

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch
Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 10, 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, Diane Steen and Donna Zimmerman. Absent: Stacey Spaulding, Gail Welde and Mary Ann Travis.

SECRETARY: Mary emailed Jane earlier with a correction to the February 10, 2021 board meeting minutes. The correction was made so the February Board Meeting minutes were accepted and will be filed as corrected.

TREASURER:

- The board reviewed the four treasury reports – Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Operating Budget, or Community Projects Budget. No changes were required.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Mary emailed branch members last week regarding AAUW National's Paid Life Membership offer.
- Mary will write an article for the next TWIGS to kickoff annual membership renewal.

PROGRAM:

- Saturday, March 13. This virtual branch meeting starts at 12:30 and features Nichia McFarlane, the Engagement Associate for Advancement and Partnerships at AAUW. She will speak on the Equity Network.
- Saturday, April 10. This virtual Annual Meeting and Branch meeting, starts at 12:30. The speaker, author Andrea Bobotis, will talk about her prize-winning debut novel *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt*.
- May 15th branch meeting – program TBD
- June branch meeting – see New Business.
- Happy hour – April 8th 4:00 pm on zoom.
- CO AAUW State Convention – Saturday, April 24th on zoom.

COMMUNICATION:

- TWIGS deadline is March 19th.
- The April TWIGS will include a report from the Nominating Committee about who is running for open seats on the board.
- The branch Bylaws will be included with TWIGS in order to comply with the requirement that members have two weeks to review changes prior to voting at the April Business Meeting. Mary suggested sending the Bylaws in a separate email for members who don't reliably open and read TWIGS.

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- The GESTEM event will be virtual this year so branch volunteers won't be needed. Hayden will put a notice in TWIGS so members who have participated in GESTEM in previous years will know.

AAUW Funds:

- No update this month. Gail Welde's husband is hospitalized.

PUBLIC POLICY:

- The State Public Policy Committee meets Friday, March 12th to debrief February's Public Policy Day.
- Stacey will update us on the Colorado legislative schedule, as revised due to COVID.

INTEREST GROUPS:

- Peggy reports that most Interest Groups plan to meet virtually for the last two months of this year, but groups are beginning to consider meeting in person. Groups are discussing mask wearing for indoor meetings in public places, outdoor meetings, and indoor meetings in members' homes. Does AAUW National have policies?
- Donna reminded the board that AAUW National has told state and local branches to follow CDC's COVID guidelines. She also noted that Interest Groups are not considered official AAUW events.
- Donna is attending an AAUW National event on Friday. She will let us know if National announces any policy on meetings and COVID.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Donna sent board members the Operating Policies with the latest updates. These updates don't need a vote by the membership. Donna will have the document posted on our branch website.
- Sheridan High School (SHS) has chosen their two scholarship recipients. The principal will let Donna know about a school awards ceremony. Friday, May 21st is SHS Graduation Day.
- Littleton High School – no update. Their winners could possibly attend our May meeting.
- Branch Nominating Committee. Barb McDaniel is chairing this committee. The committee members are Barb, Jane Miller, Susan Brodie, and two branch members. We are still looking for a VP of Programs. Susan will call four new members to see if any would like to be Programs VP or serve on a programs committee.
- Equal Pay Day, March 24. No updates or activity ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board members agreed to proceed with a branch picnic in June. Donna noted that one must book Sterne Park in Littleton online. The cost is \$73 for four hours for 1-75 people. We could set up at 11:00 and start at noon. June 12th is already

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booked all day. She will book June 19th 11:00 – 3:00 if possible, or noon to 5:00 if necessary. We'll take the fee from the Hospitality budget.

- We will have a catered lunch. Susan will check Grow & Gather catering (Gayle Ebel's son's business.)
 - Jane is donating a hand-made quilt to use as a raffle fundraiser at the picnic. Jane will write an article for TWIGS and include a photo of the quilt. Jane offered to manage members' raffle ticket purchases. Members can send checks to Jane and Jane will email them their ticket numbers. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each.
 - The picnic will also include baskets for donations to the branch – independent of the quilt raffle. Members who give a donation will get a door prize – like the table decoration painted flower pots we've had previously.
 - Ginny has called Swallow Hill regarding musicians to entertain. No commitments yet. She'll continue making inquiries.
- NCCWSL Scholarship. No one has contacted Donna with nominations of college women to receive this scholarship. Jill Smith said that high schools don't keep contact information for graduated students so our idea to contact prior Littleton High School scholarship winners won't be possible. Donna reached out to a woman Jill recommended from a voter registration event, but it didn't pan out. Donna emailed a student group at Arapahoe Community College to see about any interest. Donna will contact our new member Rita Case who works at Metropolitan State University to see if she might know a candidate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Jane Miller, Recording Secretary