

AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

Jan 8th at 12:00 noon via Zoom

Present: Ellen Leuner, Rene Parmar, Marie McKellar, Susan Perko, Marjorie Kingsley, Judy Walsh, Lorrin Johnson, Marcia V. Keizs, Abby Hirsch, Susan Gardner, and Cynthia Plater.

1. Ellen Leuner called the Meeting to Order at 12:05 PM.
2. Old Business: Ellen Leuner

2a. Minutes of the Branch & Board: The December Branch meeting minutes had been previously approved by email. They are posted on the website. The Board did not meet in December.

2b. Membership: Judy Walsh reported our membership stands at 151 with one new member.

2c. Treasurers: Susan Gardner, Cynthia Plater:

Susan Gardner noted that our treasury is strong, with a current balance of some \$50,567.11. The restricted account of \$25,192.60 is dedicated to Girls For STEM.

Recent donations include Bedford Hills Correctional Facility/Holiday Gift for Children of \$1490 (information provided by Thea Jacobs) and \$6760 for the National AAUW Fundraising drive to fund grants and fellowships, gender discrimination lawsuits, salary negotiation workshops, NCCWSL, and other initiatives (information provided by Mary Logan).

The Treasurers are asked to prepare a budget proposal for the upcoming year 2022-2023 for the board to consider.

2d. Programs: Sue Perko noted that in February that our program will feature a speaker from NYSERDA who will highlight energy savings that are possible to Westchester homeowners and in March the focus will be on social isolation and its impact on brain function.

2e. AAUW Fact Sheet: Ellen Leuner asked us all to review carefully the AAUW Westchester fact sheet one more time and send any corrections to her. This will be posted to the website as well as sent to members.

2f. Nominating Slate 2022—2023

Marcia Keizs, Chairperson of nominating Committee presented the slate for the AAUW Westchester Slate of Officers 2022-2023 and noted the great work of the committee comprised of Lorrin Johnson, Jane Pendergast, Judy Walsh and Shelli Pines as follows:

AAUW Westchester Slate of Officers 2022-2023

Co-Presidents:

Susan Damplo
Rene Parmar

Co Vice-President Membership:

Thea Jacobs
Marie Schenk

Co-Vice-President Program:

Diana Lennon
Teresa H. Neal

Corresponding Secretary:

Abby Hirsh

Co-Recording Secretary:

Marcia V. Keizs
Elaine Weiss

Treasurer:

Cynthia Plater

Assistant to the Treasurer:

Susan Gardner

2g. Mailing Chips to members: Abby Hirsh reported that the mailing of CHIPS is moving smoothly.

2h. Girls for STEM:

Lorin Johnson noted that there is a change in date of the Girls for STEM program as a result of the Spring Break. The new date is April 30th. The goal of 110 girls remains. Meetings are moving forward with volunteers and Mount Saint Vincent. A flier will be revised and sent out. Lorin also shared some great news regarding volunteer interns. Two students, Anika Perry and Olen Fisher have received scholarships of almost \$300, 000 dollars to fund their college pursuits.

2i. In-person meetings – future possibilities:

On the matter of the status of in-person meetings, Ellen reported that she is keeping in touch with Christa O’Sullivan of the Digital Services Librarian of the Greenburgh Library. She also noted that information about our meetings is now part of the library’s banner web page thus giving us some welcome publicity.

- Contact person is:
Christa O'Sullivan
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Greenburgh Public Library
300 Tarrytown Road
Elmsford, NY 10523
cosullivan@greenburghlibrary.org

3. New Business:

3a. Rene Parmar introduced an item of new business. She opened the discussion regarding the consideration of the setting of dues. The discussion that emerged included the following considerations: reduction of the Chapter dues in light of the reduction implemented by AAUW– NYS down from \$13 to \$7; maintaining the dues the same vs lowering now and raising later with the opportunity to raise if need in smaller increments; identifying good ways to expand our support to existing programs that are directly linked to our mission of uplifting women and girls in Westchester; identifying new program efforts that are core to our mission that may be created. This discussion will continue as the Treasurers bring forward the 2022-2023 Budget for the Board to consider.

The meeting adjourned at 12: 40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By

Marcia V. Keizs

Co- Recording Secretary