

**AAUW Littleton-South Metro Branch
Minutes of the Board Meeting
August 23, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President MaryLou Iverson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. via Zoom. In attendance: Susan Brodie, Peggy Hammersmith, Mary Lynn Korch, Barb McDaniel, Jill Smith, Linda Joseph, Pam Story-Staker, Nancy McDermott, Carolyn Cooley, Jane Miller, Marge Weideman, Donna Zimmerman, and MaryLou Iverson
Absent: Sarah Mosca and all representatives from the Program Committee.

SECRETARY: The minutes of June 7, 2023 Board Meeting were not distributed. Therefore, minutes from the June 7th and August 23rd Board Meetings will be distributed and presented for approval at the September 14, 2023 Board Meeting.

TREASURER:

- Mary highlighted the following:
Documents detailing July 2023 financials and the 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Community Projects Budgets, with explanations, have been sent via email. Jill Smith moved that both of the 2023-2024 Proposed Budgets be accepted. Carolyn Cooley seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Both budgets will now be presented at the Branch Meeting, September 9, 2023. Carolyn will also post on the LSM Website, and include a link in the September TWIGS, for members to review. Mary has moved Book Bags to the Community Projects budget.
- As of June 30,2023
 - Total assets \$12,568.57
 - Total Liabilities \$ 6,548.57
 - Total Equity \$6,020.57
- As of July 31,2023
 - Total assets \$12,968.62
 - Total Liabilities \$ 6,548.57
 - Total Equity \$6,420.05

MEMBERSHIP:

- Due to rolling/anniversary Membership Enrollment, each Branch must estimate the number of members, using current and historical totals, for budgeted dues amounts.
- Jill stated that there are 7 new members. They will be invited to a get together in October.
- There are three (3) Shape the Future (STF) 'earned' free annual National memberships that are available to give to members experiencing economic difficulty or for new members. Two have been applied. These must be assigned by September 30, 2023 or they will be lost to the branch.

FUNDRAISING PROPOSAL:

Jill presented an AAUW Littleton-South Metro Scholarship Fundraiser Opportunity!

- Fund Raising Proposal. Jill Smith discussed a Gourmet Luncheon opportunity. Marge Baldwin will be donating food, time, talent and home for 6 lucky people. Chance tickets will be \$25 for one chance, \$100 for Epicurean level (5 chances). Members will also be able to give a donation. All proceeds from the luncheon to go to Scholarship fund. Drawing will occur at December meeting and must be redeemed by April 30, 2024.

PROGRAM:

- September 9, 2023, the Fall Kick Off Meeting will be at Koelbel Library at 10:00 am
Peggy stated that there would be sign-ups and descriptions available for Interest Groups.
Carolyn Cooley will demonstrate the Website, including the Calendar, and Home Screen. She will also show Home Screen for iPhone and Android.
Carolyn discussed Facebook page and introduced Nancy McDermott who has taken responsibility for posting for the LSM branch.
The 2023-24 Proposed Budgets will be discussed and voted on at the Branch meeting.
- For October 14, 2023, Branch Meeting there was a discussion of presenting a synopsis of ballot measures. Ballot measures are primarily fiscal this year. We hope to have someone from the League of Women Voters present.
- November 11, 2023, program to be focused on Domestic Violence
- December 9, 2023, Branch Luncheon Meeting at Barb McDaniel's home. The proposed program may feature a comedian.

COMMUNICATION:

- TWIGS deadline is the 15th of each month, with a publication date of the 25th.
- Happy Hour will continue on the second Thursday of the month, at 4 p.m.
- Nancy McDermott discussed Facebook Page. Interest Groups to be highlighted. Facebook includes photos from Interest Groups and meetings.
 - Sheridan donations will be accepted through the summer.
 - Per Peggy, Interest Group information provided in TWIGS and the Website has been successful and the chairs are in place for next year.

AAUW Funds:

- AAUW Funds received from grocery cards and Bridge for 2023 total \$807.88 through July 31st.
- There are three (3) additional Safeway cards available for members to use

PUBLIC POLICY:

- Discussion that Zoom works well for speakers.
- Jane Miller has agreed to be Chair of Public Policy

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI):

- Susan stated that at Branch Meetings, after the social, an Ice Breaker would be presented using data from Branch DEI surveys.

BOOK BAGS

Volunteers will begin their year Sept. 26.

INTEREST GROUPS:

- Peggy stated that the leaders are in place for next year.
- The Writer's Group will be asked again to present at a spring meeting.
- Calendar on Website to include book titles and authors that are used at Interest Groups

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was no old business discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

- The calendar for meetings and programs was discussed. It was decided that Board meetings will be held via Zoom on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- It was brought to the Board's attention that long-time member, Judith Jadin's daughter had passed. A discussion ensued about publishing members' bereavement news, as the policy changed in the Spring. Donna Carmack is the Chair of the Sunshine Group.
- The next Board meeting will be via Zoom on September 14th at 2 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Margaret Weideman, Recording Secretary