

AAUW BOARD AGENDA JAN 3, 2023

1. Approval of Minutes for November 28th meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Upcoming Events----January Tea /Trivia Pursuit Contest, Valentine's Day Luncheon & Speaker
4. Fundraising/Book Author Luncheon
5. Update on 501(c)(3)
6. Scholarships
7. Membership
8. Interest Groups

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW
Board Meeting
January 3, 2023

Members Present: Deb DeHertogh, Mary Jane Peterson, Sue Aberbach, Mary Ann Iadarola, Barb Dimberg, Jeannette Santovasi, Gloria Gery, Olga Saubermann, Margie Rice, Linda Frigon, Deb Herskowitz, Diane Volz, Kathy Heebner, Lucy Duddy, Marcia Machuga, Elaine Quayle

The meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by President Deb DeHertogh at 1:04 pm.

Treasurer's Report

November: Beginning balance in Business Advantage Checking: \$5,892.41. Ending Balance \$6,016.83. Outstanding expenses: \$55.58. Combined Bequest and Business Savings Ending Balance: \$21,585.05. Correction to Recognition Fund to be made [deposit was made in October.]

December: Beginning balance in Business Advantage Checking: \$6,016.83. Ending Balance \$7,229.37. Outstanding expenses: \$55.38. Combined Bequest and Business Savings Ending Balance: \$21,588.60. Correction for Fiscal YTD to reflect a budget of 85 current members rather than 86. [The name of a member who has not rejoined has not been removed from AAUW list.]

Mary Ann Iadarola informed the board that monthly contributions by Barbara Spargo to the Alan Spargo Memorial may stop in January as her family assesses her finances.

Question raised about payment to Ciel Printing for membership booklets. Although Margie had received an invoice, when Mary Ann Iadarola called them they said we did not have a balance. Margie Rice will follow up.

The Treasurer's Reports will be filed for audit.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the board meeting of November 28, 2022 were sent out via email at the start of the meeting. A motion was made by Linda Frigon, seconded by Kathy Heebner to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Programs

Deb DeHertogh has prepared trivia questions for the tea on Saturday January 7th. Questions will be printed. Board members are to bring a bottle of wine, a box of chocolate, or other small gift to be used for prizes. Two grant recipients will attend and be introduced.

Gloria Gery told us that the Valentine's Day Luncheon has a speaker reserved.

Fundraising

Linda Frigon informed the board that a lot of work for the Book Author Luncheon has been ongoing, the next meeting is tomorrow at 3 pm on Zoom. Elaine Quayle told us that the authors are very excited and have provided pics and bios which will be shared on our website and FaceBook. Their books will be available for signing at the Book Author Luncheon.

Gloria Gery informed us that letters are being sent out to 40 potential sponsors. Kathy Heebner gave us information about the teams that will seek donations from restaurants and stores in nearby towns. These restaurants and stores will be listed on clipboards and be available at the Tea & Trivia for members who have connections with these businesses to sign up.

501(c)(3) Update

Deb DeHertogh started a discussion about our own scholarship fundraising efforts and contributions to AAUW National. Some questions were should we have a certain percentage of our fundraising efforts go to National and should we keep these separate? Some felt that obtaining local donations for the Book Author Luncheon hinged on our use of the monies to support local women. The joint meeting might be a good time to highlight the National AAUW and its work.

Application has been submitted to Pro-Bono Partnership. This is the lawyer group that, if we are accepted, will guide us step-by-step through the process of applying for the 501(c)(3). A screening meeting is being held Thursday morning.

Scholarship

Sue Aberbach reported that the committee met at the end of November and will meet again at the end of January. NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) will be held June 1-2 at the University of Maryland. Cost is \$600-700. We would like to sponsor 2 students. Our grant recipients as well as a student known to Carol House will be given first choice. Our grant recipients may be unable to attend (starting jobs, continuing education, ...) so we are looking for additional applicants. If anyone knows someone who would benefit from this program, let Sue know.

Gloria Gery updated the application for the scholarship so that it is able to be completed completely online. The committee tried it out and it is working. Kudos to Gloria!

Mary Jane Peterson informed us that another branch is donating \$500 to the AAUW-CT proposed scholarship. More details will be available after a meeting next week.

Membership

Margie Rice reported that we currently have 85 members. This is an increase of 13 new members from last year.

Interest Groups

- ◆ Hiking Club, next hike January 26th
- ◆ Mah Jongg, January 10th (2nd Tuesday of the month)
- ◆ Great Decisions, book and materials to be ordered this week, organizing leaders of each discussion
- ◆ Afternoon Book Club, How the Word is Passed will be discussed tomorrow afternoon. Magnolia Palace will be discussed next month and the author will join us. All are welcome to attend this event.
- ◆ Evening Book Club, The Marriage Portrait on January 24th on Zoom
- ◆ Cultural Arts, January 18th trip to Flo-Gris with lunch at Hangry Goose.

A question was raised as to what to do with money raised from Chance Auction at last month's Holiday Party. This will be decided at next board meeting.

The new address for AAUW-LCV is PO Box 379 Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Mary Ann Iadorola will update the address on membership forms which should also be done on website and FB.

At 2:25 pm, Deb DeHertogh adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Dimberg
Secretary