

American Association of University Women of East Mesa (AZ) Branch

General Meeting Minutes November 3, 2021

Welcome - Bev Byrd welcomed new members, who introduced themselves, and thanked hostesses - Mary Linnemann and Joanna Larson. If interested in serving as a hostess, contact Mary Linnemann.

Announcements:

1. Saturday Fall Forum 11-6-2021 - 10:00- 3:00 on Zoom.
2. Friday November 5 - Club Fair in Courtyard
3. Sandra Lackore highlighted the new president of AAUW - Gloria Blackwell - first woman of color to serve as president. She has been involved with the Awards program; her presidency is something we should celebrate!

Program: Stephanie Parra, Executive Director of ALL In Education was our speaker. She and her colleagues detailed goals of the ALL (Arizona Latino Leaders) In Education as they work to address inequities in education. Their organization is building an Arizona where All communities have access to opportunities and justice. The Parent Educator Academy was explained, and we are excited to learn more about this group. Many thanks to Betsy Flaten and Mary Linnemann for arranging the speaker!

Call to Order: Bev Byrd called the business meeting to order.

Quorum established

Minutes from April meeting: Minutes were sent to all members via email. Motion by Mary DeChesnay, seconded by Kay Eakin to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Sandy Williamson presented the report - ending balance - \$19,948.11; \$13,319.85 dedicated to education. Motion by Betsy Flaten, seconded by Kay Eakin to file the report for audit. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Scholarship - Judy Taucher-Lewis reported that we have four new scholars; a total of 13. One will graduate in December. There is always a need for more mentors. A coffee get-together was held in October, which was a great opportunity for mentors and scholars to connect. Thanks to Judy Shehanian for hosting the event.

Scholarship Luncheon - Judy Shehanian reported that the Scholarship Lunch will be Saturday February 26; The author who will speak is Jenn McKinlay, and her book "Paris is Always a Good Time". The luncheon will be catered and have a Parisian theme. Tickets will be available through the Rec Center, and sales will start in January. Volunteers will be needed for setup, etc. There will be 3-4 baskets for auction, along with a donation jar.

New Business:

Violet Larney Trust update - the estate was finalized, and the distribution has been made. This money is what allows us to provide scholarships.

Old Business:

Website - local branch and State - our goal is to put information on our local website, and help members get comfortable with accessing information on special interest groups, minutes from meetings, etc. on the website. In addition, the State website contains valuable information on state and national issues and initiatives.

Women in History - Mary DeChesnay - Mary explained that this year, she will present influential women who also were involved in AAUW. This month's outstanding woman was Cecilia Payne. Cecilia was Harvard's first professor of astronomy. She graduated from Cambridge in 1919, but was not awarded her diploma until 1947 - the first year women were awarded diplomas. She was very persistent. Cecilia Helena Payne-Gaposchkin was a British-born American astronomer and astrophysicist who proposed in her 1925 doctoral thesis that stars were composed primarily of hydrogen and helium. Men tried to debunk this theory; she later debunked them!! Thank you Mary for another informative presentation!

Adjournment: - Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next meeting - Wednesday December 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Dill
Secretary, East Mesa AAUW Branch