

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch
Minutes of the Board Meeting
September 9, 2020**

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

SECRETARY: There were two corrections of name spellings to the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting. The August Board Meeting minutes were accepted as corrected.

TREASURER:

- The August Balance Sheet and Distributions to Budget were accepted as is.
- The branch has \$3,731.71 to spend as needed.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Mary reported 101 current members; 7 of those still need to renew. We have another new member, Laura Adams.

PROGRAM:

- A member pointed out that Sept. 19th, the date of our branch Fall Kickoff meeting, is the holiday Rosh Hashanah. This year, our planned date was taken by the Fall Leadership conference. We'll make a note for next year not to schedule a meeting on this holiday.
- We should email another reminder to the members regarding the Fall Leadership Conference on Sept 12th. So far, 97 members across Colorado have registered.
- The Oct. 10th meeting has two speakers related to elections.
- The November 14th meeting is yet unplanned.
- The December 12th holiday meeting will center on the Hear My Voice video performance and talk-back.

COMMUNICATION:

- Due date for the October TWIGS is September 21st.

AAUW Funds:

- No update.

PUBLIC POLICY:

- Stacey noted that the State Public Policy committee has meet via Zoom. Public Policy day, the first Saturday in February, will focus on education. Stacey will write a teaser for TWIGS.

INTEREST GROUPS:

- Donna had a member express concern about the Board's decision not to pay for Zoom subscriptions for the IGs.
- Prior to this meeting, Peggy shared her insight into this concern with Donna as follows:
 - IGs have always operated autonomously.
 - Seven IGs are meeting via Zoom. A 9-month subscription for all 7 would cost about \$1,000 (\$144 total for 9 mos. x 7 IGs).
- Board members discussed the topic again and all agreed to stay with our former decision not to fund Zoom subscriptions for Interest Groups.

BOOK BAGS:

- No report this month.

SUNSHINE:

- Diane has sent a few cards/notes and has called some members to touch base.
- Hayden will put a note in TWIGS reminding members about the Sunshine function.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fundraising event

- Donna reminded us that the live event (cancelled due to COVID) was titled "Echoes of Suffrage." That same performance, converted to video is titled "Hear My Voice."
- The "Hear My Voice" is confirmed as our Branch holiday meeting. Members will watch the video synchronously from their homes on December 12th. Also, the video will be accessible to all members for a full 30 days.
- Donna suggested we pay the \$400 fee from the Community Projects budget and ask for member donations at the time of the event for our scholarship fund. If we open the video access to all AAUW members in Colorado, it could be fee-based.
- Jane suggested that we let the whole state have access and have Donna videotape a short promotional blurb asking state members to send a donation to our branch if they so choose.
- Stacey noted that other branches may be looking for a December holiday program.
- The October TWIGS will include a Save-The-Date announcement. We could also put announcements in the State newsletter and on the AAUW Colorado website.
- Susan, Donna and Carolyn Cooley will meet about how to set up registration.

Changes to Bylaws

The Bylaws state that voting on changes to the bylaws occurs at the Annual Meeting (between March and May). Thus, the Branch will vote only on revisions to the Operating Policies at the upcoming September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

100 Years Artwork T- Shirts

- Donna's son-in-law is a graphic artist who can do shirts on his personal press. His cost would be \$20/shirt. Plus \$50 to the Durango Branch for the printing rights.
- An Article in TWIGS should note that we need at least two dozen shirts at \$22.50 to break even.
- Mary has a concern about distribution. She thinks the timing is bad for an item with a Suffragist/voting theme – that we can't get the shirts ordered, printed, and distributed by the November election.
- Stacey thinks that selling shirts is more conducive to an in-person meeting where people can see a finished example, touch it, and place an order.
- Diane noted that if members are concerned about paying Zoom fees for their Interest Groups, they probably won't want to spend money on a T-shirt.
- Susan thinks it's an idea whose time is not right for our Branch. (Durango came out with the artwork in mid-summer.)
- Mary asked if AAUW National has approved the artwork for use on Branch websites. If so, we could use it on our website. Mary offered to pay the fee.
- Donna will find out from the Durango Branch if AAUW National approved the artwork for use on Branch websites. If they say it is OK, Donna will put an email vote to the Board.

Strategic Plan

- The Board discussed the Education and Training section of the Branch Strategic Plan. Donna will make revisions as suggested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next board meeting will be October 7, 2020 – 2:00 - 3:30 pm using Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Jane Miller, Recording Secretary