

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting of January 3, 2018

Attendance: Barbara Sarver, Doris Lowenfels, Selena Barron, Roli Wendorf, Marie McKellar, Jane Pendergast, Carol McMillan, Linda Swann, Stephanie Lemnios, Phyllis Hirth, Natasha Rose

1. The meeting was called to order by Linda Swann at 12:05 a.m.

2. Treasurer's Report – Carol McMillan

We are getting several new members so our income is going up. A point of concern is that the bill for printing the past two issues of CHIPS has gone from \$30 to \$110. Carol will call the printer to discuss the increase but we may need to find a new printer. We still have money for future WizGirls programs. We received \$2600 in registration fees and had \$5000 in expenses but since we had \$10,000 in the bank from a previous grant the program is well funded for the next several years. Anyone with requests for program funds for the next calendar year should have those requests sent to Carol before the February meeting.

Roli Wendorf added that there is \$650 in the bank for Start Smart programs but those programs have been otherwise funded and we could use up to \$250 of that for other programs.

3. Approval of the minutes of the November Branch and Board meetings

A motion was made to approve those minutes as written by Stephanie Lemnios and seconded by Phyllis Hirth. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Membership- Phyllis Hirth

We now have 174 members. There is an Outreach Committee working on improving this and Phyllis will devise a form for guests to our programs where they will list their names and email addresses and phone numbers.

5. Website – Doris Lowenfels

Doris gave a report on the current status of the Branch website and stressed the need for a new web site manager now that Roli and Doris have stepped down from their website positions. There are three individuals who are currently working on the website, but have not expressed interest in being the lead website manager. Roli Wendorf suggested creating a position of Communications Director which would take care of the web site and other communication issues. She suggested that the role of corresponding secretary could possibly be enlarged to include Communications Director. Barbara Sarver has taken over Roli's responsibilities of contacting National and will continue working on part of the website but due to other commitments she cannot take the lead position. Barbara will also look over the application forms of new members and see which ones indicated a desire to work on the website. She will forward those names to Linda Swann and Stephanie Lemnios. Doris Lowenfels said that she is willing to train whoever agrees to become the new website manager. Linda volunteered to find out how to access the website's usage statistics.

6. Committee Reports

**Holiday Luncheon** – Selena Barron

53 people attended the luncheon and the Branch made \$282.

**Nominating Committee** – Jane Pendergast

The following people have agreed to take Board positions:

Co-President – Lorrin Johnson

Recording Secretary – Judy Walsh

Corresponding Secretary – Roseanne Klein

The Committee is still seeking someone for the Program Co-VP position. Selena Barron commented that if they cannot find anyone to take the position perhaps Board members could each volunteer to take one or two months of the job.

**EYO**

The program is in good shape and the new flyer has just been printed.

**WizGirls** – The program went well but the Committee still needs to plan an evaluation meeting.

**Start Smart** – Jane Pendergast

The program has several opportunities for workshops this coming Spring.

**Branch Intern** – Stephanie Lemnios

Mary Logan has told Stephanie that when students at SUNY Purchase come back to school at the end of January an email about the internship position will be sent to all journalism majors.

**Annual Funds** – Linda Swann

We received \$6510 in contributions which is an increase of approximately \$500 over last year.

7. Annual Convention

Emerging Leader – Phyllis Hirth will be the nominee for this award.

Program Award – We will nominate Running and Winning for this award.

Application for \$500 grant – We do not need the grant this year.

8. Continuing WCFWC membership

It was agreed that we will donate \$50 for their scholarship fund but we do not wish to be included as a member of the organization.

In a related issue Jane Pendergast has been attending the Westchester Women's Agenda on behalf of AAUW and was voted as our official representative to that organization.

9. Document Storage – the issue was shelved until the February meeting.

10. Helping other organizations advertise STEM programs – It was decided that we will not allow any other group or organization to have our email lists of either Branch members or attendees at WizGirls or EYO.

11. Upcoming CHIPS messages

The February message will be from Wilma on EYO.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Natasha Rose