

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

October 10, 2018

12:00 noon

GPL

Attendance: Stephanie Lemnios, Lorrin Johnson, Wilma Gitchel, Marilee Scheuneman, Phyllis Hirth, Marie McKellar, Roseanne Klein, Barbara Lehman, Mary Logan, Susan Appel

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Lemnios, Co-President, at 12:00.

1. Approval of September Minutes: The September branch and board minutes were accepted as submitted.
2. Treasurer's Report – Carol McMillan sent the report. The price of the yearbook has increased to \$765.00 from last year's price of \$405.00. Payment of dues is down from last year. Despite this, we are in good shape and there are no financial concerns.
3. Committee/Action Group Reports
 - a. Membership - Phyllis.
 - i. Phyllis reported that there are currently 162 members. Four visitors attended the branch meeting, were greeted by members, and were encouraged to join.
 - ii. There are still many yearbooks that have not been picked up. It was decided that we would wait until December to mail them.
 - iii. The New Member Coffee will be held at Marie's house on Saturday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m.
4. Pot Luck Dinner on September 12 - Marilee.
 - a. Although fewer than 50 people attended, it was an enjoyable event and the speakers were well received. There were several national branch members who responded to our summer mailing and attended.
5. Branch Projects/Action Group Reports
 - a. Wiz Girls - Lorrin. The event is scheduled for November 3. Planners have toured the school, and met several of the teachers whose rooms were used last year. They were very happy with the gifts they received. So far, 140 students have signed up for the event. We still need some volunteers, and also a few facilitators for the Maker activity. The dismissal problem has been resolved. There will be a STEM interest group meeting on October 17, at GPL, where members can practice the Maker activity that will be presented at Wiz Girls.
 - b. There are three upcoming workshops for Start Smart/Work Smart. They will be held on October 24, October 30, and November 3.
 - c. Branch Interns - Mary and Lorrin. Reported. Lorrin stated that the College of Mount Saint Vincent will provide an intern for the Spring semester. Mary is working with Purchase College.
 - d. Kay Semenza will be in charge of hospitality for November. It was suggested that this job be rotated among board members. Marie suggested that it might be rotated among interest groups.
6. Publicity - Marie.
 - a. There are two aspects - to add new members, and to encourage existing members to attend meetings. Colleen will be writing a blurb which advertises our events, to be sent to local papers. Cynthia, Selena, Roseanne, Mary, Marie, Judy, and Wilma will send these to their local papers. Cynthia is in charge of our Facebook page.
7. Nominating Committee - Stephanie.

- a. Carol M, Susan A, Pam M, and Shelli P are members. We still need one more person. Lorrin will ask Linda Swann.
8. Distract V Conference/AAUW NYC - Jump Start Program.
 - a. It is likely that this conference will be cancelled, due to low registration. Stephanie will report.
9. Conflict of Interest Statement. All members signed this annual statement.
10. P.O. Box Status Update - Roseanne.
 - a. The board voted to purchase a 5" x 5.5" box from the White Plains Post Office, at a cost of \$166.00 per year. Roseanne will check the box at least once a week. We will try to get one more person to help.
11. Upcoming Board Messages in Chips
 - a. November - AAUW Funds (Mary Logan)
 - b. December - WizGirls (Mary Logan)
 - c. January - NYS Convention (Jean Havens)
12. New Business
 - a. Board members will sponsor a membership appreciation pot luck brunch to honor leaders of interest groups and action groups on Saturday, April 6, at Stephanie's home.
13. The next board meeting will be at noon on November 7, at GPL.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Submitted by
Susan Appel