

American Association of University Women of East Mesa (AZ) Branch
General Meeting Minutes January 5, 2022

Program began at 12:45 - two of our scholars presented information on their experiences. Alex Coons is starting a master's program at NAU in Special Education; Jessica Frantz our STEM scholar, and is starting her last semester in Mechanical Engineering at ASU. In addition, Jan Kelly read thank you notes from scholars. Thank you scholars for an information presentation!

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Beverly Byrd at 1:20 p.m. Quorum established

Introduction of New Members - Two new members were introduced - Sue DiCarlo, who has been a part of AAUW in the past, and has lived many places in the US. Laura Boucher, born in Massachusetts, and lived in Minnesota. Retired Art teacher.

Thanks - to hostesses, and Xenia Johnston for the name tags.

Minutes from January meeting: Motion by Shirley Davis, seconded by Elaine Prom to approve minutes. Motion carried. Janice introduced the "Branching Out" portion of the monthly newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Sandy Williamson presented the report. Two expenditures - \$1,000 to National AAUW for Emerging Needs, \$200 for General Liability policy. Ending balance as of 12/31/2021 - \$10,727.04. Motion by Kay Eakin, seconded by Ruth Pinkus to approve report; Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Scholarship - Judy Taucher-Lewis - Application process for scholarships has started - January 1 - March 1, 2022. Applications available through the ACF website. Discussion re: geographic areas where applicants must live, and whether women on reservations are eligible for scholarships. Article from Mesa Tribune re: our scholarships will be distributed to membership.
- Public Policy/Diversity & Inclusion - No report. Public Policy DEI meeting will be held Monday via Zoom. Contact Betsy Flaten.
- Scholarship Luncheon - Judy Shehanian -
 - ticket sales live at this point; \$40 per ticket, available through LW Rec office. Last day to purchase tickets - February 18, 2022.
 - Food will be buffet style; February 22 - last day to give dietary restrictions to Joanna Larson
 - Jewelry sales will be market style - Kathleen Wheaton and Carla Burman are chairs.
 - Need more greeters, cashiers. Set up will be 2/25 @ 2:30 p.m.
 - Discussion re: flow of event - Bev will welcome; Judy TL will introduce scholars, who will sit together at two tables.

Old Business: - None

New Business:

Security Update - Bev Byrd met with Eric Cobb, head of security. Going forward the AAUW of East Mesa will be listed as a club in the Recreation Office. This will allow for fewer issues with non-residents attending meetings at LW. If you are one a resident's list, continue to enter LW as normal.

Women in History - Mary deChesnay - this month Mary highlighted the two women who started AAUW Marion Talbot and Ellen Swallow Richards in 1881. Marion grew up in Boston and received a BA from Boston University in 1880. Ellen was a pioneer in the field of environmental engineering and sanitation. Earned a Bachelor's degree from Vassar in two years, and was admitted as a special student to MIT, and eventually taught at MIT; Marion Talbot was one of her students. Thanks for the information Mary! In addition, January is Human Trafficking awareness month.

Announcements - our branch ranks third out of 14 branches for donations through September 30, 2021. Congratulations!

Adjournment: Motion by Kay Eakin, seconded by Ruth Pinkus to adjourn at 1:45 pm. Next general meeting - February 2, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Dill, Secretary
AAUW East Mesa Branch