

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch
Minutes of the Board Meeting
April 7, 2021**

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, Peggy Hammersmith, Mary Lynn Korch, Jane Miller, Hayden Pigott, Ginny Sherr, and Donna Zimmerman. Absent: Stacey Spaulding, Gail Welde, Mary Ann Travis and Diane Steen.

SECRETARY: Ginny stated that the \$73 fee to reserve the picnic shelter in June will be taken from the Hospitality budget not from the Membership budget as stated in the March 10, 2021 board meeting minutes. Jane will correct the minutes and file them as corrected.

TREASURER:

- Ginny asked if she should write off the fee paid for a display table at the Women Powering Change show that was canceled in 2020 at the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Donna said she hasn't heard from the show organizers. She will check on it and let Ginny know.
- Ginny noted that money restricted for Start Smart is still on the books as carryover. As of now, the branch isn't doing the Start Smart program. The Board is ambivalent about this initiative and needs to make a decision to drop it or move ahead. Donna said to leave the entry for now until the Board can discuss. She noted that we may have to return the \$500 Eugenia McClure grant to AAUW Colorado if we aren't going to use it on Start Smart.
- Ginny sent a \$1,000 check to Sheridan High School for their two \$500 scholarships. She asked that they confirm receipt, but hasn't heard back yet. Ginny will send \$2,000 to Littleton High School for their two \$1,000 scholarships using a US Bank transfer tomorrow.
- Ginny stated that she is out of state in June so requested that we schedule the budget meeting for May or July. We will decide the date at our next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Mary sent out renewal emails to members on Monday, April 5th. Some renewals are already coming in.

PROGRAM:

- The State Convention is Saturday, April 24th, from 9:00 am – 12:30. There are 13 speakers
- Saturday, April 10 is the branch meeting on Zoom. Author Andrea Bobotis talks about her novel *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt*.
- Saturday, May 15th or May 22nd, is the branch meeting on Zoom. Susan is seeking a Colorado Supreme Court Justice for our speaker. She is hoping to get Justice Monica Marquez to share her life story and discuss issues of justice and equity.

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COMMUNICATION:

- April 26th is the due date for articles for the May TWIGS
- Mary will write a reminder for membership renewals.
- Donna will write about the picnic and scholarship winners
- Jane will write about the fundraiser quilt raffle

AAUW Funds:

- No update

PUBLIC POLICY:

- No update

INTEREST GROUPS:

- Peggy sent Gail Welde a card and Rose Clary visited her after Gail's husband died.
- There are two new Interest Group leaders for next year: Gail Ebel will lead Bridge and Sandy Thurmond will lead Day Literature.
- Groups are discussing how to meet next fall – in person or through Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Donna doesn't yet have the names of the scholarship winners yet. Donna will write a letter for each girl explaining what AAUW is and awarding them the scholarships. The high schools will give certificates to the scholarship winners but dates for award ceremonies and graduations are still not known.
- Barb McDaniel chaired the nominating committee. (Board members Susan and Jane participated.) Barb called the women whose names were suggested as Program Vice President. None accepted the offer so members won't be able to vote on that office at the Annual Meeting on Saturday. Barb might convene the committee again.
- Several branch members have had their emails hacked recently. Each time, Donna sent out an email blast alerting members, urging them not to reply to the fraudulent email. Should we continue to send out alerts? The board decided to stop sending alerts, but we should send out a notice when the member has a new email address.

NEW BUSINESS:

- June Picnic and Fundraiser.
 - Donna reserved Sterne Park for Saturday, June 19th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. We'll set up for 1 hour and socialize for three. Ginny hasn't gotten a response from Swallow Hill regarding musicians to entertain. Jane has received quilt raffle checks from two members. She'll write another article for the May edition of TWIGS.
 - Should we add a few dollars to the lunch cost and contribute those extra dollars to the fundraiser or charge members the actual lunch cost and urge donations in a separate basket? Peggy stated people usually give more when they write a separate check. Also, it is cleaner for accounting to have the monies separate since they are for very different purposes.

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- Donna will try to get photos of the scholarship winners to put on a display board so members at the picnic can see the outcome of their donations.
- Should we prepare some games for the picnic? Peggy can bring Corn Hole. Donna can bring Ladder Golf.
- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Scholarships. Branch members didn't have any nominees for the \$125 scholarship to the NCCWSL conference so Donna contacted Dan Balski, Student Affairs Director, at Arapahoe Community College. He was enthusiastic and identified Juana Rocha, a rising junior, as someone who will attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next board meeting will be May 12th, 2:00 – 3:30 pm using Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Jane Miller, Recording Secretary