

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting minutes at the home of Diona Koerner, Sept 17, 2014

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

Roli called the **meeting to order** at 10:10 am

Minutes of Board Meeting August 20, 2014, were approved with the following modifications:

- 3 c. volunteers are Adie Shore, Patricia Roth & Annette Cohen
- 3 e. contacts at College of Mount St Vincent
- 4 d. Bylaws misspelled

2. Treasurer's Report- Linda reviewed the Financial Statement of Sept 11, 2014. The \$30 mailing fee is for non-residents who receive Yearbooks. Carol will set up an appointment at the bank to change signatures on the account to include current co-presidents

3. Committee/Action Group Reports

a.....Membership :

Adelaide reported we now have 175 members. She thanked those who helped at the membership table at the recent Branch meeting and Pam who gave out most of the Yearbooks saving postage which is \$1.12 when mailed in an envelope the exact size of the book. Natasha Rose, Janet Demb will help at the membership table at the next meeting. 64 people attended the last meeting.

b.....Programs – October 1 “*Women in Prison*”. There will be 2 articles in CHIPS. Jane will arrange publicity. We will continue to read quotes by Eleanor Roosevelt at the start of the meetings this year. Arrangements will be made to pick up the speaker

c....AAUW Funds; Mary reported that we are launching annual fund raising. There will be a short article in Oct CHIPS. Letters will be sent to members. An announcement will be made at the Oct 1 branch meeting.

d. Fall intern- Mary reported that the intended student did not contact her. She will start making contacts for the Spring Semester in the fall.

e. EYO- Marilee reported there is a chance for all to be involved. It is on March 21, 2015. Diona is working with the Science Dept to recruit students & staff interested in STEM to do workshops. There are people from the Zoo who will do one. She would like a veterinarian to be involved.

f. AAUW has bought the programs “*Start Smart*” –aimed at students and “*Work Smart*” aimed at young professionals, from the WAGE Project. Our team consists of: Adie Shore, Natasha Rose, Jane, Roli and Mary. Roli participated in a panel discussion at Berkeley College in August and we have been asked to present workshops there and at SUNY Stony Brook in the fall.

g. Handbook. Marie thanked all for the feedback she received. The final version will probably be ready in October.

h. Bylaws: Marie reported that National demands mandatory phrasing. However some of the verbiage is ambiguous. National will be asked to clarify their definition of “individual members” from their point of view. Carol reported that some of this will be required by New York State.

i. Nominating Committee members were: Jean Havens, Selina Barron, Marie McKellar, Marilee Scheuneman and Jane Pendegast. Current Board Members were nominated, except Ann Toffel, who is term limited, and they will be contacted to see if they agree to serve.

j. Roli asked if we need a new committee for fund raising. Jane asked if now that we are 501 (c)(3) do we need more control? Carol suggested that we need more structure. They will convene a group to discuss.

k. WCFWC –(Westchester County Foundation for Womens’ Clubs)
Roli will be attending a High Tea on September 19th

4. Distribution of minutes of Board and Branch meetings. Many felt this should be available to all members, not just the Board. The group voted to post these on our website since it is password protected. Sue Lambert will be asked to send a note to all members when this is done.

5. Mailings to national AAUW members (MAL: Members At Large) Diona sent out about 100 e-mails to encourage joining our Branch, and received only 2 responses. Selena told the group that for the New Members Coffee, she sends letters by local zip-codes and has had a good response.

6. Branch brochure status- Roli reported she is working with Sue Lambert. The tagline was changed to “*Empowering Women and Girls Since 1956*”. The group decided it should be purple with black printing not colored. Marilee will order 500.

7. Upcoming Board messages in Chips will be done by

- November – AAUW Funds (Mary)
- December – Midterm Elections (Selena)

8. Status of new and proposed interest/action groups

STEM Interest Group met at the GPL (Greenburgh Public Library). Diona reported it was beautifully set up and well attended. The Oct meeting will be on “3D printing” at BOCES in Yorktown. Nov meeting will be on “Water” at the GPL

Chasing Culture- Pam reported 7 people are going to the Mt Vernon Museum and lunch afterwards.

Common Core- Jane reported that there are only 1 or 2 people interested at the moment. She will meet with Sandy and Diona and suggest perhaps sending out articles and summarize the issues

Dinner Group- Connie is writing an article for Oct CHIPS, and will see the response/interest

9. Announcement

District V Conference – October 18, 11am at College of Mount St Vincent. It will be in Founder’s Hall. The cost is \$40. An announcement will be in Oct CHIPS.

Next Board meeting – October 1, 2014 at 4:30 pm at GPL

Special topic – funding for mission based programs: STEM, Start Smart, Education Awards, etc.
There is \$500 available from NYS for each branch for mission based programs for which we can apply. Adie Shore has applied for local Start Smart funding.

10. Misc: old business, new business

Hendrick Hudson school district has expressed interest in collaborating on STEM.

A group is meeting with them on Oct 3rd to discuss exactly what they would like.

Greenburgh Library looking for AAUW STEM speaker

Diona reported that Wilma and Lorrin are going Tues Sept 23rd to discuss EYO and the youth STEM program

Recent meeting:

Marilee was thanked for organizing the recent meeting at GPL

Jane will send a thank you letter to the Library for hosting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Toffel, Co-Recording Secretary.