

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

March 1, 2017

4:30 p.m.

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Attendance: Diona Koerner, Linda Swann, Carol McMillan, Marilee Scheuneman, Pam Margand, Phyllis Hirth, Barbara Sarver, Susan Appel

The meeting was called to order by Diona Koerner, Co-President, at 4:35 p.m.

1. The minutes for the February Branch and Board Meetings were accepted as submitted.
2. Carol McMillan gave the treasurer's report. There is a correction to the Financial Statement. Line 29 is now a \$200 contribution to the WCC Scholarship Fund. There will also be a \$50.00 contribution made to the AAUW fund, in lieu of a basket, at the convention.

Any new members joining our branch on or after March 15 will get fifteen months of membership for the price of one year's dues.

3. Phyllis Hirth presented the membership report. We now have 185 members. Georgia Duran is the only new member.
4. Marilee Scheuneman gave an EYO progress report. All is going well, and the girls are starting to register.
5. Diona Koerner stated that the WizGirls program would be held for the third year at Ardsley Middle School, on November 4. All positions have been filled, except for facilities coordinator. The first meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Scarsdale library.
6. Mary Logan is in charge of the Running and Winning workshop, which will be held on April 27. Registration is starting to come in.
7. The WCC Scholarship Luncheon will be held at Westchester Community College on April 25, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$30.00, of which \$18.00 is tax deductible.
8. The announcement of the Spring Fling will appear in the April Chips.
9. The New Member's Coffee will be held at Selena Barron's home on Saturday May 6, at 10:00 a.m. Information will go into the next edition of Chips.
10. Branch elections will be held at the annual branch meeting on Wednesday, April 5. Marilee Scheuneman will organize and chair the meeting. Adelaide DiGiorgi, Linda Motelson, and Kay Semenza will count ballots. Phyllis Hirth will be parliamentarian. Marilee will also receive absentee ballots. Six ballots have been submitted so far.
11. Diona discussed the New York State AAUW Convention, which will be held from April 21 to 23 in Syracuse. Marilee Scheuneman, Lorrin Johnson, Jane Pendergast, Jean Havens, Stephanie Lemnios, Barbara Sarver, and Roli Wendorf will attend from our branch. Marilee, Lorrin and Barbara will be branch delegates. Barbara will work with Sue Lambert to get the names of members of our branch who have passed away during the year, so that they may be remembered during the convention.
12. Barbara Sarver brought up the subject of changing our branch illustration from the current illustration of the current Tappan Zee Bridge to rendered drawing of the new bridge, taken from the Tappan Zee

website. The words “A Bridge to Equity,” which appear on our current logo will also be included on the new one. Linda Swann suggested that Barbara contact the website to obtain permission to use the drawing.

13. Barbara questioned whether we should change the statement on the EYO Journal, which mentions the age of our chapter as 60 years, to give recognition to a previous Westchester branch that existed before the current one. It was decided to change the statement to “Celebrating More Than Sixty Years.”
14. The matter of whether to allow dues payment by PayPal was discussed. Some people find it more convenient to use this method, but there is a cost to the chapter to use it. It was decided that the following rates would apply:
 - Annual dues paid by check \$85.00
 - Annual dues paid by PayPal 86.00
 - Lifetime Membership – check 36.00
 - Lifetime Membership – PayPal 37.00

Barbara will put this announcement in the April edition of Chips. The wording will include the facts that membership may be renewed by credit card using PayPal, or by check, and that the link to PayPal will be available on May 1. She will also try to set up the link.

15. We spoke about adding a new “Friends” membership category to our branch. This would be for women who did not have an opportunity to go to college, but would be interested in participating in our activities. It was decided to add this category. These women would pay a fee, equivalent to the amount of our annual dues, as a donation to our branch. They may be leaders of action groups, but may not be on the board or have voting rights. They will be listed in our yearbook as “Friends,” and may not be in AAUW’s national data base.
16. Diona stated that our branch has received another call to co-sponsor an event. The latest was from the League of Women Voters (LWV), which is sponsoring a forum on the New York State Constitutional Convention, and is non-partisan. National approves of our participation. Our co-sponsorship was approved by the board members. The earlier event had to do with advocacy for change in the Electoral College rules. Last month the board approved co-sponsoring this event. It was decided not to write a report of the event in Chips.
17. Marie McKellar had asked if we could re-do the space for program announcements in Chips so that a summary announcement is found on Page 1. Her suggestion was adopted. There would be a banner at the bottom of Page 1, and then a description of the event on Page 2.
18. The matter of STEM for teachers was tabled.
19. Upcoming Board Messages:
 - April – Educational Awards. Barbara will write the article.
 - May – EYO
 - June – Running and Winning
20. The next Board meeting will be on April 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at GPL.
21. New Business:
 - Suggestions are needed for summer activities and a notice will appear in April Chips
 - The Ethical Cultural Society would like someone to talk about the ERA.
 - Marilee will talk to a group at Heritage Hills about our branch. She will take copies of Chips and yearbooks.
 - All documents for the Beverly Jordan AAUW Scholarship have been delivered to the branch.
22. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Appel