

AAUW April 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Stephanie Lemnios, Linda Swann, Jane Pendergast, Natasha Rose, Cynthia Plater, Roli Wendorf, Susan Appel

1. The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Lemnios at 4:30 p.m.

2. Membership Report – Cynthia Plater

Cynthia reported that the Branch currently has 177 members. Linda Swann has installed Google Analytics on our website and we can see that there have been 258 views. Most of them have been for EYO but some have been for the newsletter.

Phyllis and Cynthia have prepared a welcome packet for new members which includes a welcome letter, the newsletter and an AAUW fact sheet. They have also followed up with a phone call and Stephanie and/or Linda will also follow up with a further phone call.

There will be a new and prospective members coffee at the home of Selena Barron on Saturday May 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Cynthia also brought up the issue of interest groups listed in the Yearbook which are closed to new members. This was an issue with a new member who wanted to join the mah jong group. It was decided that the Board will request that all groups be open to new members or, in the alternative, start a spin off group. Linda or Stephanie will speak to the head of the mah jongg group about the new policy.

Dues increase – Stephanie will announce the national AAUW \$10 increase in dues at the Branch meeting.

3. Approval of minutes

The February 2018 Branch minutes were approved in a motion made by Natasha Rose, seconded by Jane Pendergast and unanimously approved.

The February 2018 Board minutes were approved in a motion made by Linda Swann, seconded by Natasha Rose and unanimously approved.

The March 2018 Board minutes were approved in a motion made by Natasha Rose, seconded by Linda Swann and unanimously approved.

4. Branch reports

EYO- Stephanie Lemnios

There are currently 245 girls registered and 16 workshops scheduled. The registration is down from last year as there has been no registration from any of the Yonkers Schools. It is harder to get workshop assistants this year as there is a conflict with the ACT test, but Stephanie is hopeful she will have sufficient help.

Running and Winning- Jane Pendergast

The workshop will be held on April 19 and there will be approximately 50 high school juniors and seniors attending along with about 20 female office holders.

Start Smart – Jane Pendergast

On February 25 Jane and Roli Wendorf presented a work smart workshop to the National Professional Librarians Association at the New York Hilton Hotel and on March 6 they presented a work smart workshop to the Women's Leadership Institute at Manhattanville College.

Jane also attended Governor Cuomo's Council on Women and Girls Regional Empowerment Forum at the White Plains YWCA on March 6, and on March 12 she was at the Westchester Board of Legislators' Budget Committee meeting discussing the ban on salary history question bill. She plans to attend the Board of Legislators session on April 9 when the vote on the bill will take place. Jane also has a meeting scheduled with NYS Senator Murphy on May 3 to discuss the state bill on the ban the salary history question legislation.

The annual WCC Scholarship Luncheon will be held on April 24.

The program planning meeting for the 2018-2019 Branch year will take place on May 10 at 10 a.m. and the Outreach Group meeting will be on April 10 at 1:00 p.m.

5. NYS Convention – The State Convention will be held from April 20-22. There are currently 127 members registered to attend, including a group from the Westchester Branch.
6. Spring Fling – thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous member the cost to attend the dinner will be only \$20. Board members will be asked to call new members and invite them, making sure that they have someone to sit with. In addition, it was suggested that there be a way to involve them during the cocktail hour. Stephanie suggested several possible “break the ice” games and will prepare a presentation for the next Board meeting.
7. Metro Area Funds – the deadline to apply for funds is May 1.
8. Branch elections – We have received 30 yes votes by absentee ballots and only need 15 more to meet the required quorum for the election.
9. Upcoming CHIPS articles – Both EYO and Running and Winning will be in the June issue. It was suggested that the lead article for the May issue consist of a brief introduction to all of the new Board members. They will be asked to write a few sentences about their work with AAUW and send it to Sue Lambert.
10. The next Board meeting will be on May 2 at 4:30 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by Natasha Rose