

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

February 14, 2018

12:05 p.m.

GPL

Attendance: Stephanie Lemnios, Linda Swann, Colleen Fay, Cynthia Plater, Phyllis Hirth, Carol McMillan, Susan Appel

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

1. Approval of Minutes: The January branch and board minutes were accepted as presented.
2. Treasurer's Report: Carol presented the treasurer's report. As of 12/29/17, our checking bank balance is \$20,751.56 and we have a CD worth \$5,243.31. We approved placing a half-page branch ad (approximately \$75.00) in the NYS convention program, as well as a donation of \$50.00 to AAUW funds in lieu of a basket to be auctioned.

Annual dues were discussed. Currently, our branch dues are \$85.00, which includes \$49.00 to National, \$13.00 to State, and \$23.00 to Branch. It was reported that national AAUW dues will be increased by \$10.00 a year, increasing dues from \$85.00 to \$95.00. After a discussion, the motion not to change our branch dues of \$23 was approved. There will still be a \$10.00 discount for new members. We tabled a discussion of whether to offer a \$23.00 scholarship for the branch portion of the dues.

Next, we reviewed the proposed 2018-19 budget. Most items were accepted as presented; a few minor changes were made and incorporated into the new budget estimate. There was not an adjustment made to the number of membership, due to anticipated increase in membership dues next year. EYO received a \$10K grant from the AAUW Metro Funds. WizGirls still has funds remaining from prior year grants to cover expenses in 2018-19.
3. Branch Project/Action Group Reports: The membership report was given by Cynthia and Phyllis, who have been working on ways to increase membership. We have become more active in social media, including a Facebook page. A welcome letter has been sent to new members, and a spreadsheet showing membership involvement has been created. Of our 176 members, only 39 are not active formally in any of our activities.

Programs are set for the rest of the year.
Fundraising for WCC Scholarships has been tabled.
A rotating hospitality position seems to be working. Kay Semenza will be in charge in March, Susan Appel in April, and Carol McMillan in May.
4. Branch Elections Preparation: It was decided that Phyllis will be parliamentarian. Carol McMillan and Linda Swann will count ballots at the election; Stephanie will find someone to count absentee ballots.
5. Administration and PR: We agreed to leave the web site as it is until the end of the year, and then discuss whether to make changes. We will need a dedicated person to manage the Facebook page. Stephanie mentioned that GPL may not be able to accommodate our evening meetings on the first Wednesday of each month for the 2018-19 year. A motion was approved to change all meetings to the second Wednesday, if needed. Because of this, we may have to change the CHIPS deadline.
6. AAUW NYS Convention: The convention will be held from April 20-22 in Corning, NY. Phyllis has been chosen as our emerging leader. Running & Winning has been submitted for 21st Century Program Award. A motion was made and passed to do a branch advertisement in the Convention Program for

\$125. Stephanie will follow up with Marilee Scheuneman and Roli Wendorf to see if they are willing to update the Branch Display for the convention.

7. Upcoming Board Messages in CHIPS. Messages are set for the remainder of the year.

March– WCC Scholarship Luncheon & Equal Pay Day– Marilee Scheuneman

April – High School Education Awards – Barbara Sarver & Diana Kent

May – Our 14th Annual EYO Conference – TBD (instead of Intern)

June – 6th Annual Running and Winning Workshop – Mary Logan

8. Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 7th, at 4:30 p.m. at GPL.

9. Miscellaneous: Phyllis asked whether our branch was interested in participating in a Court Watch similar to the one described by the Poughkeepsie branch. It was decided to bring this up at the next meeting, and form an interest group to explore the possibility.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Appel
Co-Recording Secretary