

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA JUNE 27, 2022

- **Introduction of Board Members**
- **Approval of Minutes for May 2, 2022**
- **Treasurer's Report May/June**
- **Budget for 2022-2023**
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Hospitality
  - Scholarship
  - Programs
  - Membership
  - Communications
  - Interest Groups
  - Public Policy/AAUW Funds
  - State AAUW
- New Business:**
  - Annual Audit of LCV Finances
  - Newsletter—it is wonderful but nobody seems to be reading it!! Ideas?
  - LCV website—needs periodic review and updating

## **LCV BOARD MEETING DATES 2022-2023**

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## LCV GENERAL MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE 2022-2023

| <b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>                       | <b><u>Event Description</u></b>   |
|---|---|
| <b>September 7th<br/>Wednesday<br/>5:30-7:30 pm</b> | <b>General Meeting/Kickoff<br/>Pot Luck Supper<br/>Saybrook Point Pavilion <u>OR</u> Clark<br/>Memorial Field</b> |
| <b>October 12th<br/>Wednesday<br/>7pm</b>           | <b>General Meeting<br/>Saybrook Point Pavilion</b>  |
| <b>November 9th<br/>Wednesday<br/>7 pm</b>          | <b>General Meeting<br/>Saybrook Point Pavilion</b>  |
| <b>December 7th<br/>Wednesday<br/>7 pm</b>          | <b>Holiday Party<br/>Saybrook Point Pavilion</b>  |
| <b>January 7th<br/>Saturday<br/>1-3 pm</b>          | <b>January Tea &amp; Trivia Contest<br/>Saybrook Point Pavilion</b>   |
| <b>February 15th<br/>Wednesday<br/>12 noon</b>      | <b>General Meeting<br/>Saybrook Point Pavilion</b>  |

**March 8th**  
**Wednesday**  
**7 pm**

**General Meeting**  
**Saybrook Point Pavilion**

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**March 25th**  
**Saturday**  
**12-3 pm**

**Book Author Luncheon**  
**Saybrook Point Inn**

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**April 12th**  
**Wednesday**  
**7 pm**

**Joint Meeting with Shoreline**  
**Saybrook Point Pavilion**

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**May 10th**  
**Wednesday**  
**7 pm**

**Annual Meeting/Elections**  
**Saybrook Point Pavilion**

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**June 7th**  
**Wednesday**  
**6:30 pm**

**Year End Social**  
**Ivoryton Playhouse**

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**Saybrook Point Pavilion located at 19 Bridge Street, Old Saybrook  
(next to Saybrook Point Inn)**

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW  
Board Meeting  
June 27, 2022

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

The meeting was held at Acton Library and was called to order by incoming President Deb DeHertogh at 12:35 pm.

**Introduction of Board Members**

All present introduced themselves and stated their role on the Board.

**Approval of Minutes for May 2, 2022**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Peterson, seconded by Linda Frigon to approve the board minutes of May 2, 2022 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mary Ann Iadarola found and corrected an error on the Treasurer's Report from March 31, 2022. Due to an error from an embedded formula, Budget to Actual Expenses Total YTD should have been \$1425.99 (rather than \$1295.99). The corrected report filed for audit.

The Treasurer's Report from April 29, 2022 was shared and the report filed for audit.

The Treasurer's Report from May 31, 2022 was presented. The purpose of an expense of \$98 was unclear due to formatting of the file. Mary Ann will clarify and this report will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Discussed checks to CT AAUW (for dues) that take months to clear. This is all too common.

**Budget for 2022-2023**

No changes to the Budget presented at the annual meeting.

**Committee Reports**

- ❖ Hospitality
  - Discussed that we did have a potluck for kick-off meeting this past year.
- ❖ Scholarship
  - 18 applications for the Educational Grants. Criteria: Personal Goals, Need and Academic Achievement. 3 women have been selected to receive grants of \$1000/semester for this year. Aryanna Fontanez, Jessica Sponheimer, and Isabelle Sigersmith.

- Discussed promoting this opportunity on social media. Gloria suggested we have a separate FaceBook account to “join” groups to allow us to publicize fundraising and the scholarship.
  - Motion by Margie Rice, seconded by Kathy Heebner to approve money for the grants put forth by the Scholarship Committee. Motion passed unanimously. Mary Jane Peterson cautioned the committee to wait to inform students of the grant until the Board approves the money.
- ❖ Programs
- An online survey was given to 20 LCV members. Recommended Programs: Medical Aid in Dying (or End of Life Care), Gun Violence, Commercial Fishing and Aquaculture in the Long Island Sound, CWEALF Advocating for Women and Girls in the CT Legislature, History of the CT River. Back-up Topics: All About Owls, Homelessness and Affordable Housing in CT
  - Action Item: Deb DeHertog is to call CWEALF Executive Director Janee Woods Weber to ask if she will speak.
  - Motion made by Gloria Gery, seconded by Kathy Heebner to approach Senator Chris Murphy to present on Gun Violence to a joint AAUW meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 10 to 5.
  - Motion made by Gloria Gery, seconded by Kathy Heebner to pursue a representative from Sandy Hook Promise if Senator Murphy is unable to present. This motion passed unanimously.
  - Discussion of where to hold End-of-year Social in June and will be reviewed
- ❖ Membership
- AAUW website -- is difficult for some members to renew online
  - Members can renew by sending payment to Mary Ann Iadarola
  - 42 members have renewed membership, 2 are not renewing, awaiting 50 members
  - LCV has 2 lifetime members
- ❖ Communications
- External Communications -- chaired by Elaine Quayle, events such as Fundraising and Scholarships for outside publicity (Newspaper, FaceBook)
  - Internal -- chaired by Kristen Owens, publishes a monthly newsletter. Reminders sent out ~20th of each month with newsletter out by 30th or 31st. NOTE: copies of all newsletters (with personal identifying information such as phone numbers removed) are sent to the CT-AAUW.
- ❖ Fundraising
- March 25, 2023 Book Author Luncheon at Saybrook Point Inn. Deposit of \$1000. Two authors, Amy Poeppel and Heather Webb, have been booked.

- Discussion of obtaining 501(c)(3) status. Desirable so that donations made are tax deductible. AAUW National does not recommend it. Further discussion needed.
- ❖ Interest Groups
  - Afternoon Book Club, voting on books to read for next year, will meet mostly on zoom, will try to have authors themselves attend
  - Evening Book Club, last meeting tomorrow 6/28, will decide on September book at that time
  - Cultural Arts, New Britain Museum of Arts Thursday September 22, Thirty Black Artists
  - Hiking Club, next outing in September (vacations, bugs, ...)
  - Mah Jongg, may continue in summer, for sure in fall
  - Gourmet, great turn-out for recent cocktail party, will continue in fall
  - Bridge Group, has not met in several years -- any interest in leading this?
  - Great Decision, next meeting in August

### **Public Policy/AAUW Funds**

We planned to donate \$260 but the donation did not occur until after the fiscal year since National was not ready to accept the donation.

### **State AAUW**

CT-AAUW meets 3rd Friday of the month at 11 am. Several LCV members attend.

### **New Business**

Annual Audit of LCV Finances

- ❖ Mary Jane Peterson and Linda Frigon will meet with Mary Ann Iadarola to audit the LCV Finances.

Newsletter

- ❖ Discussion about how to make the newsletter more widely read. Some suggestions: make it shorter, possibly send out newsletter twice/month, change meeting minutes to a different font or attach as a separate document. Include a link on newsletter that will bring reader to LCV website. Note that newsletter is on the LCV website.
- ❖ All chairs should check the LCV website and send any updates to Kristen Owens

At 2:12 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Howell and seconded by Kathy Heebner. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Dimberg  
Secretary

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW  
Special Board Motion  
July 11-12, 2022

President Deb DeHertogh sent an email to all Board Members with the following information:

Our Program Co-Chairs Gloria Gerry and Lucy Duddy have informed me that several speakers plan to show slides during their talks at Saybrook Pavilion in the coming year. SP does not have a screen or projector available. Gloria and I have looked into how much it would cost to buy a projector and screen and it appears we can get decent ones for about \$400 total. This money was not in our projected budget for 2022-23. Therefore, Mary Jane and I asked Treasurer Mary Ann Iadorola to look at the June budget and identify any funds that might be available for this purchase. There is \$517.42 available in the Recognition Fund (i.e., money donated to LCV in honor of someone). If we wish to continue to have most of our meetings in the evening at Saybrook Pavilion, we really need to have this equipment. (Acton Library does have AV support but their evening closing time does not work for us).

Deb made the motion: Take \$400 from Recognition Fund to purchase a portable screen and projector for Programs.

She then requested that board members reply by email with either Yes or No to the motion.

The vote was 14 to 0 in favor of allocating the \$400 from the Recognition Fund to pay for the projector and screen. Two people did not vote.



**UPDATED 8-25-2022**

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