

AAUW Board Meeting, Wednesday May 12, 2021.

Present: Ellen Leuner, Marjorie Kingsley, Cynthia Platter, Marie McKellar, Lorrin Johnson, Mary Login, Elaine Weiss, Judy Walsh, Susan Perko, Susan Gardner, Rene Palmar and Mary Login.

Ellen Leuner called the Meeting to Order at 4:01

Old Business: The April 7th Board Minutes had previously been approved via email. They are posted on our website.

Our membership is at 161 with 2 more pending. Judy Walsh spoke about a new member, Sue Ryder, of Cortlandt Manor.

Dues are due now. Cynthia Plater asked that we send dues checks to her. We discussed trying to help raise funds by simply adding a contribution line to the dues notice asking members to make additional donation when paying their dues. For an example, for this year's dues are \$98. Members might round up their contribution to \$100 or more. As our dues will increase for the next three years, we will update the amount and continue to keep the extra "donation/contribution" line on the dues notices.

For 2021, AAUW New York State dues have been waived and the usual \$15 state dues will still be collected but will now come to our Branch instead. Both checks and pay pal (with a small fee) can be used for paying one's dues/contributions.

Spring Fling via zoom, will be held on June 2nd at 5:30. All 4 of our WCC Scholarship recipients will speak. They are Hana Cornell, Renata Galdino, Stephanie Sawyer and Melisa Westfall. Marilee shared the contact information with our chapter.

Lorrin summarized the EYO the April 17 EYO Conference. There were 7 workshops with 35 girls. The cost was a little over \$500.

Lorrin indicated that Mercy College would like to host EYO in the future, however its location presents a transportation problem for students to access. The College of Mt St. Vincent is easy to reach by public transportation. The new President of the College of Mt. St. Vincent, Susan Burns, wants to work with us.

We need to think about STEM as part of a remote learning experience in addition to the full personal presence of the past. However, the physical ability for a 7th grade girl to attend a STEM program at a college is a big draw.

Mary Login reminded us that the Running and Winning Workshop will take place on May 18th, 7-9 pm. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and AAUW Westchester. The event has been at the White Plains YWCA in previous years and a grant enabled buses to bring students from Yonkers in person to the Running & Winning events. This year there will be approximately 29 participants via zoom.

The partnership between AAUW and the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility is challenging because of COVID social distancing protocols. Part of the facility is not available because of these regulations.

Our Joint Board Meeting is Wednesday, June 9th at 10:30 am. Ellen asked all board members to Review the Board Handbook that describes your individual position. After reading the information, ask yourself, "What would have made your job easier if you had known certain things before your term began?"

She also would like each of us to look at the Board Timeline on pp.18-19 making suggestions of anything else that should be listed.

We devoted the last part of our meeting to discuss summer fun. Cynthia Plater offered to organize adventures like a pot-luck picnic on July 14. Lorrin mentioned a hike in the Black Forest. Marilee is a docent at Untermeyer Gardens. Maybe we could go there. We will learn more about summer fun activities at the June 9 Branch meeting.

Respectfully Yours,
Elaine Weiss
Co-Recording Secretary