

AAUW LITTLETON-SOUTH METRO BRANCH
Minutes of the Board Meeting
February 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted virtually on Zoom, and called to order at 2:05 by President Donna Zimmerman. In attendance: Susan Brodie, Peggy Hammersmith, Mary Lynn Korch, Barb McDaniel, Ginny Sherr, and Donna Zimmerman. Absent: Hayden Pigott, Diane Steen, Jane Miller, Stacey Spaulding, and Mary Ann Travis.

SECRETARY: There were no corrections to the January 13, 2022 board meeting minutes. The January board meeting minutes were accepted and filed as presented.

TREASURER:

- The December Income Statement and Reserve funds have a slight discrepancy so Ginny will correct and send corrected copies to everyone. The Balance Sheet was correct as presented.
- Distribution to Community Projects: \$500 was sent to Pam Houston for the Author's Event in March. Per Ginny, this check has now been cashed.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Dani Newsum was the moderator at Public Policy Day. She would like more information about AAUW. Donna will follow up with her.
- The AAUW National website is updating to a new system, so will not be available for about two weeks.

PROGRAM:

- Susan suggested having a speaker to discuss book banning on March 12. Barb will talk to someone at Bemis Library to see if they have any ideas.
- Mary has offered to talk to someone who might moderate a discussion on March 12 about "how to discuss difficult subjects" such as masks, vaccines, LGBT, including book banning, etc.
- The Public Policy Day presentations are now on the state website for those who missed that day.
- The next Happy Hour is on February 10.
- The March fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, with author Pam Houston.
- The Colorado State AAUW Convention is virtual and on Saturday, April 23. Susan, as State Program Chairman, has lined up several speakers and is working on the panel.
- The May meeting is still in progress.
- Donna would like to plan a June picnic, where members could all get together outside.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- TWIGS due date is February 21 for the March edition.
- TWIGS will include a reminder about the State Convention and the link to the AAUW Colorado website for registration.
- Donna will also do a reminder about the Fundraiser.

AAUW FUNDS:

- Barb has a check from King Soopers for \$255.76 to send to National. We are #5 of 10 branches for total contribution to National at \$2,992.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee: Barb, Jill Smith, and Peggy are on the committee, Donna will try to find two additional members. Marge Weideman has given tentative OK for the Recording Secretary position.

Fee Increase: Mary moved to increase branch dues by \$4 to \$20 as of June 1, 2022. Ginny seconded the motion. The board passed it unanimously. As of July 1, 2022, dues will be as follows:

National \$67
State \$10
Branch \$20
Total yearly amount: \$97

Fundraiser: A PayPal account has been set up. Carolyn Cooley, Susan and Ginny worked to get this set up. Susan will talk to Carolyn about the glitches. They were unable to set up a donation button.

The Bookbar recently purchased The Bookies store on Colorado Blvd and since this store is geographically closer to where Littleton-South Metro (LSM) Branch members live, they've suggested that we use this store for the sale of Pam's books. They have dedicated a page on the Event tab on their website for this. People can register from there and purchase books on-line or purchase books at the store. Bookbar will give 10% of all book sales back to LSM.

Donna will contact AAUW of CO State President Joan Brown about seeing if it's possible to get the names and contact info for all the (US) state presidents. If this is possible, she will send an email asking them if they would notify their state's members about our event. She also plans to send a notice to all AAUW of CO's state presidents and to Kathy Hall for inclusion in Connects, the state newsletter. Additionally, she is going to ask Jill to notify her California group and advise on sending notice to League of Women Voters affiliates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scholarships: Donna will reach out to Littleton and Sheridan high schools about the scholarships for four women, two at each school.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 10 at 2 PM on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Peggy Hammersmith