

LCV BOARD AGENDA 10/3/22

1. Review & Approval of Minutes from 8/29/22
2. Treasurer's Report and summary of transition costs for LCV accounts from People's Bank to M & T Bank
3. Programs
4. Fundraising
5. Scholarship
6. Communications
7. Hospitality
8. Proposal for new bylaw: members must reply **promptly** (and certainly by the deadline) to reserve places for all LCV events/trips. In the event that a member has to cancel, she would be responsible for finding a replacement to go in her stead or forfeit her payment **IF** the cost of the event has been prepaid by the program chair/organizer.
9. Interest Groups
 - Great Decisions
 - Cultural Trips
 - Afternoon Book Group
 - Evening Book Group
 - Hiking
 - Gourmet
 - Mah Jongg
10. Public Policy—getting out the vote

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW
Board Meeting
October 3, 2022

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

The meeting was held at Acton Library and was called to order by President Deb DeHertogh at 1:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes for August 29th meeting

A motion was made by Kathy Heebner, seconded by Mary Jane Peterson to approve the board minutes of August 29, 2022 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

People's Bank has been bought out by M & T Bank. AAUW as a business account will have several costs associated with this change. Mary Ann Iadarola noted that deposit slips and a stamp for checks would need to be purchased.

August treasurer's report reviewed. Beginning balance in Business Advantage Checking: \$8,918.65. Ending Balance \$5,898.76. A donation was made in honor of Penny Hein which will be included in the Recognition Fund. Outstanding expenses: \$90. One new member was paid for with the debit card. Full dues (\$98) were charged and local dues (\$21) are expected to be refunded to LCV. Mary Ann will follow-up next month.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

A question was raised regarding the Bequest Fund which has \$15,000 "unavailable for use". This will be discussed/clarified at our next meeting.

Programs for year and purchase of new projector/screen

Gloria Gery and Lucy Duddy discussed the End-of-Year Social to be held at the Elks Club on 6/15/23. This is to be a cocktail party with passed hors-d'oeuvres. \$35/person with guests welcome. A \$500 deposit is needed. The event can be canceled 3 months prior or the date shifted with no penalty.

Membership

Margie Rice distributed the new, GORGEOUS membership directories. The gold paper with color printing on the front is perfect for our 50th anniversary! The price did increase this year (\$267 for 100 booklets vs \$148 for 120 booklets last year.) Margie did look at alternative printers but found that others (such as Staples) would have been \$1 more per booklet.

We currently have 81 members. 17 members did not renew, reasons ranged from moving, health reasons, to politics (National). We have 12 new members and therefore doing well compared to many other locals. We have 3 Shape the Future free memberships.

Fundraising

Kathy Heebner reported that their next meeting is 10/19 right before Great Decisions.

She gave an update on 501(c)3 status. They are meeting with someone with SCORE next week and are trying to convince a recently retired accountant to join our branch and help with the process. Kathy has obtained contacts for grants (\$2500 total). Lucy offered to help with grant writing. Nancy Teolis is a retired lawyer who is a new member of LCV. Perhaps she could help.

Angela Cooper at National is saying that more branches are pursuing this status.

Scholarship

Sue Aberbach and Olga Saubermann reported that they will be meeting with Gloria Gery to make the online scholarship application interactive.

NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) is expected to be live, in-person this year.

Communication

Elaine Quayle reported that the photo of the scholarship recipients had been submitted to local newspapers (Shore Publishing, Shoreline Times, Zip06). Let Elaine Q or Sue A know if you see this pic in print.

Hospitality

Great job by Marcia and DeeDee for fall social.

Proposal for new procedure

Kathy Heebner made a motion, seconded by Mary Jane Peterson, to add the following to LCV's Social Procedures: Members must reply by the deadline to reserve places for all LCV events/trips. If prepayment is required and a member cancels, she is responsible for finding a replacement or forfeit her payment.

This motion passed unanimously. Deb will contact Dot Beaulieu, Chair of By-Laws for LCV.

Interest Groups

- ◆ Afternoon Book Club, meetings on zoom. 10/5: Celebrate National Book Month by welcoming author Elise Hooper to discuss Angels of the Pacific. The Chancellor will be book for November.
- ◆ Evening Book Club, The editor of The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray will speak with us on 11/15 at 3:30 pm at the Acton Library. All are welcome to attend this event.
- ◆ Cultural Arts, October trip to Lockwood-Mathews Mansion. November trip to Grove Cemetery
- ◆ Hiking Club, Wadsworth Falls 10/25 with rain date of 10/27
- ◆ Mah Jongg, 10/11 site TBA
- ◆ Gourmet, no update
- ◆ Bridge Group, no update
- ◆ Great Decision, 10/19 Russia. Please complete survey by this meeting

Public Policy

Jan Furman will take over as chair.

Deb reported on AAUW National news -- National came in under budget! \$6 million to 320 grantees. Hired a new VP of Programs and Fellowship. 700 girls participated in STEM programs. NCCWSL should be in-person. Branch membership deadline extended due to difficulty with website.

Get out the vote! Deb has offered to drive anyone who needs a ride to the polls.

Discussion about time of board meetings. Jeannette will check with Acton Library to see if a change can be made to 10:30 or 11 am vs 1 pm.

At 2:35 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gloria Gery and seconded by Kathy Heebner. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Dimberg
Secretary