

**American Association of University Women
East Mesa Branch
General Meeting December 6, 2023**

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 1:29PM by Janice Dill. Thank you to all who brought snacks for today's Holiday Tea. New members introduced.

Quorum: Established by Elaine Prom

Secretary Report: Molly Brenza

Minutes from November General meeting were approved by Board and sent to all members. Motion to approve minutes by Kay Eakin and seconded by Betsy Flaten. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Sandy Williamson.

Financial report reviewed and approved by board.

VP Program Report: Mary Linnemann

Speakers for today's program are from Mesa Public Library. Julie Spilsbury from the Mesa City Council will be speaker for January general meeting.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship: Xenia Johnston not present but Janice Dill reported.

Xenia has arranged for a monthly article in LW paper featuring a scholar and her mentor and how receiving a scholarship has affected her life. See page 34 of the paper for this month's article.

Public Policy and DEI: Betsy Flaten

Next meeting of this special interest group is Monday December 11 in the Navajo Room of Rec 3. All are welcome. The speaker will be from the Mesa Governors Board and the challenges of the Mesa School Board.

Old Business:

New classification of Friend of East Mesa AAUW to include those members without a degree was presented and discussed. Motion to approve by Sandra Lackore and seconded by Sharon McGavick. Change approved by majority vote.

Scholar Luncheon: Janice Dill

Volunteers are needed for author luncheon on March 2. Please let Janice Dill know if interested. Author Carol Dunbar will be featured speaker. There will be a silent

auction to benefit the LW Scholarship. Winner will be awarded the opportunity to be a minor character in the author's next work.

New Business:

Dress for Success: Please bring donations of professional clothing to January general meeting or arrange to drop off at 1192.

Nominating Committee:

Sandra Lackore, Judy Taucher-Lewis, Sharon McGavick and Doreen Nystedt are members of this committee. Open positions include Membership VP, Treasurer, Scholar Chair Elect, and President Elect.

Please let committee know if you are interested in any of these positions.

Food Drive:

Jan Kelly thanks all for the wonderful response to food drive for St. Vincent dePaul. Letter of thanks read from All Saints Church expressing gratitude.

Next General Meeting—January 10, 2024.

Next Board Meeting—December 18, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 2:01PM with motion by Sandy Williamson and seconded by Judy Shahrenian.

Program followed with presentation from Polly Bonnett, Director, Mesa Public Library. Services of library discussed along with issues concerning banned books.