

LCV BOARD AGENDA Feb 6,2023

1. Approval of Minutes for Jan 3, 2023 Board meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Fundraising Update—BAL & 501(c)(3)
4. Electronic sign usage
5. Scholarship
6. Membership
7. Programs
8. Donation of money raised at December Holiday Party to a National AAUW Program/Fund
9. Nomination committee for Board membership for next year
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Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW
Board Meeting
February 6, 2023

Members Present: Deb DeHertogh, Mary Jane Peterson, Sue Aberbach, MaryAnn Iadarola, Barbara Dimberg, Jeannette Santovasi, Gloria Gery, Olga Saubermann, Margie Rice, Linda Frigon, Deb Herskowitz, Lucy Duddy, Marcia Machuga, Elaine Quayle, Jan Furman, Kathy Heebner (2:15pm)

The meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by President Deb DeHertogh at 1:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jeannette Santovasi, seconded by Lucy Duddy to approve the minutes of the board meeting of January 3, 2023. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

MaryAnn Iadarola presented the January Treasurer's Report. Beginning balance in Business Advantage Checking: \$7,229.37. Ending Balance \$10,427.27. A deposit of \$225 from Barbara Spargo was received for the Alan Spargo Scholarship Fund. MaryAnn noted that she had spoken to Barbara's son and these donations are likely to end in February.

Deposits this month also included \$3,705 for \$65 Book Author Luncheon (BAL) reservations and \$2,000 for Patron BAL reservations. In addition, there was a deposit of \$1,915 from BAL Sponsors. Expenses included \$3,000 paid to the three grant recipients as well as purchase of Great Decision books and teacher guide.

In addition, \$695 paid to Pro Bono Partnership who will be guiding us through the process to apply for 501(c)(3) status. A question was raised regarding the funding of this expense. It was noted that at the November meeting, a motion was approved to take up to \$1500 from the Bequest Fund to cover expenses for applying for 501(c)(3) status. MaryAnn will correct this.

Outstanding expenses: \$20.00. These two checks to AAUW-CT were written over a year ago. MaryAnn will take them off the books.

Combined Bequest and Business Savings Ending Balance: \$21,592.38.

It was suggested that the PO Box rental fee be put under Miscellaneous rather than Rental (which has been for facility rentals such as the Pavillion.)

The Treasurer's Reports will be filed for audit.

Fundraising

Linda Frigon informed the board that fundraising is going well. As of today, the BAL has raised ~\$7250 for registrations, \$4,915 from sponsors, and ~\$5,600 in auction items. The event will cost ~\$9,000. Since we have so many items, solicitation for additional auction items has ceased. Have 100 registrations (only ~40 remaining seats available), ~50 are non-members. A small group will walk through Saybrook Point Inn this Friday.

501(c)(3) Update

Linda also told us that we have been accepted by Pro Bono as a client and have been “picked up” by Moira Petrone, an attorney from Shipman & Goodwin. This attorney will assist us in going through the process to file.

Electronic Sign Usage

The town of Old Saybrook has two electronic signs available (in front of The Kate and on Rt 1 by Mystic Market) for non-profits to use. Jeannette found that there is a form on the OS website and that there is no cost involved. A discussion was held whether to put up the BAL but we felt that registrations are going well so that we did not need to do so at this time. We may find that we would like to use the signs to attract new members at another time.

Scholarship

Sue Aberbach reported that NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) registration is open. Carol House recommended a young woman who works at Camp Claire and is an education major. We will sponsor her and hope to sponsor one more. Our grant recipients are unable to attend (starting jobs, continuing education, ...) so Sue is reaching out to the other applicants we had last year (12 women). If anyone knows someone who would benefit from this program, let Sue know.

Information and the application for this year’s grants are starting to be posted. Applications will be due June 13th.

Mary Jane Peterson informed us that there are three branches (New London, Storrs and LCV) each donating \$500 to the AAUW-CT proposed scholarship. The scholarship (needs to be clarified if money can be used for expenses other than tuition) will consist of \$6,000 over two years. Application should be ready by March 1st.

Membership

Margie Rice reported that we currently have 86 members. This is an increase of 14 new members from last year. Hope to enroll new members at the BAL. Deb Herskowitz will be there with applications and membership booklets. Margie is going to look at having more copies made of the membership book.

Deb H has put together a New Member Meet & Greet for February 28 at Mirsina’s from 1-3 pm. Deb D has said she would be available to attend. Let Deb H know if you are interested in attending.

Programs

Gloria Gery shared the following information: February presenter Colleen Bouffard, Commercial Fishing in the L.I. Sound. April Joint Meeting, speaker is Alyx Marks, fellowship recipient from AAUW-National will speak on the impact of Covid on justice in the civil court system.

Marcia Machuga has ordered wraps, including house salad, chips and cookies, from Mindy K's for the February luncheon meeting. Discussed whether 40 wraps was enough, suggested to go a bit higher.

Donation of Money Raised at December Holiday Party

\$330 was raised at our December Holiday Party. Deb D shared 7 different fellowships and grant programs that AAUW-National offers. A motion was made by Mary Jane Peterson, seconded by Jeannette Santovasi to donate \$330 to the International Fellowships program. The motion passed.

Nomination Committee

Deb D told the board that elected officers can serve a max of 4 years in the position. At this time, that is not a concern. Jeannette has asked and everyone on the board except one member is willing to continue for next year. Kathy Heebner will be stepping down from co-chairing BAL and Penny Hein will be joining Linda.

LCV Website Updates

All chairs should check the website and let Kristen Owens know of any updates or changes that are needed. Sponsors of BAL will be put on FB and website. Need to look at how to do this.

We will have a small group (after BAL) look at the website and make recommendations.

Interest Groups

- ◆ Hiking Club, next hike February 22nd
- ◆ Mah Jongg, February 14th (2nd Tuesday of the month)
- ◆ Great Decisions, March 15th, Famine
- ◆ Afternoon Book Club, Metropolis is next book
- ◆ Evening Book Club, Portrait of the Scientist as a Young Woman on February 21st on Zoom. All members invited to join us
- ◆ Cultural Arts, Yale Center for British Arts February 7th
- ◆ Gourmet Group, held their second event, a brunch, yesterday at three different locations.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Dimberg
Secretary