

Minutes of the AAUW Westchester Board Meeting October 7, 2020

As of June 17, 2020, the elected officers of AAUW Westchester County, Inc. (NY) Branch officers are: Co-Presidents: Lorrin Johnson and, Ellen Leuner, Program Co-Vice Presidents: Marie McKellar and Susan Perko, Membership Co-Vice-Presidents: Marjorie Kingsley and Judy Walsh, Recording Secretaries: Roberta Michael and Elaine Weiss, Corresponding Secretary: Rene Parmar, Treasurers: Susan Gardner and Cynthia Plater.

The Meeting, on Zoom, was called to order at 4:00PM by Ellen Leuner

Present: Ellen Leuner, Lorrin Johnson, Cynthia Plater, Marie McKellar, Judy Walsh, Susan Gardner, Jane Pendergast, Rene Parmar, Elaine Weiss, Selena Barron, Roberta Michael, Mary Logan, Susan Perko and Marjorie Kingsley.

Old Business: Ellen Leuner

- The minutes of the September 16, 2020 were accepted via email.

Membership: Marjorie Kingsley & Judy Walsh

- We have 153 members. Muriel Fox, last month's guest speaker, and Lin Watkins are now members.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Gardner & Cynthia Plater

- Our CD at Bank of America matures on October 10, 2020. If it renews automatically, the new date of maturity will be November 8, 2021. It will be left at Bank of America for now.
- An automatic payment was made to GoDaddy for the domains WIZgirls-AAUW.com and Wizgirls-AAUW.org. The payment was for \$196.00 After discussing with former treasurer, Carol McMillan, who told me that the domain is no longer in use, I was able to secure a refund for this payment.
- As of September 30, our bank balances are:
 - Branch \$18,384.84;
 - EYO \$24,810.57;
 - CD \$5346.75.
- Chips donations for postage will be categorized under newsletter and postage in the financial statement.

The following motion was presented by Susan Gardner and seconded by Cynthia Plater:

"Motion to AAUW Westchester NY Board regarding opening a Chase Bank Account

I move that Susan Gardner be made an authorized representative, as Acting Secretary to open our new business account at Chase Bank. She will be accompanied by Cynthia Plater.

The Recording Secretary will then need to write a letter, on a letterhead with the names of officers, giving the following sentences; "The American Association of University Women, Westchester, New York Branch, Inc. would like to make Susan Gardner an authorized representative as Acting Secretary to open our new account at Chase Bank." Our tax ID number is 13-6185735.

And further, a copy of the minutes authorizing the creation of the Acting Secretary for this purpose must be attached to the letter. The meeting minutes must also list the current elected officers.

And further, additional signers are to be added within 30 days at their nearest Chase Bank. The additional signer proposed is to be Cynthia Plater, Ellen Leuner and Lorrin Johnson. And debit card holders to be named are Susan Gardner, Cynthia Plater, Ellen Leuner and Lorrin Johnson.

These will be sent to Susan Gardner for the purpose of opening this bank account at Chase Bank, previously approved by the board."

This Motion was passed unanimously.

POWHER: Jane Pendergast

The motion Tabled at the September 7, 2020 Board Meeting was brought forth. The motion: "Westchester AAUW support POWHER NY's "Roadmap to Create Inclusive Gender Justice in New York." was defeated.

Programs: Susan Perko and Marie McKellar

- Diana Lennon will speak today at our Branch Meeting on "Libraries in 2020: Responding, Reinventing, Recovering".
- November's speaker is Robin Larkins, who will address Food Insecurity in Westchester. Robin Larkins is the founder of three non-profits.

New Business: Lorrin Johnson

EYO: Explore Your Opportunities = The Sky's the Limit! Lorrin Johnson

- *Explore Your Opportunities = The Sky's the Limit!* our STEM program for 7th Grade Girls, workshops will take place either in person or virtually.
The EYO Conference will take place on April 17, 2021 at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Bronx NY. The college plans to have either an in person or virtual program depending on public health at that time.

The Borgen Project: Lorrin Johnson

The Borgen Project asked Westchester AAUW to support their effort to bring political attention to severe poverty. As an organization, we normally do not sign onto other organizations' campaigns unless we are working in conjunction with them on some project. The motion to support The Borgen Project was defeated.

AAUW Fund Raising: Mary Logan

- Last year, 2019, the members of our Westchester AAUW Branch, raised enough money for our National AAUW Fundraising Campaign, that our Branch qualified us to be in the top 50 Branches in the country. Our branch usually donates in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range annually.
- This year's National AAUW Fundraising Campaign has just been launched with Mary Logan as our Chair. All are encouraged to participate.

Website: Lorrin

- We will be updating the AAUW Website and all board members should review our Website <https://westchester-ny.aauw.net/> .before the next Board Meeting. Please send comments concerning our Website to Lorrin and Ellen.

Zoom Account:

- AAUW NYS asked our presidents if we would like financial support for our Zoom account? We responded with a "YES".

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Elaine Weiss
Co-Recording Secretary