

AAUW Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 18th, 2021

Present: Susan Gardner, Lorrin Johnson, Marcia Keizs, Marjorie Kingsley, Ellen Leuner, Marie McKellar, Rene Parmar, Elaine Weiss.

1. Rene Parmar called the meeting to order at 10 :33 AM
2. Old Business

2a. Old Business: The Board and Branch minutes were previously approved via email. They are posted on our website.

2b. As reported by Marjorie Kingsley, our membership is at 145 down from 151. The possibility having a Membership drive discussion has been deferred to November when can evaluate how the Covid conditions have emerged. That said, the discussion suggests that we should look into ways of expanding membership e.g. connecting with Women's Studies Department or other relevant disciplines at Mercy College and WCC.

2c. Susan Gardner presented the treasurer's report: There is a balance of \$49,527.47. The tax documents will be in the process of being prepared.

A discussion followed regarding conducting the needed research into the matter of how, as a nonprofit, we can appropriately give to another nonprofit. Lorrin will consult with the lawyer previously used by the chapter, on this matter.

2d. Marie McKellar reviewed the strong program offerings developed with excellent support and outreach from board members. Marie provided a full list of the Programs for 2021-2022.

2e. Rene updated the Board on the handbook and a motion was made by Elaine and seconded by Marcia to accept the changes once a final review by the Board is complete.

2f. The Strategic Plan 2021-2022 remains in place without changes from the previous year 2020-2021.

2g. In regards to the AAUW Branch's "Journalism Internship", the Board suggested that we should reach out to other local colleges with English major degrees, instead of just a Journalism degree, to broaden the candidate pool. In

addition to Purchase College, Mercy College, and Mount Saint Vincent Colleges were suggested as possible sources for the Journalism Internship. Maybe Westchester Community college as well.

Instead of asking the intern to come to every Branch meeting, we could ask them to write up articles Girls for STEM, Running & Winning and the history and purpose of our Westchester Community College Luncheon as part of their job description. We would expect them to attend those functions and research the history and report on the current happenings concerning each project.

It was also suggested that we offer a \$100 stipend for this Journalism Internship.

AAUW National NCCWSL Conference: It was noted by Ellen that Maimuna Joof, (a scholarship recipient sponsored by AAUW Westchester) attend ed the AAUW National NCCWSL Conference last spring. This year, Maimuna had attended most of the AAUW branch meetings via Zoom. An article on her experience attending the NCCWSL conference will appear in the September CHIPS.

New Business

3a. Susan Gardner suggested we update our Yearbook listings: with each member's National AAUW ID number. The motion that "Each Westchester AAUW member's AAUW ID number, be listed in our Yearbooks starting in 2022-2023, and all years following." was made by Marge Kingsley, seconded by Rene Parmar. The motion passed unanimously.

3b. On the matter of EYO, Lorrin provided back ground information on the name "EYO Explore Your Opportunities" and the need now to change it to "Girls for STEM" in order to embed STEM in the title of the program. Lorrin made the motion that:

- The "Girls for STEM" title will replace and be used in place of EYO-Explore Your Opportunities."
- All references and names in our Budget ledger that deal with STEM programs will be changed to "Girls for STEM". This includes the names Tech Savvy Girls, EYO, Explore Your Opportunities – The Sky is the Limit and Wiz Girls

The motion passed unanimously.

Lorrin also noted that there are scores of bags with STEM related goodies should anyone need them to distribute to deserving populations. Marcia and Ellen indicated an interest.

3c. Ellen noted that Amanda Gunning and Meghan Marrero have expressed a need for help in preparing the 8th Grade Certificates for girls who excel in math and science. If a committee can be formed, this is a great opportunity for members to meet other members while contributing to our mission of advancing girls' education and careers in the STEM fields. We will seek volunteers through our monthly newsletter, CHIPS.

3d. On the matter of printing and mailing of CHIPS to our 12 members who have requested a hard copy, it was agreed that as a result of the existing vendor relocating out of our area, the opportunity to replace that vendor with a less expensive vendor like Staples, to print those copies, is now available. Abby will be asked to lead this effort. (Cynthia Platter volunteered to print and mail them herself if no one else volunteered.)

3e. On the matter of in-person meetings, given the uncertainties related to the emerging Delta virus, Board members concur to defer the conversation of meeting in-person to November / December.

3f. Other New Business:

Historical AAUW documentation: Elaine requested the assistance of seasoned long-time members of AAUW Westchester to assist her in making critical decisions as she takes on the task of sifting, selecting and documenting the trove of items in hand. This effort is to document the history of the chapter.

Knowledgeable chapter members will be critical in assuring the integrity of this project.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:03PM

Respectfully Yours

Marcia V. Keizs

Co- Recording Secretary