

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

February 1, 2017

12:05 p.m.

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Attendance: Diona Koerner, Carol McMillan, Jane Pendergast, Marilee Scheuneman, Marie McKellar, Pam Margand, Sandy Flank, Stephanie Lemnios, Susan Appel

The meeting was called to order by Diona Koerner, Co-President, at 12:05.

1. The minutes for the January Branch and Board Meetings were accepted as submitted.
2. Pam Margand presented the membership report. We now have 185 members. There have been no new members this month. There was a question about whether women who did not have at least an Associate's degree could join. Many of the women in this group are senior citizens who did not have the opportunity to pursue a college education. This is in violation of current AAUW bylaws as National has repeatedly voted that members must have a college degree. The proposal for a special category in our branch for individuals without degrees will be discussed at the next board meeting.
3. Carol McMillan gave the treasurer's report. The chapter is doing very well financially. The Education High School Awards has been awarded a \$500.00 grant from AAUW NYS. We then worked on a line-by-line proposed budget for 2017-18. It was decided to continue printing some copies of CHIPS, which are used for recruiting new members, and to continue snail mail for the few members who need this service. Projected income is \$12,395.00. Projected total expenses are \$13,950, leaving us with a deficit of \$1,555.00. The dues will remain at \$85.00, which includes \$49.00 National, \$13.00 NY State, \$23.00 Branch. There will be a \$10.00 discount for new members. The expense budget reflects total expenses, except for Explore Your Opportunities. A copy of the proposed budget, submitted by Carol McMillan, will be attached to these minutes.

The proposed budget was approved for submission to membership, and will be in the next issue of *CHIPS*. The budget vote will be held at the annual meeting on Wednesday, April 5.

4. Stephanie Lemnios presented the program report. Roli Wendorf will be our speaker at the March branch meeting, which will be on Wednesday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m.
5. Marilee Scheuneman spoke about fundraising for our scholarship program. The luncheon on Tuesday, April 25, at Westchester Community College, will be the subject of the lead article in the March newsletter. The price for the luncheon will be \$30.00, of which \$18.00 will be tax deductible if our expenses are the same as last year's.
6. Sandy Flank reported on the group discussions at our December luncheon. There was a general satisfaction with involvement in various activities. A number of people would like more activities in Northern Westchester. There was interest in the idea of Court Observers, but no volunteer to lead it. One group mentioned that perhaps our September meeting should be people telling about each of the groups and providing an opportunity for others to sign up. This might enable us to find new leaders. Also, one group was dissatisfied with the luncheon venue, and would like to move somewhere else next year. They also mentioned having a program at the luncheon.
7. Diona Koerner stated that the WizGirls program would be held for the third year at Ardsley Middle School, probably on November 4. We still are in need of a facilities coordinator and a coordinator of workshop assistants. Last year, the program won a New York State AAUW award.

8. Branch elections will be held at the annual branch meeting on Wednesday, April 5. Absentee ballots will be available, and may be submitted either by email or “snail mail” to Jean Havens, chair of the elections committee. Phyllis Hirth is parliamentarian.
9. The New York State AAUW Convention will be held on April 23 in Syracuse. The emerging leader will be Colleen Fay. Stephanie Lemnios is co-director of the convention. Roli and Marilee will be presenting our branch display. We will place a half page, \$125, ad in the Journal
10. Jane Pendergast spoke about the Women’s March that she attended in Washington, DC on January 21. She distributed a list of Women’s March resources. Several other members of our branch also attended the march.
11. Jane also discussed the Electoral College meeting, co-sponsored by Sandy Galef, NYS Assembly and AAUW Westchester branch, that she had attended on January 12, where issues such as the constitutional right of states to band together were discussed.
12. Marilee Scheuneman reported on the status of the Beverly Jordan AAUW Scholarship. The original endowment was \$36,882.55. The total goal amount is \$45,000.00, which leaves a balance due of \$8,149.45. Jane, Stephanie, and Marie volunteered to provide contributions to make up the difference.
13. We decided to switch some upcoming Board messages in *CHIPS*. Therefore, the May message will be EYO, and June will be Running and Winning. March remains WCC Scholarships and April Educational awards
14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Appel