

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW

Board Meeting

August 26, 2024

Members present: Deb DeHertogh, Jeannette Santovasi, MaryAnn Iadarola, Gloria Gery, Elaine Quayle, Diane Volz, Mary Jane Peterson, Sharon Howell, Olga Saubermann, Penny Hein, Deb Herskowitz, Marcia Machuga, Barbara Dimberg, DeDe Volz

Absent: Margie Rice, Loraine Cortese-Costa, Cathy Branch, Jan Furman, JoAnne Kennedy

Observers from ESP board: Linda Frigon, Sue Aberbach

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm by President Jeannette Santovasi.

Approval of minutes for the June 24, 2024 meeting

Penny Hein made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2024. MaryAnn Iadarola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The approved minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

MaryAnn Iadarola reviewed the Treasurer's report of June 30, 2024.

Beginning Balance: \$2,284.27	Total Deposits: \$2,775.00
Total Expenses: \$2,604.24	Ending Balance: \$2,455.03

Combined Bequest and Commercial Savings Account

Beginning Balance: \$21,017.94	Interest: \$63.29
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Combined Bequest and Commercial Savings Ending Balance: \$21,081.23

MaryAnn noted that M&T corrected a \$10.00 error they had made on a previous statement, depositing the \$10.00 into our account.

Barbara Dimberg reviewed the Treasurer's report of July 31, 2024.

Checking Account

Beginning Balance: \$2,455.03	Total Deposits: \$1,441.00
Total Expenses: \$1,175.00	Ending Balance: \$2,721.03

Market Advantage for Business

Beginning Balance: \$21,081.23	Interest: \$74.85
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Money available for use: \$6,865.53 Ending Balance: \$21,156.08

The Budget to Actuals for June 30, 2024 were reviewed.

Income Total: \$3,856.43

Total Expenses: \$2,062.97

The Budget to Actuals for July 31, 2024 were also reviewed.

Total income: \$504.00

Expenses Total: \$105.00

The Treasurer's reports will be filed for audit and will be available for reference on the LCV website.

Membership update

The current membership is 102. This includes 3 Shape the Future memberships. In both July and August, Margie emailed reminders to those who have not renewed, and Deb H. is making reminder phone calls. Members must renew by the September 12 General Meeting to have their names listed in the booklet. 8 members have decided not to renew. 19 members have not renewed as yet. LCV has qualified for 3 free national memberships, the maximum possible. This means that 3 new members will only have to pay \$38 for branch and state dues.

It was suggested that LCV could enroll in Square so that members could charge their dues. Linda Frigon noted that the Square fee could be added to the Membership fee.

Margie is working on the booklet and plans to have it ready for distribution at the October meeting.

September Potluck

Jeannette reported that the annual Pot Luck will take place on September 12 from 6 – 9 PM at the Old Saybrook Pavilion. Board members are asked to come at 5 PM to help set up. There will be a receptacle in the room for donations to AAUW National in support of National Fellowship grants.

Interest Groups

Lists for Interest Group signups are prepared and will be available for signups at the Sept. 12 meeting.

Branch Programs

Gloria Gery reported on upcoming programs.

September 12

Domestic Violence Update from Safe Futures

October 10

The Electoral College – A Refresher

November 14

Thanksgiving Party and Fun Fall Raffle

December 12

Recent Discoveries in Egypt's Valley of the Kings

January 4	Tea Party and Trivia Challenge
February 13	Valentine Luncheon, speaker TBD
March 13	Speaker TBD
April 17	Joint Shoreline and LCV meeting, speaker TBD
May 8	Offshore Wind on LI Sound
June 12	Year End Social

New Business

Linda Frigon distributed the History of LCV that she has compiled. She suggested that someone be appointed to update the history each year. Possibly a task for the Vice President. The Branch History will be posted on the website when it is completed.

Jeannette announced that the board is looking for a member familiar with technical work who can assist guest speakers at branch meetings.

Hospitality requests 5 appetizers and 5 desserts from members for the November meeting. In December, 2 or 3 trays of cookies will be sufficient.

Jeannette announced that board members will be responsible for printing their own copies to bring to meetings. No copies will be provided.

Barbara Dimberg moved to adjourn the meeting. MaryAnn Iadarola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Peterson, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 7 at 1 PM at the Acton Public Library

