

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
March 2, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was conducted virtually on Zoom and called to order at 2:07 by President Donna Zimmerman. In attendance: Susan Brodie, Peggy Hammersmith, Mary Lynn Korch, Barb McDaniel, Jill Smith, Linda Joseph, Marge Weideman and Donna Zimmerman. Absent: Stacey Spaulding and Hayden Pigott.

**SECRETARY:** There were no corrections to the February 2, 2023, Board Meeting minutes. The February 2, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were accepted and will be filed.

**TREASURER:**

- Five financial documents were emailed to boards members prior to the meeting. Mary highlighted the following, as of February 28, 2023:
  - Total assets \$14,785.22
  - Total Liabilities \$9,548.57
  - Total Equity \$5,236.65
  - There were no objections to the Treasurer's Report and will be filed.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- Linda discussed the new transition for dues. Beginning with the new AAUW year, dues will be due on member's Anniversary date. It will be online. There will be a three-month window, with three reminders. New members will get a welcome letter with steps on how the system works.
- Per Jill, there are 100 members. Surveys will be discussed and shared at the March and April meetings.

**PROGRAM:**

- Given Public Policy Day, there will be no Branch program in February.
- Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, DEI Program, "Exploring Inclusion". Per Susan, the program will be at Koelbel. It will start at 12:30 with refreshments and the Diversity Program will begin at 1:00. Stormy McDaniel, Laurie Weiss and Susan Brodie will lead the discussion, which will include Ice Breakers.
- Annual Meeting, April 15, will take place at Southglenn. A 10:00 am Social will be followed by the Business Meeting and Program. The Program will be led by the Writer's Group.
- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Program will be held at Barbara McDonald's home. It will be a Salad Luncheon starting at 11:30 am. Members will need to RSVP to have an accurate meal count. There will be a book exchange and book suggestions by Stacey Shepard from Bemis Library. There will be a donation basket available.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Twigs Content due March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Content:

- Slate of candidates running for Board positions.
- Sheridan Donations. Barb stated that they need backpacks, tampons, Chapstick, and lotion. Jill stated that preschool books are needed in Vietnamese and Spanish. Donna has coworkers who might be able to offer suggestions for where to access these types of books.
- Happy Hour: April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Interest Group Info – Per Peggy – publishing Interest Group information in Twigs and the Website has been successful.

### **AAUW Funds:**

- Checks totaling \$1,668 have been received from grocery cards and bridge group for the year. Per Mary there was \$1,500 given by individuals totaling \$3,185.76.

### **PUBLIC POLICY:**

- Stacey stated that there are Bills that are troubling.
- All in all members loved the Public Policy Day Zoom presentation.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI):**

- See Program Notes.

### **INTEREST GROUPS:**

- Peggy stated that there have been no complaints about Twigs information or that specifics regarding any changes are being posted on the website.

### **BOOK BAGS:**

- Jill stated that they have new books but more are needed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Scholarship Awards were discussed. Donna had asked Jane Miller to serve as a liaison with high school officials to oversee the scholarship process, however, she's changed her mind for a couple of reasons. One, Littleton High School is super cooperative and will continue to select the two awardees and also process our check and send the funds to each of the winners' schools so there really isn't much work to do there. Donna has contacted them, and they are already on the process of selecting winners. Two, Sheridan High School has cause for concern and given so much has not been resolved, Donna doesn't want to put that on Jane. Sheridan no longer has the staff in place to process our check and see that the funds get to the winners schools. This caused a huge problem last year as we were not told this would be the case and it took the whole summer to rectify the problem and get the funds to the winners. So, basically, we will have to be responsible for getting the funds to the winners' schools on their behalf and Donna has concern about the time commitment that will take and also about future Board members, particularly, treasurers wanting to take this on. There was additional discussion which included the possibility of giving the two winners from last year, a second award, provided they are still in school and working towards their degrees. Donna will email the winners to see if they will respond to

let us know how they are doing. She will also contact Sheridan officials again to see if they can provide some additional information regarding how other organizations handle the distribution of scholarship funds to colleges and universities.

- Jill discussed the Board Officer positions that are to be filled. The proposed candidates include Co-Presidents and also a Program Committee, as opposed to a Program Vice President.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- State Convention April 21 and 22. Registration is on the Website.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next board meeting will be April 6, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 pm using Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Margaret Weideman, Recording Secretary