

American Association of University Women East Mesa Branch
General Meeting November 2, 2022

Program Presentation:

Mary deChesnay gave a presentation on the life and legacy of Violet Larney who was the founding president of this branch. Several members spoke of their personal recollections of Dr. Larney. Bev Byrd discussed the Larney Trust and the Arizona Community Foundation in dispersing the scholarship funding. Judy Taucher-Lewis gave an update on the Scholarship Committee.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:35 PM. Thanks to the DEI special interest group for providing snacks.

Quorum established: Jan Kelly

New Board Members introduced: Molly Brenza - secretary
Elaine Prom - membership
Jan Kelly - parliamentarian

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy Williamson presented a summary of the report and that was mailed out to members. Currently there are 64 members of this branch. Motion made by Mary deChesnay to approve and seconded by Mary Linnemann.

Secretary's Report:

Copy of April and May General Meeting not sent out. These will be sent out by Molly Brenza once available.

Program Update:

Meetings will be hosted by Special Interest Groups rotating monthly on a sign up basis. Members to bring own beverages.

Mary Linneman has developed several speakers. December speaker will be from Science Prep Academy which provides STEM opportunities for students with autism.

December 10 Christmas Tea: Please contact Mary Linnemann if you are able to bring cookies to this event which is open to all members and scholars. There will be a short program on Financial Literacy by Janice

Dill for the scholars from 9:30 AM to be followed by cookies, tea and song from 10 AM till noon.

Scholarship Committee:

Judy Taucher-Lewis discussed the Scholarship Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2023. The Dress For Success program will provide clothes for scholars to model.

February Luncheon

Judy Shahanian: Volunteers are needed for the smooth running of the luncheon. Sign up sheet passed around. Various methods to advertise the event were discussed as it is open to members of the community.

Public Policy

Betsy Flaten: The League of Women Voters was able to decrease voter intimidation through a lawsuit. There is a follow up study on the inconsistent reporting of murder of Native American women. DEI special interest group will meet Nov. 14 at 3 PM in the Navajo Room.

New Business

Check the website for the Job Description changes and membership.

Bev Bryd gave a synopsis of the Fall Forum that she and several other board member attended on October 29. It was an innovative presentation with speakers and panel discussion on women's issues. We hope to have one of the speaker on legislative issues present at one of our future general meetings.

AAUW vest raffle: Please enter your name if interested for this vest.

There will be a Women's Forum Sponsored by the Prescott AAUW Branch January 27-28. Bev Byrd is attending. Please check this out and let her know if interested.

Please check out the updated AAUW East Mesa Branch website.

General meetings will now be done in person. No more Zoom meetings.

Next General Meeting December 7, 2022. Thanks to Kay Eaton and her Food and Friends group for providing snacks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM with motion by Betsy Flaten and seconded by Mary deChesnay

Molly Brenza
Secretary East Mesa AAUW