

American Association of University Women East Mesa Branch  
General Meeting January 4, 2023

**Welcome:** Bev Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. Thank you to the Lunch Bunch for providing snacks.

**Quorum:** Established by Elaine Prom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Williamson distributed copy via email to members. As of December 31, 2022 the checking account balance is \$11,084.09. The month end dedicated balance is \$5,251.85. Motion to approve by Betsy Flaten and seconded by Mary Linnemann.

**Secretary Report:** Molly Brenza sent out amended copies of December meeting. Motion to approve by Sandy Williamson and seconded by Janice Dill.

**Women In History:** May deChesnay gave an inspiring presentation on Donaldina Dolly Cameron who rescued many Chinese women from sex trafficking and was instrumental in changing law regarding child welfare. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month this was a very pertinent history lesson. Thank you.

**VP Program:** Mary Linnemann is arranging for our February speaker on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Native American Women. Exact details on speaker to be determined.

Tickets are on sale for the Scholar Luncheon in the Leisure World Office for \$35. LW residents may obtain via the website and nonLW residents need to go to the office to purchase tickets.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee:** Judy Taucher-Lewis reports that the committee is accepting applications from January 1-February 28 via the ACF for scholarships. This application can be found on the [AZfoundation.org/scholarship](https://www.AZfoundation.org/scholarship) web site. New scholars will be selected in March.

**Luncheon:** Judy Shahanian unable to attend meeting today so Bev Byrd gave update. At the luncheon, Mary Crawford from Dress For Success will give a presentation on the program and the scholars will model their outfits. The scholars will be able to keep these outfits. A mobile unit will be coming from Dress For Success on Saturday, January 28 with the selected business attire for the scholars. Mentors and scholars should attend this mobile unit. The Dress For Success program offers lifetime access to their career center with assistance in resume writing, financial literacy and updating careers. Once employed, these women can receive one week's worth of clothing appropriate for their position. Our future scholars can apply to this program.

Decorations for the luncheon have not been determined as yet

Clothing Drive: A list of needed and accepted clothing items will be sent to members for donation to the Dress For Success program. Items need to be clean and in good condition. Sandy Williamson, Bev Byrd and Mary Linnemann have offered to accept donations at their residences. Please contact them to drop off items. Depending on the amount of donated items there will be a visit to the on site Dress For Success. Deadline to donate clothing is February 11.

A monetary donation to the program will be presented at the luncheon.

**Public Policy/DEI:** Betsy Flaten reminded members that the next meeting of this group is Monday in Rec 3 Navajo Room. The banning of books by MPS will be discussed. Mary deChesnay gave information on a future march in May at the Capitol for maternal equity in health care and missing and murdered indigenous women. Sandy Williamson is hosting a meeting for the Day of Racial Healing on January 17. Please contact her for details.

**Program:** Jodi Liggett, the founder of Arizona Center for Women's Advancement, gave a dynamic discussion of promoting women's issues with legislation. This group specifically represents women's organizations for changes in government policy. She gave many ideas on how to get involved in the legislative process.

**Announcements:** Women's Forum January 27 & 28  
Legislative Day—February 23.  
State AAUW Spring Forum-April 22

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM. Motion by Kay Eakin and seconded by Jan Davis-Morgan

Next meeting Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 1 PM.