**AAUW WESTCHESTER BOARD MEETING**

**January 5, 2020**

Attendance: Marie McKellar, Lorrin Johnson, Susan Perko, Cynthia Plater, Judy Walsh, Barbara Lehman, Susan Gardner, Carol McMillan, Marilee Scheuneman, Cheryl Larsen

The meeting was called to order by Marie McKellar at 12:15 p.m.

The minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s report. Susan Gardner provided the final reconciliation for the December holiday luncheon at Tesoro D’Italia showing a surplus of $435.00. Susan requested that she be advised of expenditure details when Branch debit cards are used so that she can properly categorize amounts and not have to lump everything together as miscellaneous.

Membership. Currently we have 165 members.

Fund Drive. Mary Logan who was unable to attend the meeting provided a number of updates via email. Specifically, she noted that 45 members donated $6125 this year during the annual fund drive. She advised that she is following up with SUNY Purchase to find a journalism student who could become an intern with AAUW. Mary said that she will also be following up on the application with AAUW National regarding the Start Smart application.

Nominating Branch Project. The proposed slate of officers is as follows:

Co-Presidents: Lorrin Johnson, Ellen Leuner

Co-Vice Presidents for Membership: Marge Kingsley, Judy Walsh

Co-VPs for Programs: Barbara Lehman, Susan Perko

Co-Recording Secretaries: Roberta Michael, Elaine Weiss

Corresponding Secretary: Rene Parmar

Co-Treasurers: Susan Gardner, Cynthia Plater

In the context of the discussion regarding Elaine Weiss’ availability to act as Secretary for Wednesday meetings, there was some discussion about and interest in holding more Saturday meetings as a way also to enable more working AAUW members and potential members to join and participate.

EYO Update. Lorrin Johnson reported on progress relating to the EYO conference noting that the Empire Branch is actively involved and that 3 meetings had been held during November and December coupled with extensive communications over the internet and phone. The NYC grant application is still being processed. It is hoped that there will be 15 workshops with no more than 14 participants per session; a few more workshop leaders are still needed. The date is March 14 and the location is the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

February Branch meeting. The meeting on African American Women and Empowerment will be coordinated by Lorrin Johnson and will take place on February 5, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Greenburgh Library.

New Business. Marilee Scheuneman advised that our September branch meeting speaker, Josyane Colwell, was inviting a representative group of members to be her guests for lunch at her elegant café and wine bar, Le Moulin, in southwest Yonkers. The date will be Friday, January 24 at 12:30. The Board agreed that the members would be selected by lottery, organized by Marilee, from those who sought to attend. Marilee Scheuneman will be included and will organize the gathering.  Eleven other members will be chosen by lottery.

Post Office Key for the Branch: Discussion ensued about the Branch Mailing Address. Currently the Mailing address is a P O Box, but a P O Box is not good for IRS purposes.  Carol McMillan will research a physical address, possibly connected with a UPS store and will report at a future meeting.

A renewal reminder for the Westchester Women’s Agenda was received and discussed. It was agreed that our Branch would renew at $100 this year but it was also suggested that Jane Pendergast be invited to a Board meeting to ascertain synergies and possible collaborations with the Westchester Women’s Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by Cheryl Larsen, Co-Recording Secretary