

Board Meeting – May 6, 2015

Minutes

Attendance: Roli Wendorf, Linda Motelson, Pam Margand, Stephanie Lemnios, Diona Koerner, Carol McMillan, Jane Pendergast, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Ann Toffel, Selena Barron, Marie McKellar, Valora Blackson, AAUW-NYS Diversity Director, Judy Walsh

Diona opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. in the Greenburgh Public Library Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the previous board meeting were approved as written. Branch minutes were approved as written.

1. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Linda reviewed the Financial Statement as of April 30 and commented that we are doing well. Carol McMillan reported on memberships and stated that there were four new members.
 - b. The issue of liability insurance was presented. Various options for liability insurance are available ranging in cost from \$170.00 to \$600.00. After some discussion, it was determined that Adelaide, Jane and Carol will do further research and make a report to the board.
2. *Committee/Action Group Reports*
 - a. Membership report –
 - i. Adelaide reported that the New Member Coffee meeting was successful. Melanie Rostoker will be joining the membership committee as Pam Margand will be ending her service to the committee. Adelaide also presented a statement of continuing involvement by Ann Sheridan. Pam reported that we now have 194 members. Diona suggested that new members be recognized with a short write up in CHIPS noting where they live, their education and interests.
 - ii. There was discussion of the need to add activities to the Community Action Group since new members sign up for it. Volunteers will be sought.
 - b. Programs report –
 - i. Selena reported that the Spring Fling on June 4, at St. Andrews Golf Course is proceeding.
 - ii. There was discussion about whether to have the March 2016 branch meeting in the daytime or the evening. A vote was taken and having the meeting in the morning was supported.
 - c. Start Smart workshops – Roli and Jane reported that there were 3 workshops in April.
 - d. Running and Winning – Jane reported that the workshop held in April was a success with 40 junior and senior high school girls attending.
 - e. Scholarships Luncheon – This was held on April 28 with 42 in attendance. Phil McGraph the director of the food service training program at Westchester Community College said at the luncheon that he has more job opportunities for his students than he had students to fill the jobs.
3. AAUW-NYS Convention
 - a. NYC Branch house proceeds – Roli reported that there are \$5,000,000.00 in proceeds from the sale. Eileen Hartmann is the chair of the national committee to review how the money is to be spent. The committee will meet in June at the National Convention. We will submit a proposal for use of the funds by the end of May.
 - b. Update from Valora Blackson, AAUW-NYS Diversity Director. Valora who is working on her Ph.D. is putting together a Diversity strategic plan for AAUS-NYS. Discussion ensued regarding her suggestions for our branch and sharing with her past and current efforts by our branch.
4. AAUW National Elections – Members were encouraged to vote.
5. Equal Pay Rally in White Plains April 14 was attended by several members. We partnered with Westchester NOW and other groups.
6. Upcoming Board messages in CHIPS - June – NYS Convention Highlights will be presented by Roli
7. Next Board meeting – June 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sue Lambert.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Judy Walsh