Barron has volunteered to be our representative.

Policy Sheets and By Laws- Roli Wendorf

There is no need to take any action on either of those fronts.

The meeting of the old Board was adjourned at 11:00 with a round of applause to Roli Wendorf for her fine service as Co-President.

New Board Meeting with Diona Koerner president:

1. Goals and Strategic Plans – Diona Koerner

Selena Barron and Marie McKellar will review them and make any necessary recommendations.

2. Appointment of Board Members for Nominating Committee – Diona and Stephanie will fill those positions.

3. Calendar for 2016-2017

The following changes were made to the calendar which had been prepared previously : the Board meeting on September 14 will be moved to 1:00 p.m. and the Spring Fling will again start at 5:00 p.m.

4. Newsletter schedule – to be decided at the August Board meeting.

5. Yearbook update – Linda Swann

The following changes are being made: on Branch projects:

Election – Jean Havens

Facebook – Liz Klein

Historian – Sue Richards and Jean Havens

Holiday Luncheon – remove Connie Partridge

Parliamentarian – Phyllis Hirth

On Interest Groups:

Art – Shelli Pines and Marlene Brenhouse

“Now and Then Lunch” – remove Barbara Gurney

Play Reading – the group has disbanded.

6. Programs – Stephanie Lemnios

Stephanie distributed the list of interesting programs for the 2016-2017 Branch meetings. The changes are to move the October 5 program to the daytime due to a conflict with the Library and the March 1 program will then be moved to an evening slot.

7. WizGirls – Diona Koerner

The program will be held on October 29. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, the students from Manhattan College who helped out last year will not be able to participate.

8. Cazenovia Report – Roli Wendorf

An email has been sent to all members, asking if they wish to participate in the conference. Sandra Flank will go and is going to report on the STEM interest group.

During the discussion on Cazenovia, Carol McMillan asked if members who went to the State Convention were to be reimbursed for any of their expenses, as \$400 had been budgeted for that. Natasha Rose made a motion that each member attendee receive a \$50.00 stipend which was seconded by Linda Swann and adopted.

9. Chappaqua School Meeting – Roli Wendorf

Roli received an email of interest from a student at the Chappaqua High School alternative school, who was interested in the topic of gender equity. She and Jane Pendergast went to the school and met with a class of 5 students and 2 teachers to discuss what AAUW does.

10. Manhattan College DEC grant – Diona Koerner

Last year we co-sponsored a request for a grant from NYS DEC with Manhattan College, which they were denied. The College is putting the request in for a second year and asked if we would still be willing to be a co-sponsor, which Diona agreed to do.

11. New business

It was agreed that the 2016 Holiday Lunch would once again be held at LaCatena.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on August 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Linda Swann.

Submitted by: Natasha Rose