

Westchester AAUW Board Meeting: February 6, 2021

Present: Ellen Leuner, Lorrin Johnson, Marjorie Kingsley, Marie McKellar, Susan Gardner, Susan Appel, Susan Perko, Rene Parmar, Linda Motelson, Marilee Scheuneman, Jane Pendergast, Elaine Weiss, Judith Walsh and Cynthia Plater.

Ellen called the meeting to order at 12:02

**Old Business:**

The motion: "I move to approve the book drive initiative in support of the Bedford-Hills Correctional Facility/Marymount College educational program. The motion was approved via email.

**Garage-less Garage Sale:** The test run of selling unwanted items worked using Next Door as the vendor. The money generated from the sale of items Cynthia and Ellen sold through PayPal were successfully deposited in the AAUW Westchester account.

We need a Chairperson to take care of organizing this fundraiser. Please nominate someone you think might be willing to organize this fundraiser.

**2021-2022 AAUW Budget:** Susan Gardner, Cynthia Plater and Judith Walsh led us through the proposed budget. The 2021-2022 AAUW Westchester Branch budget was passed unanimously. The budget is attached.

We need to encourage more of our members to contribute via donations for our outreach projects. For example, only 15 members contributed to Hour Children in December 2020.

The following motion passed to help reduce the operating expenses: "We will ask all who get a printed copy of CHIPS to pay the full price of printing and mailing to AAUW Westchester branch to cover the cost".

Changes were made to our WCC scholarship program budget allotment. The \$250 was removed from the budget because the WCC scholarship program is now a separate program that our members contribute to as an individual choice.

**AAUW National Dues Increase and NYS Dues Waiver**

We passed a motion "To offset Branch operating expenses, the Branch will

apply the \$13 from the AAUW NYS Dues Waiver to our AAUW Westchester Branch treasury. The additional funds from the NY State waiver will be spread out over 3 years.”

The dues for members for the next three years may be the following:

2021-2022: \$98

2022-2023: \$103

2023-2024: \$108

Book Drive Bedford- Hills Correctional Facility/Marymount College educational program: Susan Appel, Rene Parmar- The AAUW Book Drive was a great success.

Programs: Sue Perko, Marie McKellar: “Going Zero Waste in Municipalities, Schools & Houses of Worship” by Michelle Sterling on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am.

EYO: Lorrin Johnson: Last year we had to cancel our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Explore Your Opportunities -The Sky’s the Limit conference. EYO is our STEM program for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls. EYO is sponsored by our branch, the NYC Empire Branch and the College of Mount Saint Vincent. This year after much discussion our Conference will be a virtual conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10:30 AM-12PM. We have 8 extremely enthusiastic and experienced workshop leaders who have volunteered to do virtual workshops. The information about the EYO conference will be on our website in about a week. If you would like to participate in this great undertaking or contribute you can contact me directly or through our website.

### **New Business:**

Shelli Pines and Marlene Brenhouse planned a special event for March 30<sup>th</sup>. March is Women’s History Month. To celebrate, will enjoy “Feminist Walk-Through Harlem, Celebrating Remarkable Women”. We appreciate their sending \$50 each to secure this tour.

Shelli and Marlene have also suggested that members who participate should donate to the AAUW-WCC Scholarship Fund. Please make the check out to WCC-Foundation, and put “AAUW Scholarship” on the memo line. Checks should be sent to Marilee Scheuneman.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Weiss.