

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch
Minutes of the Board Meeting
January 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by President Donna Zimmerman. In attendance were Susan Brodie, Rose Getty, Peggy Hammersmith, Mary Lynn Korch, Jane Miller, Ginny Sherr, Jill Smith, Stacey Spaulding, Diane Steen, Mary Ann Travis, and Donna Zimmerman. Absent were Hayden Pigott and Gail Welde.

SECRETARY: There were no corrections to the minutes of the December 11, 2019 board meeting. The December Board Meeting minutes were filed.

TREASURER:

- Ginny had two corrections to last month's Income Statement: 1) Branch Dues Received should be \$1536.00, not \$1520.00, and 2) 7/1/2019 item just above "Community Project Funds Available" should be (877.00), not (897.00).
- Ginny said there are two members she has no record of. Mary explained that there are two who don't pay any dues because they are 50-year honorary life members.
- We raised \$1500 for our scholarships at the December Holiday luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP:

- The branch has 98 members. 96 pay dues and two are lifetime honorary members who don't pay dues.
- Mary recently emailed the member roster to Board members for their review. She asked if Board members had any corrections to be made; there were none. Mary will email the roster (minus the columns for notes and non-renewals) to the membership next week as a pdf file.
- Mary and Peggy are still working on three potential members.

PROGRAM:

- Saturday, March 14 Branch Meeting – Southglenn Library – 12:30 – 3:00. The speaker is Iswari Natarajan, principal of St. Mary's Academy high school. This event will be published on the Week of Woman (WOW) calendar.
- Saturday, April 11 Branch Meeting – The speaker is the Colorado State Demographer, Elizabeth Garner, who will talk about the 2020 Census.
- May 7th is the Athena Project Fundraiser.
- June 19-21 is the AAUW Regional Convention in Ft. Collins.

COMMUNICATION:

- Hayden will publish TWIGS each month with any articles that come in.
- Rose noted that members have difficulties printing the Interest Group calendar and problems with TWIGS going to junk mail folders.

AAUW Funds:

- Gail emailed the Funds summary to the Board. \$738.20 was contributed to AAUW national in November.

PUBLIC POLICY:

- Public Policy Day, February 1. Registration deadline is January 15th. A final notice will run in TWIGS.

INTEREST GROUPS:

- Pam Hansen and Pam Story-Staker will try to keep the Art Group going. Rose plans to call Gayle Ebel (a new member) to see if she would lead this group. Susan offered to call Nancy Johnson to ask her as well.

BOOK BAGS:

- Mary Ann said that class participation is up this year. She has a steady group of about a dozen AAUW volunteers managing the book bags.
- Mary Ann just ordered \$150 books through Scholastic.

SUNSHINE:

- Diane sent a sympathy card to Suzanne Birgfeld regarding her husband.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Athena Project fundraiser.
 - Donna attended the performance of Hear My Voice, acted by Elgin Kelley of Living Voices. (livingvoices.org) Donna was very impressed and thinks the performance is perfect for our branch fundraiser. After the enactment, there is a Q&A session with the audience. Ms. Kelley likes to have a historian onstage during the Q&A.
 - Sunday, January 12th is two weeks since TWIGS gave notice to members regarding the deposit to secure the Lakewood Cultural Center venue. Donna will remind members at the January branch meeting to expect an email requesting a vote to spend branch funds for the deposit. Deadline for the vote is Friday, January 17.
- Jackson National settlement. This discrimination/harassment lawsuit was settled for \$20 million before Christmas. Jill will write an article for TWIGS and will share the article with AAUW State.
- Donna briefly reviewed the progress on the goals of the branch Strategic Plan.
 - Education & Training, Goal 4: The GSTEM event in May has been announced. Donna will write something for TWIGS. Mary suggests that our plan to collaborate with David Ortiz and the military women would fit into our Education and Training goals.
 - Economic Security, Goal 1: We need ideas for an event for Equal Pay Day in April
 - Leadership: all goals – steady progress
 - Governance /Membership: all goals – steady progress. Branch meeting attendance is steady.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Women Powering Change Event on March 10. Donna registered our branch for a table. Donna and Hayden will staff our table. The event takes place at the EXDO Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Board meeting is February 12th, 2:00 – 3:30 in Room B of Koelbel Library
- March 11 Board meeting is 2:00 – 3:30 pm at Koelbel Library, Living Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm to prepare for the branch meeting.

Jane Miller, Recording Secretary