

AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

April 12th 2023, 4:00 pm

Greenburgh Public Library

Present: Rene Parmar, Marcia Kiesz, Thea Jacobs, Mary Schenck, Diana Lennon, Teresa Neal, Barbara Sarver, Elaine Weiss, Susan Appel

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rene at 4:00 pm.

1. Old Business: Rene Parmar

2a. Minutes of the Board: Approval of the March 11th, 2023 Board and Branch meeting minutes (circulated via email).

2b. Membership: Thea Jacobs, Mary Schenck

- There were no updates in membership.

2c. Treasurers: Barbara Sarver (with Susan Gardner):

- Scholarship lunch at WCC confirmed for April 13th (\$12.00 cost; \$35 charge); register with Marilee; notice in March and April Chips.
- There has been a gift of \$10,000 from the Estate of Margaret De Yongh. It had been Margaret's idea to put photos of the members in the yearbook. Barbara will write an article to be put in Chips.
- Barbara has sent PayPal information to Susan G. and Co-Presidents. PayPal has been used for membership dues and registration fees for Girls for Stem.

2d. Programs: Diana Lennon, Teresa Neal

- Spring 2023 program updates
 - May is Nurses Month. Our May speaker will be a nurse who has been associated with the US Veterans Hospital in The Bronx.
 - We would like to have the 2023-24 programs by the end of July.
 - The June meeting will be a joint meeting of the old and new Boards. It has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 10. Location to be determined.
- Running and Winning – April 27th 8:30-2:00 pm vendor table will be set up by Marcia Keizs (Manhattanville College) (from Mary Logan)
- Spring Fling planning
 - Wed. June 7th is in yearbook
 - Rene followed up with Selena Barron – waiting to hear back - St. Andrew's Golf Club, used last year, charged \$60 per person; cost was approved by the Board.
 - Rene corresponded with:
 - Nonna Carola (211 Mamaroneck Ave.) = \$55 (+tax, 20% gratuity, \$175 admin. fee); menu = Italian
 - Tesoro D'Italia (160 Marble Ave., Pleasantville) = \$60 (+tax and gratuity); menu = Italian

- Tombolino (Kimball Ave, Yonkers) = range \$30-\$99 depending on selections; menu = Italian
- Harvest on Hudson - \$75 – out of our price range
- Tappan Hill Manor - \$100 – out of our price range
- The Briarcliff Manor – can't confirm date (and also out of price range)
- Sonesta (White Plains) - \$70 – out of our price range
- Zuppa (Yonkers) - \$70-75 – out of our price range
- Teri will follow up with Caseletto in Elmsford
- The consensus of the Board was that they would prefer St. Andrews Golf Club, if at all possible.
- An effort will be made to reach new members and invite them to the event.
- Program for Spring Fling suggestions:
 - Investiture of new Board (Rene)
 - Thank outgoing board members,
 - Recognize Mary Logan and the amount collected for AAUW funds.
 - announce Summer Programs if there are any.
 - Mention Ellen Eschmann who became an honorary life member this year. She won't be there but a lot of members know her.
 - Recognition of new members

New Business: Rene Parmar

3a. Membership (if needed) (Thea Jacobs & Mary Schenck)

– need vote at Branch meeting on Board and Budget

3b. Programs (Diana Lennon & Teresa Neal)

- Diana and Teri will contact Steven DeVillo, our Director of Summer Programs, to discuss plans for summer activities.
- A picnic lunch at a Westchester park was suggested.

3c. Nominations and elections

- There will be a vote at the Branch meeting to approve the budget and next year's slate of officers.
- Branch Record Keeper to replace Barbara Sarver starting Sept. 1st (Barbara has sent list of responsibilities). Several nominees were suggested. Rene will contact them.
- Task Group to call Out of Reach members – follow up from Marcia
 - Marcia, Diana, Teri, Jane Pendergast and Ellen Leuner have been involved in the task force.

- A draft of an Engagement Survey was distributed by Marcia, asking questions related to attendance at AAUW events and interest group activities.
- This survey can be distributed to members via email, using a Google Form, or by phone calls.

3e. Information from NYS-AAUW

- FOCUS – submitting our branch events and photos
[Fall-FOCUS-2022.pdf \(aauw-nys.org\)](#)

3f. Information from National AAUW

Upcoming Webinar

Running from Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America

A Conversation with Gloria L. Blackwell & Dr. Karen B. Cook Bell

Friday, April 14, 2 p.m. ET

4. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Submitted by
Susan Appel
Co-Recording Secretary