

ESP Board Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025

Call to Order: 1:01 pm

December 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval. Sue Aberbach moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024. Linda Frigon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

January 10, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes (by Zoom). Gloria Gery moved to approve the minutes of the Special ESP Meeting of January 10, 2025. Linda Frigon seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: January 2025 Report. December's Report was distributed in early January.

Checking

\$12,000 transferred in from our money market to pay for 6 \$2000 grants. All grants were paid out in January. Beginning and ending balance were the same at \$1,732.96.

Market Advantage Savings

We received a Square deposit for the January Book Author Luncheon registrations and purchased books for a total of \$7,380.37, The Community Foundation of Middlesex County donated \$100, and we received \$2,250 in sponsorship donations. Total deposits were \$9,730.37.

The only expense was the \$12,000 which was transferred into checking. Interest (1%) was \$91.39 giving us an ending balance of \$80,574.12,

Checking and Market Advantage funds total \$82,307.08

Budget to Actual shows our YTD assets at \$108,203.77 and our Total Expenses at \$25,896.60 with the Total assets after expenses is \$82,307.08

Essex Savings Bank's 2025 Community Investment Program offered AAUW LCV ESP the opportunity to participate in their program with the potential of receiving a portion of their donated funds. We have posted the information on Facebook and encouraged Essex Bank Customer's to vote for us.

Ticket Tailor charges explained (transaction charges and Square credit card processing charges). Square charges for registrations and book orders will be close, but not exact in financial reports.

Ameriprise Money Market Account: Papers were submitted for an LCV ESP Account to move \$25,000 in reserve funds to a higher-yielding money market account to be linked to M&T Checking Account. Money will be moved when account is open. If it proves practical, additional funds may be moved to obtain higher interest rate. Experience is required in timeframes and process for requesting funds transfer. Unlike a bank checking/money market account transfer, money cannot be directly moved by ESP; Ameriprise must process funds transfer requests.

Book Author Luncheon

Registrations and Ticket Tailor: 97 tickets sold (27 Patron). Ticket Tailor is working well and reports we need are available.

Sponsorships: \$3500 to date and are coming in. We expect to reach the \$10,000 budgeted amount.

Auction: \$3,500 in goods and services received so far. Momentum is building. Initial issues with Interest Group baskets is resolved and each group is clear on whether it will pair or provide individual baskets. Discussion on whether Runners should be used to bring items from the Chance Auction room to winner

tables ensued. Opinions were mixed with a slight preference for “running” to maintain excitement. A decision will be made at the February 27th by the BAL Committee. Dede has baskets. Solicitor assignments were confirmed. Orlene Gallops and Ann Lenz will do email solicitations of concert/event venues, Foxwoods, etc.

Saybrook Point Resort & Marina: Meeting: February 14th to begin detailed space and table set up planning. Linda Frigon, Gloria Gery, Dede Volz and Maura McGuinness will attend.

BAL Committee meeting schedule: February 27 and March 20th at Essex Public Library.

Scholarships and Selection Committee:

2025 Awards: Eight \$5,000 education grants will be made. **2025 Scholarship Application will be available in March.**

Facebook Community Group postings and publicity to colleges and various minority-focused groups. Susan Delvecchio has agreed to be responsible for this and will work with Sue Aberbach on approved text and graphics. Gloria Gery has created a job aid and list of publicity contacts. Postings with links to the application on the LCV website will begin in March 2025.

Trinity Prison Education Project (TPEP) - (York Correctional Institution – Niantic). Website:

<https://www.trincoll.edu/human-rights/trinity-prison-education-project/> The approved \$10,000 grant will be paid to the Trinity Development Department – Human Rights Project once the final written agreement is signed by Deb DeHertogh and Joe Lea and Ann Terwel of Trinity. Payment is conditional on the course running. This grant is a one-time grant. Any future consideration will be based on available funds and program results. The ESP Board has project responsibility.. Judith Slisz is the ESP/Trinity liaison and will coordinate, including reporting on ongoing program decisions (e.g. course title) and Trinity professor, course dates and post-course evaluation summary.

NCCWSL. Olga Saubermann is responsible for coordinating ESP and NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) who will organize and run NCCWSL in 2025 and beyond. Website: www.naspa.org National AAUW will not be involved in future NCCWSL offerings or operations. The 2025 program is scheduled for the end of May at the University of Maryland and program details are forthcoming. Olga reports responsiveness to our inquiries. We are hopeful our successful partnership will continue. Olga will communicate schedules, programs, enrollment procedures, etc. with Scholarship Selection Committee which will solicit up to four nominations for 2025 ESP sponsorship (tuition payment and an expense stipend). Candidate nomination requests will be in LCV newsletter and in branch meeting announcements.

Potential donor contribution for a specified scholarship. The offer has been rescinded. Deb DeHertogh suggested that the Scholarship Selection Committee consider whether such offers should be considered in the future including requirements, conditions and impact on our traditional grants. Gloria Gery suggested that the future likelihood of such offers is low, consideration of the option should not be too extensive.

Motion to Adjourn Linda Frigon moved to adjourn the meeting. Sue Aberbach seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Gery