

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

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Bev Byrd at 1:26PM. Thanks to Great Decisions for snacks that coordinate so well with the topic of our presenter

Quorum: Established by Elaine Prom who also introduced several visitors and guests from other branches.

Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Williamson sent copies of the approved 2023-2024 spending plan which was approved by the board. As of 2/19/2023 there is a balance of \$3,609.62. The checking cash balance as of 2/19/2023 is \$9,379.86. It is noted the donation to the National AAUW will be distributed to the fund with greatest need.

Membership: Discussion ensued on renewing membership with new forms on website. Clarification will be sent out to membership.

Secretary's Report: Molly Brenza sent via email February general meeting minutes to all after approval from board.

Committee

VP Programs:

Program Update: Mary Linnemann Plans for the April meeting include installation of new officers and luncheon. Sign up sheet passed around for salads. There will be the Ice Cream Social planned for October get together. As always if you have any contacts or ideas for meeting presentations please let Mary know.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Judy Taucher-Lewis: There will be two new scholars selected for the next year. Decision will be made by the end of June. There is a mentor meeting March 9 at Judy Taucher-Lewis's house.

Event Chair: Judy Shahanian: Thank you to all for a very successful luncheon for the Dress for Success Program. A meeting to recap event and to plan for next years event and date is pending. Two carloads of clothing and assorted items were taken to the Dress For Success warehouse. Besides the branch donation check, \$155 in personal donations was collected at the event. A very special thank you is due to the mentors who made such a difference in the scholar's lives.

Public Policy:

Sandra Lackore: Seven members attended Legislative Day on February 23 at the Old State House. It was an informative fun day.

DEI:

Betsy Flaten: Next meeting of the group on March 13 at 3PM in the Navajo room in Rec 3. The focus continues on missing and murdered people. A visit to the Heard museum is planned for April. Of note there will be a meeting/peaceful protest by a group in May supporting the missing and murdered indigenous people. The American Library Association is selling T-Shirts to raise awareness about banned books.

Speaker Presentation: Irene Amrine, Founder, Cactus and Tryzub

As an immigrant from the Ukraine in 1997, Irene gave a moving and informative discussion of how the war in Ukraine affect women. The devastation and vulnerability of women and children in this war was sobering. But also women in the Ukraine are a symbol of resistance with military service and invisible retaliation. There will be a Poetry in Park event in Encanto Park on March 11 and then a fundraiser in April for this group.

New Business:

Board Nominees:

Janice Dill—President

Elaine Prom—Membership

Mary Linnemann—VP Program

Molly Brenza—Secretary

Xenia Johnston—Scholarship Chair

Sandy Williamson—Treasurer

There were no nominations from the floor for the slate of officers. Motion to approve by Elaine Prom and seconded by Sandy Williamson. All members unanimously approved.

Women in History:

Mary deChesnay: March in Women in History Month. A request was made by a member to have a cowgirl presented. This month we honor Sandra Day O'Connor who spent her early years on an Arizona ranch very much the cowgirl. She had an amazing legal career and is best known for being the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

Announcement: Please check out the Spring Forum to be held on April 22 at the Arizona Historical Museum

Next General Meeting: April 5, 2023. Please note time change. Luncheon set up starts at 11 AM with the meeting at 11:30 in the Clubroom in Rec 1.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 2:58 PM with motion by Kay Eakin seconded by Judy Taucher-Lewis