

**American Association of University Women of East Mesa (AZ) Branch
General Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022**

Call to Order: - Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Beverly Byrd

Program: Klysia Hand was our speaker. She is an administrator and program manager for Rio Salado College Incarcerated ReEntry Correspondence Education. She spoke about the programs and a pen pal program with the current inmates. Rio Salado is working with Matthew 25 Prison Ministries to provide funding for incarcerated women to start or complete a college education. Discussed needs of the program.

Quorum established -

Scholarship Luncheon Status - At a Board meeting on Friday, January 28, a decision was made to cancel the Scholarship Luncheon on February 26, 2022. We will have a celebration of scholars at a meeting on April 2, 2022. Details are being worked out by Executive Board members.

Minutes from January meeting: Motion by Sandra Lackore, seconded by Kay Eakin to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Sandy Williamson presented a summary of the report. Motion by Mary deChesnay, seconded by Kathleen Wheaton to approve. Motion carried. Suggestion that the Treasurer's Report be sent out with the minutes each month.

VP Programs - Mary Linnemann discussed special interest group meetings: Great Decision to meet on February 11; Public Policy meeting on February 14 - contact Betsy Flaten if interested. Groups welcoming new members - Quilters, Food and Friends.

Committee Reports

- **Scholarship** - Judy Taucher-Lewis reported she is working on determining how many scholars will be returning next year; in March will be selecting new scholars.

New Business: - Nominating Committee Report - Jan Kelly. Nominees for offices: President-Elect - Janice Dill; Membership VP - Elaine Prom; Treasurer - Sandy Williamson; Scholarship Chair-Elect - Xenia Johnston; Secretary - Molly Brenza. Voting on officers will take place at the March 2 meeting.

Women in History - Mary deChesnay - This month's influential woman was Patricia Roberts-Harris. She was born in Illinois and graduated Summa cum laude from Howard University. Harris was the first African American woman to serve in the United States Cabinet. She was director of HUD under President Jimmy Carter. She was the first African American to represent the US as an ambassador, and the first African American to be dean of a law school. Thanks for the great information, Mary!!

Announcements - next general meeting - Wednesday, March 2; speaker will be Dr. Nora Reyes, from Mesa Community College.

Adjournment: Motion by Elaine Prom, seconded by Ruth Pinkus to adjourn at 2:30

Janice Dill, Secretary

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