

LCV BOARD MEETING MAY 1, 2023

1. Approval of Board Minutes for April 3, 2023
2. Proposed Budget for 2023-24
3. Annual Business Meeting May 11th (to follow speaker)
Election of Board Officers, Budget and Increase in Dues
4. Update on 501 (c)(3) application
5. Subcommittee on Social Media---update (Deb/Gloria)
6. Subcommittee on Fundraising for National & LCV---update (Deb)
7. Scholarship
8. Membership
9. Programs
10. Interest Groups
11. Next Board Meeting June 26th

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW
Board Meeting
May 1, 2023

Members Present: Deb DeHertogh, Sue Aberbach, MaryAnn Iadarola, Jeannette Santovasi, Gloria Gery, Margie Rice, Linda Frigon, Deb Herskowitz, Elaine Quayle, Kathy Heebner, Diane Volz, Jan Furman, Lucy Duddy, Olga Saubermann

The meeting was called to order by President Deb DeHertogh at 1:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Linda Frigon, seconded by Lucy Duddy to approve the minutes of the board meeting of April 4, 2023. The motion passed.

Budget for 2023 - 2024

MaryAnn Iadarola stated that we could reduce the cost of rentals if we changed the September meeting from the Fireman's Field to the Pavillion. Firemen's Field costs us \$250 rental and the Pavillion we would pay our usual monthly cost. Right now we are spending \$280, Mary Ann Iadarola suggested reducing the budget conservatively to \$400.

It was asked what costs would be taken over by the 501c3? Linda Frigon stated the P.O. Box and Zoom. Mary Ann Iadarola stated that we need to add a line in the Budget for Zoom at \$120.

Program Honorariums was discussed and decided to leave the budgeted amount at \$600 although have not spent that much in a year.

Motion to approve the current budget with changes made by Lucy Duddy and seconded by Margie Rice. Approved with one abstain.

Treasurer's Report

MaryAnn Iadarola presented the April Treasurer's Report. Beginning balance in Business Advantage Checking: \$17,362.99. Ending Balance \$13,035.91.

Deposits this month totaled \$371.00 and expenses \$698.08. Outstanding checks Jordyn Masse - NCCWSL transportation \$175.

Combined Bequest and Business Savings Ending Balance: \$20,907.47.

Linda Frigon stated that we will have further costs for the 501c3 totalling about \$1,000. This will be taken out of the remaining BAL amount of \$12,865.95.

Deb DeHertogh asked if the \$1,916.83 would move to the 501c3 as well as the BAL balance of \$12,865.95? Linda Frigon stated that yes that is correct, both amounts would be in the 501c3.

The Treasurer's Reports will be filed for audit.

501c3 Update

Linda Frigon stated that this process takes time, and unfortunately the lawyer that volunteered to work with us quit, she probably had too many commitments. We are happy to have Sara Taylor, a lawyer on the ProBono staff now working with us. Sara promises that the process will move more quickly going forward. Linda Frigon stated that our only slowdown could be National.

Subcommittee on Social Media

Deb DeHertogh stated that a committee was formed with Gloria Gery, Kristen Owens, Olga Saubermann, Linda Frigon, Sue Aberbach, Margie Rice, and herself.

Gloria Gery stated that this group will assist with who is responsible for different aspects of this scope. In addition, she was hoping that we could improve the content of information and reduce the redundancies. Gloria also stated that we could use Google calendar for events as well as have the membership booklet online and the By-Laws. There would need to be passwords to keep information safe and possibly edit access only to a few individuals. We could also have the board minutes, treasurers reports, and possibly other information.

Each committee will be met in time to see what they want added.

Kristen Owens volunteered to take ownership of the Calendar, as well as the newsletter.

Subcommittee on Fundraising for National & LCV

Deb DeHertogh stated that the members of this committee are Mary Ann Kistner, Mary Jane Peterson, Sue Aberbach, Linda Frigon, Lucy Duddy and herself.

This year the BAL stated to donors and merchants that the funds were going to local women for scholarships.

Deb DeHertogh presented a document which showed donations to National. This document showed individual donation, LCV donations as well as dues paid to National by LCV. Deb DeHertogh stated that in previous years the split was 30% to National and 70% to LCV from our fundraising.

Several new members wondered why we give more money to National in addition to our dues. It was stated that Alyx Marks, who presented at our Joint meeting last month, had a scholarship from National for the research she presented to us. National gives away about \$6 million in scholarships, and dues would not cover their business expenses as well as these scholarships they get donations from many individuals and groups.

Scholarship

Sue Aberbach reported that at NCCWSL we are now sponsoring a second individual Jordan Masse.

Information and the application for this year's grants are posted. Applications will be due June 12th.

Membership

Margie Rice stated that we had 86 members and added 10 new members with Shape the Future. One more individual who lives in New Haven joins and Margie is speaking to her to make sure she knows there are other groups closer to her location.

Programs

Lucy Duddy stated that we have Dick Shriver Editor & Publisher of Estuary Magazine is speaking on "The Connecticut River: Origins, Evolution & Today" Lucy also reminded us that we have the social at the Elks Club in Westbrook on June 15th, 31 people have signed up to go and we can have 50. Tickets are \$35/pp with passed hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Interest Groups

- ◆ Hiking Club, next hike May 25th McKinney Preserve Westbrook
- ◆ Mah Jongg, May 9th
- ◆ Great Decisions, May 17th, Energy Geopolitics
- ◆ Afternoon Book Club, May 3rd, "Apeirogon"
- ◆ Evening Book Club, May 16th, "After lives"
- ◆ Cultural Arts no trip this month
- ◆ Gourmet Group, next dinner May 6th

Next meeting June 26th

Motion to adjourn meeting Deb Herskowitz, seconded by Linda Frigon.

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At 2:45 pm, Deb DeHertogh adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Heebner
Substitute - Secretary