

American Association of University Women East Mesa Branch  
General Meeting December 7, 2023

**Welcome:** Bev Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. Thank you to Food and Friends for providing snacks.

**Quorum:** Elaine Prom

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Williamson distributed a copy of latest financial report. As of 11/30/2022 the checking cash balance is \$10,995.45. The dedicated fund balance is \$5,251.85. Thank you to Carla for making the jewelry sales so successful. Sandy had new membership booklets printed and distributed at this meeting. Motion to approve report by Susan De Carla and seconded by Maureen Luna.

**Secretary's Report:** October General meeting minutes were distributed by email to members. Motion to approve minutes by Elaine Prom and seconded by Sandy Williamson.

**VP Program:** Mary Linnemann has arranged for a speaker for the January General Meeting Jodi Leggitt. She is continuing to seek out other presenters for the February and March meeting. Mary has also provided a list with the dates of the meetings.

The Christmas Tea will be on December 10, 2022 from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Ballroom at this time pending construction. Alternate site is the Pima Room Rec 2. This should prove to be a fun social gathering.

Bev Byrd discussed the goal of the AAUW to advance the education and equity of women. The collaboration of the Dress For Success programs and the Scholar Luncheon will definitely promote this goal. Janice Dill also gave her thoughts on this unique opportunity to make changes for women through the AAUW. There was discussion on a clothing drive for the Dress For Success Program.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholars:** Judy Taucher-Lewis reports that applications for scholarships will be taken through the ACF in January and February. Selection of scholars will be finalized in mid March.

**Scholar Luncheon:** Judy Shahanian reports that ticket sales begin in January. This year all tickets will be individual with no groups of tables sold. She is looking for volunteers to decorating help.

**Program:** Speakers from the Science Prep Academy gave a very informative and dynamic presentation about the Neurodiversity Program offered at this school. Thank you to Denise Amiot and Cintya Arcos.

**Nominating Committee:** Sandra Lackore, Betsy Flaten and Xenia Johnston.

**Women in History:** Mary De Cheney was not able to attend this meeting but sent presentation to be given by Bev Byrd. Since this day, December 7, has such significance in WWII history, a women who was at the attack on Pearl Harbor was chosen. Betty McIntosh was working as a news correspondent at this time and with the onset of the war transferred to Washington DC. She had a varied career in the OSS and retired from the CIA. She published a memoir of her war experiences as a spy.

**Announcements:** Please try to attend any of these upcoming events

- Women's Forum January 27-28
- Legislative Day February 23—There are many women's issues to support.
- ASU seminar on Vital Voices—Banned Books—please check out ASU website
- Arizona Heritage Center—Month long display in January on Arizona Incarceration Camps.
- Spring Forum—April 22

Also the Violet Larney slide set is now available on our East Valley AAUW website

Next meeting January 4, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM with motion by Mary Linnemann and seconded by Janice Dill.