

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

October 4, 2017

12:05 p.m.

GPL

Attendance: Stephanie Lemnios, Linda Swann, Jane Pendergast, Marie McKellar, Cynthia Plater, Wilma Gitchel, Susan Appel, Sandy Flank

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

1. The September minutes were accepted as corrected. Selena Barron, rather than Wilma Gitchel, will be a member of the nominating committee.
2. Jane presented the treasurer's report, which had been submitted by Carol McMillan as of 9/27/17. Our checking bank balance is \$24,906.62 as of 8/31/17. Net income is \$12,789.00. Bottom line: We are in good shape.
3. The membership report was given by Phyllis. There are still some yearbooks that have not been distributed. We have three new members, Marilyn Gallagher, Linda Gold (paid), and Vicki Cobb. Phyllis suggested that in addition to having some board members present, we invite members who joined within the last two years to the new member coffee, which will be held at Marie McKellar's home on Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. She also stated that we should add the question "Do you need a ride?" to the membership questionnaire.
4. The board debriefed on the pot luck dinner of September 13. Stephanie commented that the group had done a beautiful job of setting up, and the food was delicious. There were many experienced members in attendance, but not many new members. It was felt that we need more outreach to new members, and to find other formats to introduce them to our activities and interest groups.
5. Branch project/action group reports:
 - a. WizGirls: Linda stated that registration is going well. Jane and Susan reported that we have more than 30 AAUW volunteers, including 15 who have volunteered to be facilitators at the afternoon maker activity.
 - b. Start Smart/Work Smart: Jane reported that two events are scheduled. The first is on November 15, in conjunction with the Jewish Federation for the Education of Women; the second is on November 18, with the Westchester Women's Agenda. We also would like to have another program at WCC.
 - c. EYO: Wilma discussed the issue of a grant application for EYO. Last year, we had a new expense of \$5,000 because we used the gym. Because we cannot get the gym this year, there is a question of how much to ask for on our grant application. It was decided that due to the lower costs this year, we should ask for \$5,000.
 - d. Facebook: Liz Brady, a recent graduate of Colby College and new AAUW Westchester member, has been recruited to manage our Facebook page. Methods of making it more active and interactive were discussed, including polling membership on various topics, posting all meetings, listing events, and sending a friend request to all members.
 - e. Branch Intern: We do not yet have a branch intern this fall. Mary Logan is still working on recruitment for a spring intern.
 - f. Hospitality: We are still looking for someone for this position.
6. Marie stated that the first meeting of the Outreach Group would be Tuesday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the GPL. Some suggestions for topics to be discussed included:
 - a. Offering new activities

- b. Recruiting student members
 - c. Reaching out to colleges for membership
 - d. Following up with college/university partnerships
7. Jane reported that the first meeting of the nominating committee would be a conference call on Thursday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m.
 8. The District V conference will be held on October 28, from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Greenburgh Public Library. The program will include a panel discussion titled “Who’s Wearing the Hat: Women in Non-traditional Careers.” Members from AAUW - District V, which consists of Westchester, Rockland, Staten Island, and Virtual AAUW branches will host this event. It was suggested that we spread the word to high school students.
 9. The annual Conflict of Interest Statement was signed by all members.
 10. The program for the November Branch meeting will be “Women’s History – The Centennial of Women’s Suffrage Movement in New York State,” presented by Nate Levin.
 11. Upcoming Board Messages in Chips
 - November – Mary Logan on AAUW funds
 - December – WizGirls (new intern)
 - January – Stephanie on NYS Convention
 12. The next Board meeting will be held at GPL on November 1, at 12:00 noon.
 13. New Business
 - Linda stated that the Westchester County Federation of Women’s Clubs is instituting a fee of \$25.00 per year. Jane informed the board that in the past we have donated \$50 per year to WCFWC. The board unanimously approved continuing the payment of \$50.
 - Jane explained that because the Westchester Women’s Agenda will support us with Start Smart, we should also support them. The issue was tabled until the next meeting, when Jane will propose a more formal proposal which includes details on what this group does.
 14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Appel