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Minutes of the Board Meeting

October 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted virtually on the Zoom platform and called to order at 2:00 by President Donna Zimmerman. In attendance: Susan Brodie, Mary Lynn Korch, Hayden Pigott, Stacy Spaulding, Donna Zimmerman, Peggy Hammersmith, Ginny Sherr. Absent: Gail Welde, Diane Steen, Mary Ann Travis, Jane Miller.

SECRETARY: The September Board Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

TREASURER:

- The September Balance Sheet, Distributions to Budget and Income Statement were accepted as presented.
- The branch has \$3,997.81 in operating funds to spend as needed.
- Donna noted that the invoice from Living Voices requesting \$400.00 for the December program has been paid. This amount was discussed in the August minutes.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Mary reported 102 current members, 5 of whom have not renewed. Mary has mailed a personal note and paper invoice to each and has emailed an invoice. The cutoff date for renewal is November 30th.

PROGRAM:

- The September kickoff meeting was a success.
- The October 10th meeting invitations have been sent. The meeting will begin at 12:15 with breakout rooms assigned at 12:30 to allow for social time. At 1 pm, Jane Miller will talk about voter signature authorization and Jill Smith, representing the League of Women Voters, will follow with a discussion of the pros and cons of all 11 ballot issues. Information on these issues is available at lwvcolorado.org and booklets will be available for pickup on the front porches of Diane Steen, Marilyn Hansen and Rose Getty.
- The November 14th meeting will have two presenters also. Bethany Orozco will talk about the EnCorps STEM Teachers Program which recruits and trains individuals with a STEM background to be support teachers in low income schools. Dr. Dena Samuels will follow with a talk from her book, *The Mindfulness Effect*, and present mindful practices. Discussion followed about the fee of \$250.00 for Dr. Samuels. It was decided that the fee, plus an online testimony which Susan Bodie will write and the opportunity to advertise her books, website etc., although less than she usually commands, has been agreed upon and is sufficient. Susan Brodie suggested that in the future

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- people be asked to contribute and more people could be invited to provide a larger audience.
- The program for December 12th is the suffrage presentation, *Hear My Voice* produced by Educational Theatre Company *Living Voices*, to be followed by panelists. The event is going to be open to all Colorado AAUW members and listed as a scholarship fundraising event. Remaining to be decided is whether this will be a zoom meeting or a webinar and how donations will be asked for and received.
- The board discussed having a “festive” holiday coffee that morning just for branch members to honor the need for celebration during the holiday season.

COMUNICATION:

- October 26th is the cutoff for the November Twigs.

AAUW FUNDS:

- The report was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC POLICY:

- There is no new information at this time. Stacey will compose a short article for TWIGS regarding what is being planned for Public Policy Day 2021

INTEREST GROUPS:

- The September meeting allowed time to discuss concerns; none were forthcoming.

BOOK BAGS:

- No report this month.

SUNSHINE:

- Note to Diane to send a card to Gail Welde.

NEW BUSINESS:

Celebrating 100 Years Artwork opportunity:

- Board agreed to let it die due to lack of interest and timing. There is no proof that National AAUW has approved its use on branch websites.

Get out the vote activity:

- Hayden will mention various options for members to be involved in on our Facebook page.

LSM succession Plan:

- Donna encouraged board members whose terms are expiring to be on the lookout for replacements for their positions and to involve them now.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Operating policies:

- The difference between revisions and amendments: Revisions are small corrections or changes, and amendments are more substantive and extensive.

Strategic Plan:

- The board discussed the Economic Security section of the plan.
- Probably not possible to grow opportunities with area employers in Littleton.
- Reach out to other educational institutions.
- Mary suggested a *Start Smart* high school program to help with first jobs or internships. More research should be done on the program and whether National will support it and train local branches.
- Should we pursue local partnership with ACC due to their lack of interest, the current pandemic and not knowing if National will support Start Smart.
- A program based on economic security won't happen this year, however another program on the Equity Network was suggested as a way to attract younger members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be November 11, 2020, 2:00 - 3:30 pm using Zoom

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Ginny Sherr