

BOARD MEETING AGENDA AUGUST 29 2022

- 1. Approval of Minutes for June 27th meeting**
- 2. Treasurer's Report**
- 3. Change in Meeting Dates for 2023**
- 4. Plans for Sept 7th Pot-Luck Dinner**
- 5. Programs for year and purchase of new projector/screen**
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- 7. Scholarship**
- 8. Membership and New Directory**
- 9. Interest Groups:**
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 - Gourmet**
 - Hiking**
- 10. State AAUW proposal for statewide scholarship**

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW
Board Meeting
August 29, 2022

Members Present: Deb DeHertogh, Mary Jane Peterson, Kathy Heebner, Linda Frigon, Elaine Quayle, Sue Aberbach, Mary Ann Iadarola, Deb Herskowitz, Lucy Duddy, Marcia Machuga, Diane Volz, Barb Dimberg

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

Approval of Minutes for June 27th meeting

Correction made to indicate that National AAUW does not recommend a change to 501c3 status, not CT-AAUW.

Also, we planned to donate \$260 to National AAUW in '21-22 but the donation did not occur until after the fiscal year since National was not ready to accept the donation.

A motion was made by Sue Aberbach, seconded by Linda Frigon to approve the board minutes of June 27, 2022 with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

May, June and July treasurer's reports reviewed by Mary Ann Iadarola.

Clarification for May was a formatting issue for 5/16/22 that didn't show full explanation.

June report shows Fiscal YTD Interest (\$41.03). Year-to-date will be reflected in all future reports.

July report reviewed. Beginning balance in Business Advantage Checking: \$7,781.61. Ending Balance \$8,918.65. Barbara Spargo has increased her monthly donation to \$225 for the NCCWSL Scholarship. Outstanding expenses: \$3,195 which include grants to 3 students.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Thank-you letters were received from Acton Library for donations of \$100 and \$175.

Mary Jane Peterson and Linda Frigon met with Mary Ann for an Audit on July 29, 2022. They reviewed the books and found all in order.

Change in Meeting Dates for 2023

Meeting dates for March - June have been changed to Thursday due to the Pavillion being booked for Wednesdays during that time.

Plans for Sept 7th Pot-Luck Dinner

Board members asked to arrive by 5 pm to help set-up for the pot-luck.

Programs for year and purchase of new projector/screen

Projector and screen have been or are about to be delivered.

Lucy presented the list of programs for 2022-2023.

Fundraising

A flier for the Book Author Luncheon was distributed. More people needed to help with this event. Committee is looking at the cost and what to charge to attend.

Linda gave an update on 501(c)3 status. LCV is considering applying for a change of status from our current 501(c)4 to 501(c)3. Although National discouraged us from pursuing the change several years ago due to time and resources required, it is believed that pursuing larger donations to support our scholarship goals without a change in status seems impractical. Linda spoke to the Meriden Branch treasurer and two board members with experience with 501c3. Bookkeeping requirements (annual report) seem manageable although an attorney or CPA may be desirable to set-up -- does anyone know anyone who can help?. Donations would be tax-deductible and matching grants can be applied for with this status. Next steps: Linda will look at the application process.

Scholarship

Sue and others from the Scholarship Committee met with the 3 grant recipients at Penny Lane Pub. All three expressed interest in attending our January meeting.

The Committee will meet in October. Plans to review the application and hope to make it interactive on the website. Also plan to look at publicity, sending a picture of grant recipients out to the press.

Membership

We currently have 67 members that have paid their 2022-23 membership dues. (We had 86 members in September 2021 in our last directory.) Dues must be paid by our September 7th meeting for members names to be in our 2022-23 membership directory. The new directories will be finished soon after our September meeting and then printed. They will be available for distribution at our October meeting.

We have been encouraging members to renew by check because many people have had problems using National's new website. I have sent detailed instructions to members that would like to pay by credit card using the new website. The new site no longer sends members a direct link to renew.

We have 7 members not renewing. We are waiting for 21 to renew. Deb Herskowitz is making phone calls to these members.

We have 5 new members through the Shape the Future Program (they received 50% off national dues). We will have 2 free National Memberships available this year through this program.

Discussed publicizing LCV-AAUW in local newspapers to attract new members,

\$64 of national AAUW dues is tax-deductible; this amount to be put into membership booklet.

Interest Groups

- ◆ Afternoon Book Club, meetings on zoom. 9/7: The Three Mothers -- How the Mothers of MLK Jr, Malcolm X; and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation. 10/5: Celebrate National Book Month by welcoming author Elise Hooper to discuss her latest book, Angels of the Pacific.
- ◆ Evening Book Club, 9/20: Horse by Geraldine Brooks. Books for the remainder of the year will be selected at that meeting. 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, September: New Britain Museum of Arts, November Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, December: Ivoryton Playhouse.
- ◆ Hiking Club, 9/20 Bluff Point with rain date of 9/27
- ◆ Mah Jongg, 9/13
- ◆ Gourmet, hope to combine end-of-year social with this group
- ◆ Bridge Group, no update
- ◆ Great Decision, no update

State AAUW proposal for statewide scholarship

State proposing a statewide scholarship although they are in the early stage and do not know how much and whether it would be for an undergraduate or graduate student. Suggested that we consider donating to the state for this.

At 2:20 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Heebner and seconded by Deb Herskowitz. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Dimberg
Secretary