

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW

LCV Board Meeting

February 3, 2025

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Members present: President Jeannette Santovasi, Sue Aberbach, Loraine Cortese-Costa, Deb DeHertogh, Barbara Dimberg, Linda Frigon, Gloria Gery, Penny Hein, Deb Herskowitz, MaryAnn Iadarola, Marcia Machuga, Mary Jane Peterson, Margie Rice, Olga Saubermann, DeDe Volz

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

Approval of minutes for the December 2, 2024 meeting

DeDe Volz made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024. Barb Dimberg 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 January 31, 2025.

Checking Account

Beginning Balance: \$2,377.74 Ending Balance: \$1,688.03

Market Advantage for Business (including Bequest Fund)

Beginning Balance: \$21,416.72

Ending Balance: \$21,418.54

The Budget to Actuals for January 31, 2025 were reviewed.

Dues YTD: \$1,268.00

Expenses Total: \$652.49

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

Membership update

Margie Rice reported that we have added two members to our membership. One member was a previous member who rejoined. The other member is a new member. Reminders were sent out to those whose membership had expired. Anyone signing up at the BAL can sign up as Shape the Future but will be subject to an increase in dues from National.

A discussion was held on AAUW National's decision to raise dues. Margie explained that she has contacted National about the dues increase and is waiting to hear back from them. Several members have contacted National with concerns about the increase and concerns as to whether all members had been notified.

February Branch Program

Jeannette Santovasi reminded us that February 13th is the Valentine Luncheon from 11:30-3:00 pm. Lunch will be catered and we will have a guest speaker, Kim Pereira, speaking on "ADHD and Anxiety in Children." This will be followed by our branch meeting.

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Hospitality

Dede Volz reported that Mindy K's Deli will be catering our Valentine luncheon. Marcia and Jeannette volunteered to assist with picking up the food at Mindy K's. They will meet there at 10:45.

New Business

1. Penny Hein will form a Nominating Committee to seek our volunteers for the following positions: Hospitality, Membership, Programs for branch meetings, Cultural arts trips, Co-chair for BAL, Auction Raffle Chair.

A discussion was held as to how best to seek out volunteers from the membership that haven't already participated in the above positions. Some suggestions were to speak one on one with members, list the positions and have them posted with descriptions at branch meetings, discuss the positions and share that a mentor will assist those taking the position, send out a blast of the positions. It was suggested to start this discussion at the Valentine's luncheon.

2. A discussion was held related to LCV donating to the Acton Library Capital Campaign fund. Our Branch uses the Library, its staff and tech equipment for meetings and various functions. After further discussion, it was decided that the donation money would be taken from the Bequest Fund. Mary Jane Peterson made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Acton Public Library Campaign Fund and to take the money from the Bequest Fund. DeDe Volz seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.
3. Liability concerns were discussed related to accidents while hiking with the Hiking Group. Margie Rice explained that she prepares hikers with extensive information about the hiking conditions. It was suggested that since we have insurance, Barb will check to see if we are covered for those situations and, if not, we can add it. The question was asked if we want to have members sign a waiver for hikers.

Deb DeHertogh motioned to adjourn the meeting. Deb Herkowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnn Iadarola, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 3 at 1 PM at the Acton Public Library