

Minutes of a Branch Meeting: December 2, 2020; 12:30 PM

Ellen Leuner called the Meeting to order at 12:31 PM. 46 Members were present. Co-President Lorrin Johnson presided over the business section of our program.

Lorrin reported that AAUW Westchester is continuing our holiday tradition of supporting the children of inmates at the Bedford Hills Correction Facility with gifts. Thanks to Raven Waterman for chairing this event. Donations by check, gift cards, and gifts for the children are appreciated.

Mary Logan reported that fund raising for AAUW National Fund has totals just over \$6,800.00. This amount gives us a good chance of topping \$7,000.00, a very positive outcome for the organization.

Condolences to Elaine Hartel on the passing of her husband, Herman Poritzky, from COVID-19. He supported her creative pursuits and was a longtime supporter of the performing arts.

Member, Adelaide Digiorgi, was honored at the Westchester County's 38th Senior Hall of Fame Luncheon on December 4th. Our February branch meeting speaker, Bill Greenawalt, was also honored and admitted to the Senior Hall of Fame.

If you missed one of our speaker presentations, are all available on our website. Go to "About Us" and scroll down to "Speaker Presentations".

Marie McKellar introduced our speaker Reverend Dorothy Muller. Reverend Muller, an ordained minister, worked at the Bedford Hills Correction Facility for ten years. The title of her talk was "The Abuse to Prison Pipeline"

Reverend Muller informed us that we can do much more than give a child a holiday gift.

Marymount Manhattan College has a college education program at Bedford Hills for their inmates. Contact Marymount Manhattan College if you are interested in donating to their program at the Correction Facility.

Our next Branch meeting will be January 9th at 10:30am. Stephen Paul DeVillo will speak on "Revolutionary Women: Spies and Secret Agents".

Submitted by Elaine Weiss
Co-Recording Secretary