

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW

Board Meeting

March 3, 2025

Members present: Jeannette Santovasi, Penny Hein, Mary Jane Peterson, Deb DeHertogh, Linda Frigon, Gloria Gery, Margie Rice, Olga Saubermann, Deb Herskowitz, Barbara Dimberg, Diane Volz, Elaine Quayle, Loraine Cortese-Costa, Marcia Machuga

Absent: Cathy Branch, Jan Furman, Sharon Howell, Joanne Kennedy, MaryAnn Iadarola

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

Approval of minutes for the December 2, 2024 meeting

Barb Dimberg moved to approve the minutes of. Deb DeHertogh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Dimberg reviewed the Treasurer's report of February 28, 2025.

Checking Account

Beginning Balance: \$1,688.03 Ending Balance: \$2,961.33

Market Advantage for Business (including Bequest Fund)

Beginning Balance: \$21,418.54

Ending Balance: \$18,424.64

Money available for use: \$5,134.09

The Budget to Actuals for February 28, 2025 were reviewed.

Dues YTD: \$1,380.00 Expenses Total: \$3,971.33

Great Decisions monies remaining: \$113.86

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

Membership

Margie Rice reported that we have 113 members to date. The rolling membership system developed by National has been a challenge, but Marge has developed a workable method for dealing with it.

When new members wish to charge their memberships using Square at the BAL, they will be charged 3%. This will apply to all purchases made with Square at the BAL.

Liability Waiver for Hiking

Loraine Cortese-Costa and an associate have developed a liability waiver for the hiking group.

Motion:

Jeannette Santovasi moved to approve the liability waiver developed for the hiking interest group. Dede Volz seconded the motion.

Discussion: Gloria Gery suggested scanning the signed waivers and putting them in a folder on the website google drive. In addition, Margie agreed to keep a list of those who have signed.

Jeannette Santovasi called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee will meet at 4 pm on March 11.**Website Usage**

Loraine Cortese-Costa asked if it would be useful to do a survey about website and newsletter usage. The board discussed and concluded that both are being used by members and no survey is necessary

March Branch Meeting

The March meeting of March 13 will be presented by Long Table Farm, a local sustainable farming group with community involvement. Farmer Baylee Rose Drown will be the presenter.

Two new interest groups will be presented at the March meeting - a Birthday Club chaired by Deb Hertsowitz and a Walking Group chaired by Orlene Gallops Weyland.

New Business**Motion following the ESP Board discussion**

Barb Dimberg moved that LCV close our existing M&T checking and money market accounts and move the money to Liberty Bank checking and money market accounts. LCV will transfer the money but keep the M&T account open until after the Book Author Luncheon. Barb Dimberg and Jeannette Santovasi will be the authorized signers on the account.

Loraine Cortese-Costa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Question from a member

One member requested that a blast be sent telling LCV members about an app that would assist in making 5 Calls to work on saving our country.

The board discussed the request and acknowledged that AAUW is nonpartisan. Groups outside of AAUW should not be promoted by LCV. The request will be denied, as will similar future requests.

Deb Hertsowitz moved to adjourn the meeting. Margie Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Peterson, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 7 at 1 pm at Acton Library