

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch  
Minutes of the Annual Branch Business Meeting  
April 9, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Branch President Donna Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 1:15. Eighteen members were present. The meeting was held in person at Southglenn Library.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- Mary Lynn Korch stated that the branch has 101 members and two potential members. All current members will renew by July 1 as they have done in the past. A method of renewal by individual anniversary date might be implemented soon for new members. If branch members have any changes to their contact information, they should let Mary know immediately so she can change the roster and post a new roster on the branch website.

**AAUW FUNDS:**

- Barb McDaniel noted that receipts from King Sooper's community donation program are lower than in the past because King Sooper restructured the program. They used to give each organization 2% of their members' groceries purchasing total; now they divide a pot of \$2500 among all the enrolled non-profits. All the money we get from King Sooper goes to AAUW National. The money the branch raises through fundraising goes to the local scholarships for high school girls. We are not purchasing any additional Safeway cards because their community donation program procedure is more complex and that store is less popular among branch members. However, members who already have cards are encouraged to keep using them as we continue to get donations from their Safeway purchases.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- In this year's budget, the branch approved two \$1,000 scholarships for Littleton High School girls graduating and pursuing STEM degrees in college and two unrestricted \$1,000 scholarships for Sheridan High School girls. Counselors at the schools are in the process of choosing recipients. In past years we have relied on counselors to choose deserving recipients, but the branch might want to consider moving to an application process.
- \$1,492 was raised at the Pam Houston author talk event in March. This money went to the scholarship fund.

**BRANCH DUES:**

- The branch board has recommended an increase of \$4.00 to branch dues. The last time the branch raised dues was in 1997 when an increase of \$4.00 raised branch dues to \$16 which is the amount dues are today. Sue Luxa suggested a dues increase of \$10. Donna noted that AAUW National is also increasing its dues by \$5 this year and next. Dorothy noted that dues increases would be difficult for dual members. Nancy McDermott said increases should be based on costs. Donna noted that Zoom meetings have helped us cut costs, but now that we are returning

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to in-person meetings, costs will return to prior rates and we'd like to offer some compensation to speakers. Carolyn Cooley suggested staying with the \$4 increase and doing the next increase in a few years. The branch Operating Policy could state that the board will review dues annually.

- Nancy McDermott moved that the branch increase its dues by \$4.00 as of July 1, 2022. Barb McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion to increase dues was approved unanimously by members present.
- Dues summary for FY23:

National	\$67.00 (from \$62.00 this year)
State	\$10.00 (no change)
Branch	\$20.00 (from \$16.00 this year)

Total           \$97.00

### **CANDIDATES FOR BRANCH BOARD:**

- The candidates for the board are:
  - Membership VP: Jill Smith and Linda Joseph
  - Recording Secretary: Marge Weideman
  - Treasurer: Mary Lynn Korch and Peggy Hammersmith
- Mary Lynn asked if anyone attending the meeting would volunteer to be Programs VP. No one offered. Barb McDaniel said the Nominating Committee has considered every member name on the roster. She said we must market the position. There could possibly be a Programs Committee, rather than one person. Donna is leading a summer board retreat to update the Strategic Plan and identify some possible programs in each of the four AAUW focus areas. The board will work on this idea.
- Donna asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.
- Carolyn Cooley moved that branch members accept the slate of nominated officers. Laurie Weiss seconded the motion. The slate of nominations was unanimously approved by members present.

### **Announcements:**

- Donations of personal items to Sheridan High School are suspended until school resumes next fall.
- The next Happy Hour is Thursday, April 14th.
- The next branch meeting is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Koelbel Library.
- There will be a branch picnic on June 11 at Progress Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Jane Miller,  
Recording Secretary