

American Association of University Women East Mesa Branch General Meeting February 1, 2023

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM by Bev Byrd. Thanks to Morning Book Club for providing snacks. The Assistance League sent a thank you letter to our branch acknowledging Carla Burman and Kathleen Wheaton for the donation of jewelry.

Quorum: Established by Elaine Prom

Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Williamson distributed copies of financial report ending January 31, 2023. Checking cash balance \$10,641.43. Dedicated restricted funds balance is \$4,986.60. Motion to approve by Kay Eakin and seconded by Molly Brenza.

Secretary's Report: Molly Brenza emailed minutes of last general meeting to members. Motion to approve by Judy Shahrenian and seconded by Sandra Lackore.

VP Program: Program for next general meeting pending verification from presenters.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee Judy Taucher-Lewis—The committee will meet at the end of the month with their decision on scholar selection. All of the present scholars are returning with three continuing to graduate study programs.

Luncheon Judy Shahrenian—Sandy Williamson offered to purchase tickets for luncheon and deliver them. Please see her. Luncheon date is February 18 opening at 10:30 AM with visits from scholars who will model selected outfits. Box lunch and presentation from Mary from Dress For Success program around noon. The branch will present a check to the Dress For Success Program for \$5,000. A red purse box will be there for any individual monetary donations.

Volunteers are needed for set up decorating on February 17 around 2:30 in the ballroom Rec 1.

The Dress For Success Mobile Unit came on January 28 with mentors and scholars attending to select outfits. A very fun time was had by all.

Clothing drive for Dress For Success continues. Delivery to facility will be arranged at a later date.

Public Policy/DEI Sandra Lackore—Next meeting of the group is Monday February 13 at 3:30PM in Rec 3.

There is a sign up sheet for attending Legislative Day February 23.

Program

Valaura Imus-Nashsonjoya is a member of the Hopi tribe and the executive director of Honwungsi Consulting. Via Zoom she discussed the organization and how it assists in recovering and rescuing those threatened with human trafficking. She is a liaison between the tribal, state and federal services and collects needed data for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

New Business

Nominating Committee Board Members—Sandra Lackore

Nominees for the 2023-2024 year

President—Janice Dill

VP Program—Mary Linnemann

Treasurer-Sandy Williamson

Secretary—Molly Brenza

Scholarship Chair—Xenia Johnston

Women's Forum—Janice Dill and Mary Linnemann attended this event held in Prescott. AAUW Today Pioneers and Women Making a Difference was the theme. They enjoyed the seminars and networking with other statewide members of AAUW.

Women In History—Mary deChesnay

Octavia Butler, an AfricanAmerican science fiction writer, was the women recognized in this month: very appropriate for Black History month. She wrote a dozen novels and won top prizes in science fiction including the Nebula Prize. She was also the first science fiction writer to receive a genius grant from MacArthur Foundation. She died very suddenly due to suspected stroke dismissed as the flu. There has been a long history of physicians underestimating cardiovascular diseases in women.

Announcements:

Legislative Day—February 23—check out signup sheet

Spring Forum-April 22—Theme is What Does Justice for Women Look Like held at the Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park.

Thank you to Bev Byrd for encouraging and networking with other non profit organizations.

Next General Meeting: March 1, 2023 1 PM at clubhouse Rec 1.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 with motion by Sandra Lackore and seconded by Mary deChesnay.

