

American Association of University Women East Mesa Branch General Meeting January 10, 2024

Welcome: Janice Dill called meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Quorum: Established by Elaine Prom.

Secretary's Report: Molly Brenza to send minutes of December general meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Board had approved financial statement at last meeting.
Checking account balance \$9,589.29 with dedicated funds balance of \$3,666.63.

VP Program Report—Mary Linnemann.

Speaker for January meeting is Julie Spilsbury from Mesa City Council. Speaker for February meeting is Lily Hsueh, ASU. She is a past recipient of a fellowship awarded by national AAUW. Speaker for March meeting is pending. Any suggestions for speaker and program welcome.

Membership—Elaine Prom

Several new members have joined. Question and answer trivia about AAUW done.

Committee Reports

Scholarship—Xenia Johnston

The application process has begun for scholars. At least 2 new scholars will be accepted.

Public Policy D&I—Betsy Flaten

Meetings for this group are the second Monday of the month at 3PM in the Navajo room at Rec 3. Focus continues to be on education and housing. Please join this stimulating group.

Women in History—Mary deChesnay

This month we learned about Coretta Scott King best known for being the wife of Martin Luther King Jr. She fought for justice along side her husband and continued her husband's legacy after his death. She also championed women's rights. Coretta was the first woman to give the class address at Howard and to preach at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. She died in 2006 and was the first African American to lie in state at the Georgia Capital Rotunda.

Old Business

Author/Scholar Luncheon Update:

Event is scheduled March 2, 2024. Tickets on sale through Rec Office beginning February 1, 2024. Check LW paper for articles. There will be a silent auction for selection of minor character in the author's next book.

Nominating Committee

Sandra Lackore, Sharon McGavick and Doreen Nystedt compose this committee. Treasurer position is open and needs to be filled. Please see Sandy Lackore to discuss the responsibilities of this position.

New Business:

Revised By-Laws—Bev Byrd reviewed and updated our branch by-laws to reflect new category of Friend of East Mesa Branch membership and due dates. Motion to approve by Betsy Flaten and seconded by Mary deChesnay. All approved and motion carried.

Volunteer Opportunity—Marcie Hutchinson as new member of AAUW and President of Mesa School Board

Volunteers needed for AARP Experience Corps to serve as literacy tutors in Mesa Public Schools. Training provided. Visit www.mesaaz.gov/residents/education-workforce-office. For questions call Catherine White at 480-644-5050.

AAUW Art Contest—see email from AAUW national

New Member Buddy Program:

Idea discussed to pair up new and current member to introduce special interests groups and general membership.

Next general meeting February 7, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 2:15PM with motion by Betsy Flaten and seconded by Sandra Lackore

Speaker presentation followed by Julie Spilsbury from Mesa City Council.