

## AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

April 5, 2017

4:30 p.m.

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Attendance: Linda Swann, Stephanie Lemnios, Carol McMillan, Jane Pendergast, Pam Margand, Phyllis Hirth, Mary Logan, Roli Wendorf, Sandy Flank, Susan Appel

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

1. The minutes for the March Branch and Board meetings were accepted as submitted.
2. Carol McMillan gave the treasurer's report. We are in fine shape, and some renewals have already been submitted. PayPal is available, and some members have used this option. However, before using PayPal, new members must fill out a two page registration form. Carol stated that it has been confirmed that the Master Pass account has been cancelled.
3. Phyllis Hirth presented the membership report. There have been no new members this month, and our membership total stands at 185 members. The new members' coffee will be held at Selena Barron's home on May 6, at 10:00 a.m.
4. Branch projects/action group reports were discussed.
  - EYO was very successful. We will have a surplus of funds. The venue was changed to the gym, which was more expensive, but the flow of the day was much easier. Lunch went smoothly, and the menu and set-up of meals were an improvement.
  - A grant from New York State will be covering the cost of books for high school seniors, so we won't need the full amount of the contribution that DeDe Emerson was planning to make toward this project. Once all of the costs, including packing and mailing have been determined, DeDe can make up the difference if she chooses.
  - WizGirls is doing well. Diona Koerner and Lorrin Johnson are co-chairs. Phyllis is getting through the process of reserving the building. We now have an ID number, and district personnel know that we want to reserve the Ardsley Middle School on November 4. As soon as the insurance comes in, we can file the reservation. Linda stated that we have 6 members recruiting in different districts.
  - Mary Logan stated that the next Running and Winning event will be held on 4/27. Everything is going well.
  - Jane Pendergast and Roli Wendorf spoke about Start Smart - the Pay Equity Outreach Group. There have been workshops at Vassar and Purchase. Two people at Purchase have been trained as facilitators. There will be additional workshops at CCSU on 4/7, and NYIT on 4/11.
  - 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.
  - Sandy Flank and Colleen Fay are working on programs for next year. Jean Havens and Nancy Vincent are planning programs for summer meetings.
5. Roli spoke about the New York State AAUW convention, which will be held from April 21 to 23 in Syracuse. Seven members from our branch will be attending, including four who are on the state board. Barbara Sarver will be standing for election as Membership Vice President.
6. Selena Barron will be in charge of the Spring Fling, which will be held on Wednesday, June 7.

7. NYC Metro Area Funds applications are due May 1. We can ask for between \$2,000 and \$10,000. Carol stated that WizGirls still has \$10,000 and we don't need funding for this program.
8. Branch elections will be held at the branch meeting following this board meeting. Marilee Scheuneman is the chair; Phyllis Hirth is parliamentarian; and Adelaide DiGiorgi, Linda Motelson, and Kay Semenza will be counting ballots. So far, we have received 37 absentee ballots.
9. Sandy led a discussion on the prevalent problem of innumeracy, and stated that we should be addressing this problem at an early age, as has been done with reading. She suggested a STEM program for parents of pre-schoolers. We discussed various ways of reaching the parents, including The Boys and Girls Club of Mount Kisco, Open Door in Ossining, Carver Center in Port Chester, Westchester Association for the Education of Young Children, and the New York State Children and Family Service.
10. Sandy spoke about the League of Women Voters Constitutional Conference, which she attended on March 25. An amendment to change the New York State constitution will be on the ballot in November. It was suggested that we have a speaker at our October meeting to discuss the proposed changes.
11. The Summer Leadership Conference will be held from July 21 – 23 at Casanovia College, which is near Syracuse. Our current intern, Breann, will go to NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders). Purchase will send two students.
12. Upcoming articles in Chips:
  - April – Educational Awards
  - May – EYO
  - June – Running and Winning
13. The next Board meeting will be held on May 3, at 4:30 PM, at GPL.
14. Old Business: Barbara Sarver found out that we can use illustrations of the new Tappan Zee Bridge, but we must give credit.
15. New Business: Jane Pendergast attended Lobby Day for the NY Health Care Act, which she stated is a non-partisan public policy. Between 50 and 100 organizations are sponsoring this single payer health care act. Jane advocates that we look at this bill and consider becoming a co-sponsor. It was agreed that she would write an article for Chips. Jane requested that the matter be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Appel