

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch
Minutes of the Board Meeting
September 9, 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, Diane Steen and Donna Zimmerman. Absent: Hayden Pigott, Ginny Sherr, Stacey Spaulding, Gail Welde and Mary Ann Travis.

SECRETARY: There is one spelling correction to the August 12, 2021 board meeting minutes. The August board meeting minutes were accepted as corrected.

TREASURER:

- There were no changes needed to the financial documents this month.
- Carolyn Cooley added a tab on the branch website for Financial Documents so members can view them.

MEMBERSHIP:

- 93 members have renewed. Mary Lynn noted that the branch has lost a few members – all from age-related issues (e.g. moving, no longer driving, losing mobility).
- Mary Lynn will give Peggy a list of people who did not renew by the Sept. 30th deadline. Peggy will let Interest Group leaders know to delete non-renewers from their email lists.
- Mary Lynn moved that the branch should reduce its Student Affiliate dues to \$0 to match the State and National AAUW policies. Jane seconded the motion. Board members passed the motion unanimously.

PROGRAM:

- The Fall Kick-off branch meeting and annual Fall Business Meeting is Saturday the 18th at Progress Park in Littleton. Board members come at 9:30 am to help set up. The meeting starts at 10:00.
- The October branch meeting will be conducted using Zoom on Oct. 9th. The speaker is Dr. Rebecca Theobald. The topic is Colorado's Redistricting, following the 2020 Census. Social hour is at 12:30, speaker at 1:00.
- Donna will ask Carolyn Cooley if she will continue to manage Zoom for the branch.
- Mary Lynn will get a brief bio from Dr. Theobald to post on the branch website and include in TWIGS.
- Donna mentioned that the Encore STEM organization wants a few minutes to speak at the October meeting – to recruit members as STEM tutors. They will speak at 2:15.
- The November branch meeting will be conducted using Zoom on Nov. 13th. Donna is contacting Lauren Castel from the Women's Foundation of Colorado. She doesn't ask for a fee, but groups often give an honorarium.

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- Donna will update the Program Calendar and resend it to the board.
- Susan will contact Barb McDaniel about the December holiday lunch, and will contact the Legendary Ladies.

COMMUNICATION:

- Due date for October TWIGS is Monday, Sept. 20th.

AAUW Funds:

- No update.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI):

- Eleven members have signed up for this new interest group. Susan and Peggy are asking members to do brief readings and watch brief TED talks prior to the discussions. Many of the DEI resources from AAUW National focus on work life which doesn't suit our members.

PUBLIC POLICY:

- The state committee met on Sept 8th. The theme for Public Policy Day 2022 is Women in the Workplace. Faith Winter, CO State Senator from District 24, is the keynote speaker. She was key in the Family and Medical Leave Act.

INTEREST GROUPS:

- IG leaders will speak briefly about their groups at the Sept 18th meeting. Peggy will bring Sign-Up sheets.
- If there is no interest in Art Appreciation, Film, or Hiking after the Sept 18th branch meeting, Peggy will remove those groups from our IG list.

BOOK BAGS:

- Mary Ann Travis will go to Sheridan to assess the current status of this project.
- Members can sign up / re-sign up for Book Bags at the September 18th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Members can take donations of personal care products to Barb McDaniel's house. Barb will take them to Sheridan High School.
- Hayden will send an email blast to members prior to the September 18th branch meeting with driving directions to Progress Park and a reminder to bring donations for Sheridan High School.
- Donna will organize a Nominating Committee this fall, rather than next spring, to get a head start on recruiting new board members. Peggy will be on the committee. Donna will ask Jill Smith to join the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- COVID 19 Policy
 - Donna shared a COVID-19 Policy from the Colorado Springs branch. Board members discussed the content of the policy and suggested revisions.

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Donna will revise the policy per board input. Jane moved that our branch implement a COVID-19 policy for branch meetings, Interest Group meetings, and committee meetings. Mary seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously. Donna will email the revised policy to Board members for a final check and then put the policy in the October TWIGS.

- Authors Event fundraiser
 - Board members discussed the advantages/disadvantages of holding this event in person or virtually using Zoom. We decided to ask the author(s) for a preference.
 - Possible dates are March 5th, 12th, or 19th.
 - We can send promotions to newsletters of CO State AAUW, and surrounding states.
 - Peggy will talk with the Literature Group in two weeks. Lin Rutland might be of help.
 - Jane will send information she gleaned from the California branch author talk to the Board.
 - Donna will see if the State AAUW will let us use their registration/payment account.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next board meeting will be October 7, 2:00 – 3:30 pm using Zoom
- The November board meeting will be Nov 11th (Veterans' Day)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Jane Miller, Recording Secretary