

## AAUW-Westchester Branch Board Meeting

### Minutes - November 5, 2014

In attendance: Roli Wendorf, Marie McKellar, Mary Logan, Jane Pendergast, Wilma Gitchel, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Pam Margand, Carol McMillan, Diona Koerner, Stephanie Lemnios, Ann Sheridan, Marilee Scheuneman.

Roli opened the meeting in the Greenburgh Library conference room at 12:10 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous board meeting were accepted with a small correction. Minutes of the October Branch meeting were approved as written.

2. Treasurer's Report. Carol reported we have exceeded our membership dues goal. The Board approved replacing Marilee Scheuneman with Linda Motelson, our Treasurer, as someone authorized to sign Branch checks.

3. Bylaws Update. Marie reported changes mandated by AAUW National and NYS are not substantive, and will not affect how our Branch conducts business. One change, in order to continue to have committees subject to the Board oversight, they will be called "Branch Projects" instead. Another, for clarification, the title for Article V of the bylaws will add word "Branch" officers... These changes will not require a vote from Branch membership. The "Conflict of Interest" document will be in our files but not in our bylaws. Selena, Roli, and Diona also worked on reviewing and updating the Branch bylaws.

4. Minutes of Board and Branch meetings will be kept for at least five years, and beginning now will be posted on our website, accessible to members only.

5. NYS Grants, \$250 each for Start Smart and EYO, were easy to apply for and quickly received.

6. District V Conference. The film shown was praised for focusing on the need for gender balance and relevance to women in movie ratings.

7. Future Board Messages in CHIPS:

- December - Midterm Elections (Selena)
- January - EYO (Wilma)
- February – Edwina Martin: Branch Program for March (Stephanie & Selena)
- March - WCC Scholarship Luncheon (Marilee)
- April - possibly Education awards as the topic

8. Membership. Adelaide reported troubles with AAUW National for recording new members on the database long after they pay dues. Diona and Roli will contact Angela Cooper, senior membership person at National, about this, and request contact information be given to branches, and also that the date a member joined be indicated in the database.

9. Holiday Lunch will be Sunday, December 7 at noon, again at La Catena in Ardsley. A mini program on AAUW trivia will be planned by Stephanie, Selena, Roli and Marilee.

10. AAUW Funds. Mary reported having received about forty checks totaling approximately \$4000. She said there are usually about ninety participants in this annual drive.

11. EYO. Wilma said she had nothing to add to the report she gave at the Branch meeting.
12. \$tart \$mart. Workshops scheduled at Stony Brook and College of Mount Saint Vincent.
13. Equity in Education, Title IX. Mary gave a presentation on this at the District VI Conference in Long Island.
14. Running & Winning is scheduled for April 17. LWV will invite elected officials.
15. Committee on Branch Donations will meet in December to discuss policy and procedures related to our 501(c)(3) tax status. Carol, Jane, Diona, Linda and Roli are members of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*Marilee Scheuneman, Acting Secretary*