

Minutes of AAUW Board Meeting on February 5  
Called to order at 12 noon (via zoom)

Present: Ellen Leuner, Rene Parmar, Marie McKeller, Abby Hirsch, Marge Kingsley, Cynthia Plater, Judith Walsh, Lorrin Johnson, Sue Perko, Marcia Keisz, Elaine Weiss

Membership:

- Judy Walsh suggested that any future nominating committee should use the Excel spreadsheet of members to assist in identifying members who had joined in the last few years. Those members may be ready for a leadership position. That spreadsheet has phone numbers and email addresses and the year that members have joined. It is typically available to the Membership VPs and can be accessed from Sue Lambert.
- Barbara Sarver maintains the Branch membership database and updates regularly, then submits to co-presidents, vice-presidents, and treasurer.
- Fact sheet (attached at end of minutes) was approved for printing and electronic distribution to recruit new members.

Treasurers: Susan Gardner and Cynthia Plater submitted the budget report and projection.

- The budget was approved (attached at end of minutes).
- Dues for 2022-23 = \$103 – (\$67 national -\$7 state) = net to AAUW Branch= \$29 were approved and will presented to membership in next Chips for vote.
- The Following future events were discussed.
  - Will the student leadership conference be virtual or in person?
- We thanked Abby Hirsch for funding postage for the newsletter.
- The Following suggestions to reduce or end our \$1,800.00 projected deficit.
  - Have fund raising events was suggested for a time when we can be outside.
- Girls for STEM will be virtual at Mount St. Vincent. The college will have virtual opening breakout sessions before the event's conclusion.
- We will have a journalism internship at SUNY Purchase.

The nominations for next year's officers were posted in Chips-AAUW Westchester for vote.

Updates on Interest Groups (discussion):

- Tabled until March meeting.
- Noted: AAUW Historian (led by Lorrin Johnson and Elaine Weiss) has been added.

New Business:

Rene led a discussion of the 5 Star Membership program from AAUW national. The form will be filled in June at the end of the budget year on how the branch meets the 5-Star goals. Rene will follow up with Janice Brown from AAUW-NY regarding definition of diversity and recruitment ideas.

Respectfully Submitted by Elaine Weiss



## FACT SHEET

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*AAUW is a nationwide organization of female and male college graduates, whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.*

**AAUW Westchester Branch** has approximately 150 members who work on advocacy and enjoy stimulating activities, including:

- Meeting monthly with speakers addressing major issues such as **Climate Change, Diversity, Women Leaders** and other pertinent topics. We welcome the public to our meetings at the Town of Greenburgh Public Library.
- **Promoting science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education for girls and women:**
  - **Girls for STEM Conference for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls** gives hands-on experience in STEM-related activities and a chance to work with women professionals in STEM fields. AAUW and the College of Mount Saint Vincent co-sponsor; with 100 girls from Westchester and NYC attending.
  - **Running and Winning** is a one-day workshop for high school girls to explore public service as a career. Local female elected officials speak of their experiences in seeking & holding public office.



- **Working to end the gender wage gap** by teaching young women **negotiation skills through Start Smart and Work Smart Workshops.**
- **Working in Action Groups**, including **Pay Equity Outreach, Public Policy, and Community Services**, promoting equity for women through a wide variety of community activities.
- **Funding scholarships** to current **Westchester Community College** students and those pursuing further degrees and **recognizing outstanding Senior girls and 8th graders** in schools throughout Westchester.
- **Learning and having fun in Interest Groups**, such as Current Issues, Book groups, Art Interest, Poetry, Bridge, and a Luncheon Group.

**AAUW National Organization** – <https://www.aauw.org/> AAUW empowers women. Since 1881 we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. AAUW is a nationwide network of members and donors, branches, and college/university institution partners. AAUW National works in support of its mission through:

- Research.
- Public Policy
- Educational Policy
- Salary Negotiation
- STEM Education
- Case Support
- Campus Initiatives
- Global Connections
- Member Leadership
- Scholarship and Grants

**AAUW New York State Organization** – <https://aauw-nys.org> An organization of 24 Branches facilitating the coordination of programs and activities statewide.

<b><u>AAUW Westchester -Proposed Budget for 2022-2023</u></b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
	Total Branch Dues	\$ 4,060.00
	Contributions for Sr. Awards	
	Contribution for 8th grade awards	\$ 300.00
	Donations	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 4,360.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>BRANCH ACTIVITIES</b>		
	8th Grade Educational awards	\$ 300.00
	Sr. Educational Awards	\$ 850.00
	Public Policy (Running & Winning)	\$ 200.00
	Westchester Women's Agenda	\$ 100.00
	AAUW Student Leadership Conference	\$ 600.00
	Special Projects - Start Smart, STEM camp, etc.	
	WCC Scholarship Fund	\$ 250.00
	Community Service Project	
<b>Total BRANCH ACTIVITIES EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,300.00</b>
<b>CONFERENCES/CONVENTIONS</b>		
	Delegates - State or National	\$ 200.00
<b>Total CONF./CONVENTIONS EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>GENERAL MEETINGS &amp; SOCIALS</b>		
	Hospitality	\$ 150.00
	Programs	\$ 150.00
	Rental & Custodial Fees (inc. \$300 to library)	\$ 450.00
<b>Total GEN. MTGS &amp; SOCIAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
	Corres.Sec./Sunshine Fund	\$ 50.00
	Insurance	\$ 600.00
	Membership	\$ 50.00
	Newsletter/Postage	\$ 200.00
	Other Expenses [zoom, fees,...]	\$ 600.00
	Publicity/Branch Brochure	\$ 100.00
	Yearbook/Postage	\$ 950.00
	AAUW Funds Mailing	\$ 200.00
	State Convention Ad	\$ 125.00
	Intern Expenses	\$ 100.00
<b>Total OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,975.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 6,225.00</b>
	<b>Net Income-Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (1,865.00)</b>