

AAUW Westchester Board Meeting

September 1, 2021 at 4 pm

Present: Ellen Leuner, Lorrin Johnson, Marie McKellar, Marjorie Kingsley, Susan Perko, Abby Hirsch,
Cynthia Plater

1. Call to Order: Ellen Leuner

2. Old Business: Ellen Leuner

2a. Minutes of the Branch & Board:

The minutes were approved.

2b. Membership: Judy Walsh, Marjorie Kingsley.

Marjorie told us that the yearbook has been mailed to all 145 members.

We welcome new Member- Joni Sims

2c. Treasurers: Susan Gardner, Cynthia Platter

1. Susan G. reported: The 1099-N form has been filed through the national web site. I will be working on the other tax forms going forward.

2d. Programs: Sue Perko, Marie McKellar didn't have new programs to discuss at this time.

2e. Girls for STEM: Lorrin Johnson made it clear that the new title is going into effect.

At the Mercy College STEM Conference on Oct. 16th, the name change will be introduced to the public through posters, certificates, printed information, and all other items. Girls for STEM is our title.

2f. CHIPS Printing & Mailing: Cynthia Platter:

1. Stopped at post office. Up to 5 stapled sheets of 8.5x 11 paper can be sent in a #10 envelope for one regular stamp [55 cents]. Currently CHIPS is 4 pages including 1/2 a page blank for mailing info.

2. I also asked about folding 8.5 x 11 and mailing that way. Post office clerk said we can stick tape on it so it doesn't come apart. We don't need to use special stickers that Jean has mentioned.

3. There seems to be no need to do 11x17 paper.

4. Cynthia has printed in Black & White the September CHIPS, stapled, folded, and mail in #10 envelopes to the twelve gals. [Included Joan Morgan this month with reminder to renew]

5. October should be eleven gals - Joan Morgan did not renew her membership.

6. When we go back to in person meetings, we may want to print several additional copies for visitors.

7. Jean Havens will continue to research and hire a printer for our 11+ CHIPS snail mailings. Jean will begin mailing our newsletters starting in Nov. Cynthia Platter is printing and mailing CHIPS for Sept. & Oct. Jean will be in charge of the CHIPS snail mailing starting in November. We plan to wait until that time to know the real cost of snail mail for CHIPS. With that knowledge, we plan to tell the recipients if they "Would reimburse our expenses" their action would be deeply appreciated.

2g. Nominating Committee:

1. Thanks to Marcia Keizs and Judith Walsh for volunteering to serve on this committee. A motion to accept Jane Pendergast, Shelli Pines and Lorrin Johnson as additional members to our 2022-2023 Nominating Committee, was passed.

2. The Nominating Committee will decide on their own chairperson and will choose a date to meet this September via zoom/or in-person to start the process. They will wrap up the nominations by the end of December.

AAUW Board members can only serve in the same position for a maximum of 3 years.

New Business: Ellen Leuner

3a. Possible Fundraiser: From Shelli Pines and Marlene Brenhouse:

"The AAUW members so enjoyed Leigh Hallingby's Audubon Project and Feminist Walk virtual tours that Marlene and I asked her to let us know when she had another tour to present. Last week Leigh sent us the following description and it looks very interesting! I have not yet contacted Leigh about details such as price and available dates because I wanted to know first if the Board would like us to pursue this as another Scholarship Fund fundraiser. Marilee would be happy to again receive checks from members and Marlene and I would make arrangements with Leigh and offer the tour to our entire membership and their friends. We would like to do this in the winter, since we are looking forward to being able to once again enjoy our spring luncheon fundraiser. Please let us know if the Board would like us to try to make this happen. If so, I'll contact Leigh and let you know the results. Thank you."

We support repeating this project this year. They will develop a program to benefit the WCC Scholarship fund with our support.

3b. AAUW Westchester Website has been updated with new photos and information by Carolyn Lyall. Members are asked to send pictures.

3c. AAUW Historian: Elaine Weiss asked members to think about any past Westchester AAUW programs they were involved in or knew about. Please share your memories. Please join the History Committee when it starts meeting in early October. The date will be determined in September.

4. Other New Business:

We discussed meeting in person starting in November by paying a small fee to the Unitarian Church on Old Jackson Ave. The motion passed with only one abstention.

Darryl Rojas-Taylor has been hired as our journalism internship for the fall semester. This internship follows his graduation from Purchase last spring. He will take notes and write articles about our events this fall.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by

Elaine Weiss

Recording Secretary