

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW

Board Meeting

October 7, 2024

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Members present: Jeannette Santovasi, Deb DeHertogh, MaryAnn Iadarola, Gloria Gery, Elaine Quayle, Mary Jane Peterson, Olga Saubermann, Penny Hein, Deb Herskowitz, Barbara Dimberg, DeDe Volz, Margie Rice

Absent: Loraine Cortese-Costa, Cathy Branch, Jan Furman, JoAnne Kennedy, Elaine Quayle, Sharon Howell

Observers from ESP Board: Linda Frigon, Sue Aberbach

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 pm by President Jeannette Santovasi

Approval of minutes for the August 26, 2024 meeting

MaryAnn Iadarola made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2024. Dede Volz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The approved minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Dimberg reviewed the Treasurer's report of September 30, 2024.

Checking Account

Beginning Balance: \$3,267.06 Ending Balance: \$5,049.10

Market Advantage for Business (including Bequest Fund)

Beginning Balance: \$21,224.35

Ending Balance: \$21,295.12

The Budget to Actuals for September 30, 2020 were reviewed.

Dues YTD: \$1,064.00 Expenses Total: \$528.93

The Treasurer's report for August 31, 2024 had been reviewed at the September General meeting.

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

Barb reported that she received a thank you note from Acton Public Library for our donation and a thank you for the honorarium from our Safe Futures speaker in September.

Membership update

Margie Rice presented the 2024-25 Membership Directory to a very positive response from the board. 17 people have left the membership and 19 have been added to the directory. We have one new member, so the current membership count is now 109. Some free national memberships are still available.

LCV Branch Programs

Gloria Gery reported that Professor Emeritus Ronald Schurin from UConn will present a program on the Electoral College at the October branch meeting.

Through the efforts of Joanne Kennedy and Gloria, the End of the Year Social will take place at the Essex Yacht Club.

Hospitality

Dede Volz reported that cookies are needed for the October meeting. She was disappointed that no one had signed up to bring them when requested at the September meeting.

Book Donations

Gloria Gery reminded the board that books will be collected at the October meeting for the library at the York prison.

Donation to AAUW National

Jeannette Santovasi reported that \$120 was collected for National at the September meeting. Linda Frigon moved to donate \$120 to AAUW National to be used for the Economic Security Fund. Margie Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Olga Saubermann moved that the above donation to National be made in the name of Mary Jane Peterson in recognition of her contributions as President during the pandemic. Jeannette Santovasi seconded the nomination. The motion passed with one abstention.

History of LCV

Linda Frigon reported that she has completed the History of LCV and it is available on the website. She suggested that LCV needs to designate a board member to add to the history each year.

New Business

Jeannette asked if it is permissible to announce at a LCV program that the speaker will have books on sale and available for signing after the speaker's talk. Several members remembered that our group has done this in the past, so there is precedent.

Deb DeHertogh moved that, under Social Policies and Procedures, #7 be changed to read: "No alcohol will be served at AAUW sponsored events held at public facilities **which do not have their own liquor license** Members may bring their own alcohol and serve themselves at AAUW events held in private homes." An example of events to which this would apply would be at Saybrook Point Inn for BAL or the Elk's Club for End of the Year Social. Barb Dimberg seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Gloria Gery moved that the phrase "with the President's approval" be removed from Social Policy #3. The policy now reads: "Attendance by guests at special events/cultural trips will be determined on an individual basis. Members will have first choice of available openings. If additional openings are allowed, guests may attend."

Penny Hein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that there will be no minutes for a general meeting when there is not a Business meeting. This applies to the Holiday Party, January Tea, and End of the Year Social.

MaryAnn Iadarola motioned to adjourn the meeting. Deb DeHertogh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Peterson, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 4 at 1 PM at the Acton Public Library