

AAUW - Westchester  
Board Meeting: October 6, 2021  
Minutes

Present: Ellen Leuner, Rene Parmar, Marcia Keizs, Judith Walsh,  
Susan Gardner, Marge Kingsley, Lorrin Johnson, Abby Hirsh, Susan Perko,  
Elaine Weiss.

Rene called the meeting to order at 4:03.

September Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Membership:
  - Marge and Judith spoke about clearing up the problems of delivery we had with Staples in charge of the printing and distribution of the yearbook. They will send the yearbooks to the 12 members did not receive theirs. The 12 members are to be informed about privacy issues because the yearbooks are missing in the postal system.
- Treasurer:
  - We don't need to file a 1099 to the IRS because our income is less than \$25,000
- Programs:
  - We discussed having a restaurant holiday lunch. Marie reminded us that both Westchester and Manhattan are very low in COVID cases at this time. We would check that the venue required that guests and employees were vaccinated and required masks. Our group would be 40-50 guests.
- Handbook:
  - Rene needs a few pieces of information to complete her work. A motion was made and approved to accept the Handbook with the noted revisions.
- Correspondence:
  - Barbara Sarver has stationary with our letterhead to us to thank the September speaker and use to thank people in the future. The Corresponding Secretary will have an expanded role.

New Business:

- The Mercy College Stem Conference:
  - Lorrin is not sure if we will be a part of the event because we were late in applying.

- We will organize the Girls for STEM conference on Saturday, April 23, 2022 conference at Mt. St. Vincent. College. We will supply needed materials. Jenny Libien, Susan Appel and Abby Hirsch are interested in helping with the STEM initiative. There are some members of the Empire Branch that may take part as well.
- Lorrin wants women who strive to complete college to have the ability to apply for Scholarships from the National AAUW.
- Greenburgh Library:
  - Ellen will work with the Greenburgh library to start our in-person meetings in January.
  - Susan Perko expressed our need to make sure that hybrid is available to speakers who cannot come in person. We have Patrick O'Shei of the NYSERDA for February who will want to present via zoom.
- Tax Question: Marie McKellar explained that a 501(c)(3) may donate to another 501(c)(3). While you can donate to another 501(c)(3), note that your organization is responsible for any misuse of funds by the receiving structure. Be sure to do your due diligence to ensure that the recipient of your gift is a legitimate organization, with solid values that line up with your own.
- Rockland County Branch: The AAUW Rockland Branch asked us to explain how we determine and recruit individuals to attend the NCCWSL Conference. Mary Logan and Ellen Leuner gave her detailed and extensive information. Apparently, AAUW Rockland reads our CHIPS Newsletter.

Historian Goals:

- Elaine Weiss reached out to those who are interested expanding our History program to make contributions now and plan to discuss and work in groups when we meet in person.

Respectfully Submitted by Elaine Weiss