

**AAUW Board Meeting Minutes
November 15th 2023, 4 :00 PM
Greenburgh Public Library**

Present: Abby Hirsch, Judith Kessler, Mary Schenk, Thea Jacobs, Teresa Neal, Diana Lennon, Susan Appel

1. **Call to Order:** Abby Hirsch

Abby called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

2. **Old Business:** Abby Hirsch

2a. **Minutes of the Board:** The minutes of of the October 4 th 2023 Board meeting were approved.

2b. **Membership:** Thea Jacobs, Mary Schenck

Our branch now has 138 members.

Our holiday luncheon will be held at the Kittle House on Wednesday, December 6, at 12:00 noon. The cost will be \$54.00 for members; \$60.00 for non-members.

Members will be notified about Branch Meetings using available communications channels (FB, website, newsletter, email blasts)

New member coffee to be hosted by Ellen Leuner was cancelled due to lack of response

2c. **Treasurers:** Susan Gardner and Judith Kessler

Susan Gardner reported via phone.

Report from National: All AAUW affiliated entities must file a tax return with the IRS each year.

.If our annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less, we can file Form990-N. National can do this on our behalf, but we must have completed the group exemption form in Community Hub now through Oct 15

CDs: Our current CD matures on December 13. Susan has an appointment with a banker for an update on current rates.

2d. **WCC and Status of Scholarships** : The Board's action at the last meeting, recommended by Marilee Scheuneman , to consolidate AAUW Graduating Scholarship with the Beverly Jordan AAUW Scholarship was communicated in a letter to WCC. This has been approved by WCC.

2e. **Updated Schedule:**

- May 8th SCR/Board 4-5PM; MPR 5:30-6:30 PM
- June 5th Spring Fling 5 :00PM Site -TBD
- June 14 ; 10:30 AM Joint Board Meeting -TBD

2f. **Recommendations Emerging From the Engagement Survey prepared by**

,Diana Lennon and Marcia Keizs communicated to membership via CHIPs in Part One

of a report. Part Two , a more detailed report will be published in the December CHIPS. At this time , the Board should develop a plan to execute the recommendations. We need volunteers to lead this effort.

- Car Pooling by Zip Code. Abby will draft an email to members to ask if they need rides, or are willing to drive local members to events.
 - Provide tech help for members(Zoom)
 - Activate methods of re-energizing membership to step into leadership. It was suggested that we offer free membership not only to speakers at branch meetings, but also to workshop leaders and Mystery Women who participated in the STEM for Girls event.
 - It was suggested that Abby reach out to the chair of each interest group to see if there might be recommendations for people to reach out to for leadership positions.
- Re-engage membership with “ Meet and Greet after Branch Meetings
- Publish the results of the Survey in CHIPS

New Business

3a. Programs: kick off planning for Holiday Luncheon. Abby is working with Selena Barron and Raquel Bennett possibly also Joni Sims; 90th Anniversary Theme; Lori Austin to be contacted .

3b. Co-sponsoring an event: We have agreed to Co -Sponsor an event with the Rivertowns League Of Women Voters who will host a panel discussion with Assemblywomen Mary Jane Shimsky and Dana Levenberg, to be moderated by State Senator Shelley Mayer. It will be on Thursday, November 16 at the Ossining Library at 6:45 p.m. Marcia is working with Sue Goodwin, who is the contact person.

3c . Committees and Task Teams:

- **Nominations and elections:** Abby and her committee have almost completed their task.
- **Facebook authorization and parameters:** Raquel Bennett is working with the board on this project.
- **Noticing Branch Meetings using all available communications channels (FB, website, newsletter, email blasts)** Board and Sue Lambert:
 - Task Team to include Marcia Keizs , Abby Hirsch ,Rene Parmar, Susan Ferris Rights.
 - Sue Lambert, Barbara Sarver , Carolyn Lyall, Raquel Bennett, Lorrin Johnson will study effective transition of leadership in communication , consider new platforms eg. Constant Contact, and review consolidation / separation of functions as appropriate . Regular meeting dates to be established .
 - The search for a Branch Recordkeeper continues. Task team to include :Abby Hirsch , Marcia Keizs, Barbara Sarver, others. It was suggested that we pay someone to be our branch record keeper.
 - We are in need of a Public Policy Leader (All) .

- 1619 Event /Talk at Greenburgh Library (Abby Hirsch): This is an ongoing monthly event, in which the book “1619” is discussed, chapter by chapter. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 13. All are welcome to attend.

3d. Information from NYS-AAUW

Marcia Keizs is representing us here . The NYState President has published broadly as a model, our long time program , Running and Winning submitted by Mary Logan. We are looking at the following public policy issues to pursue this year: Book Banning, ERA New York Nov '24 Vote, Human Trafficking, Women In Leadership, Social Security . Be reminded that AAUW NYC Metropolitan Fund Grants are available(\$2000- \$10,000) .See the website.

[Fall-FOCUS-2022.pdf \(aauw-nys.org\)](#)

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Appel

Co-Recording Secretary