

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

Call to Order: - Meeting called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Beverly Byrd

Quorum established -

Minutes from February meeting: Motion by Charlotte Kingsbury, seconded by Kay Eakin to approve. Motion carried.

Dues Change Explanation - Bev Byrd detailed the breakdown of our current \$80 dues, and explained that national dues increased last year, and that increase was absorbed by our branch. She also explained where the East Mesa Branch dues rank with other branches in Arizona. We are at the low end of the spectrum. The Board voted to increase the branch dues from \$80 to \$90 next year. (\$67 national; \$9 state; \$14 local) The membership must be given sixty days' notice before voting on the increase. There will be a meeting the first week in May to approve the dues increase. Discussion regarding national dues increases.

Treasurer's report: Report was sent to members, and Sandy Williamson presented a summary of the report. Motion by Molly Brenza, seconded by Elaine Prom to approve report dated February 25, 2022. Motion carried.

2022-2023 Spending Plan - Sandy presented the plan and answered questions on issues. Motion by Maureen Luna, seconded by Sue DiCarlo, to approve the plan, contingent on the dues increase from \$80 to \$90. Motion carried.

Program - Dan Taylor was at our meeting to present information on New Frontiers - a Lifelong Learning program through Mesa Community College. He gave us excellent information on the courses available to us through the program - even some at Leisure World!! Thank you, Dan, for an informative program that will hopefully benefit many of our members!

New Business

Bylaws Change Explanation The Larney Trust committee was approached by ACF to establish another fund - The Corporate Advised Fund. This fund will allow us to donate from the trust to non-profit organizations, and will streamline the fund distribution process. The creation of the fund was approved by the East Mesa Board and the Larney Trust board, in the form of three parts-

- Corporate Advised Fund approval
- Changes to bylaws - Article 13 - Financial Administration
- Designated Officers to sign the CAF, rather than individual names

Because of the bylaws change, the membership must vote to approve the changes at the April meeting. Membership must be given a 30 day notice for all bylaw changes.

2022-2023 Officer Election - Motion by Lucia Causey, seconded by Gail Sweet to approve the set of officers: President-Elect - Janice Dill; Membership VP - Elaine Prom; Treasurer - Sandy Williamson; Scholarship Chair-Elect - Xenia Johnston; Secretary - Molly

Brenza. Motion carried. Installation will be at the April 2 meeting.

April Luncheon - Judy Shahenian reported the luncheon will be on April 2; it will be a celebration of our scholars, and our end of the year luncheon. The event will start at 10:30 with jewelry still available. The program will start at 11:00. March 25 is the deadline to let Joanna Larson know of any dietary issues. A parisian luncheon will be served. There will be no Zoom option. Judy Shahenian presented Lucia Cusey with a special quilt, and thanked her for all the help she has given for many years at the scholarship luncheon.

Announcements -

- Thanks to all involved with the Scholarship Luncheon. If you have ideas or suggestions for how we proceed in the future, contact a board member, so we have options for the future.
- Working on a powerpoint Presentation on the Larney Trust for a meeting in the Fall to provide information and answer questions.

Adjournment: Motion by Judy Shahenian, seconded by Mary Linnemann to adjourn at 3:05 pm

Janice Dill, Secretary
AAUW East Mesa Branch