**AAUW WESTCHESTER BOARD MEETING**

**October 16, 2019**

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

The meeting was called to order by Marie McKellar at 11:50 a.m.

The minutes of the August 28, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s report. Susan Gardner will take over financial statements and Carol McMillan will continue with membership. A letter thanking AAUW for support was received from the Westchester Community College Foundation.

Membership. Currently we have 162 members. The new AAUW business cards were distributed. There will be a new members’ “Get Together” at Marie McKellar’s home on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Fund Drive. A letter will be sent out to members shortly by Mary Logan. A student from SUNY Purchase was interviewed for the AAUW Journalism Intern position but she had conflicts with the dates. There will be another request made to the college in the spring.

Mary Logan has approached SUNY Purchase with a view to negotiating a contribution from them towards obtaining a 3-year license for unlimited workshops Start Smart. Our Branch would contribute $1000 toward the total cost of $1500 and we are seeking a contribution of $500 toward the contract. Mary Logan is waiting for confirmation from SUNY Purchase regarding their $500 contribution and has a positive expectation for their agreement by the end of the calendar year.

NYC Grant Application. Lorrin Johnson and Susan Appel are in the process of updating the NYC application which is due November 15th. Approximately $14,000 will be requested with a view to use for EYO. Lorrin reported that Mercy College would help with recruiting at Westchester area middle schools for EYO.

Conflict of Interest documents were distributed and signed.

NYS Convention. Lorrin reported on the previous conference. She emphasized the importance of better Branch representation at the next conference which will be held April 24 – 26, 2020 near Rochester at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa.

Friends of the Branch policy. The below policy which was approved March 2017, was reaffirmed at the October 16, 2019 Board meeting. Specifically, “friends” (without a College Degree) are allowed to be members of the Branch and participate in all activities, but cannot be Board Members or vote for Board Members. Friends will pay a fee equivalent to that of regular membership (with $10 reduction for new members) but all monies will be retained by the Branch.

Next year’s Yearbook should read “Branch Members and Friends” on page 12.

The presentation of certificates to degree recipients of Marymount’s 2 year and 4 year programs in NYS women’s prisons was discussed. It was agreed that Martina Leonard would be asked to attend a future Board meeting and discuss the proposal further.

As there was no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by Cheryl Larsen, Co-Recording Secretary