

American Association Of University Women East Mesa Branch General Meeting. November 1, 2023

Welcome: Janice Dill called meeting to order at 1:33PM. New members introduced.

Quorum: Established by Elaine Prom

Business Meeting

Secretary Report: Molly Brenza sent minutes of April General meeting out to members. These minutes were approved by board. No corrections or additions needed.

Treasurer Report: Sandy Williamson sent financial report to board. Current checking account balance \$9857 with \$3878 in dedicated funds. Tax information was sent to AAUW National. On October 20, 2023 Sandra Lackore and Marilyn Kunde reviewed the annual financial records for this branch and found no corrections needed. Thanks to Sandy for an excellent job in her financial reports. Thanks to Sandra and Marilyn for the review. Motion to accept review by Elaine Prom and seconded by Janice Davis-Morgan. All members in favor.

VP Program Report: Mary Linnemann

November speaker is Ted Taylor from Arizona Family Promise.

December meeting will focus on Banned Books with speakers from the Mesa Public Library who will also discuss programs and services available from library. If you have a T-shirt supporting banned books please wear it.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship: Xenia Johnston

There was a Welcome Coffee for the scholars and mentors which was well received and attended. Pictures were taken and will be distributed to general members. Xenia has also established a scheduled article for publication in the LW paper celebrating a scholar each month.

Public Policy and D&I: Betsy Flaten

Next meeting of this group will be on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 3PM in the Navajo room in Rec 3. Focus of this meeting will be on banned books, housing and homelessness. All welcome. Also, Betsy toured the Basha Museum which was very interesting.

Old Business: Janice Dill

There is an update on new "Friend of East Mesa" membership which was approved by the board on 10/23/2023. **This will change our bylaws in membership and dues.**

For eligibility: An individual not complying with the above education requirement may join the East Mesa Branch as a Friend of the East Mesa AAUW Branch.

Under definition: Friends of the East Mesa AAUW Branch—an individual who supports the AAUW mission and wishes to associate with the East Mesa Branch (“Affiliate”) is invited to become a Friend of the East Mesa AAUW Branch. Although Friends shall not vote or hold a Branch-elected office, they may Participate in any events, activities and Special Interest Groups of the Branch.

Dues: The annual dues for the Friends of the East Mesa AAUW Branch shall be Branch Dues only. Please think about this and send comments and questions to board. A vote among members will be taken at the December General meeting.

Women In History: Mary DeChesnay

November is Native Indigenous People Month so we honor Susie Walking Bear Yellowtail, the first Native American nurse. She was a member of the Crow tribe and worked to integrate traditional and Western medicine on reservations.

New Business

Vacant Positions: Communications Director, Event Coordinator and Newsletter Editor are open for those interested.

Snack Signup: Snacks will be provided at general meetings. There is a signup sheet for those interested. Please keep it simple and have 2-3 people provide for snacks each month.

Announcements:

- Thanks to all who brought non perishable food today for St. Vincent food bank. The Branch will also collect food at the December meeting. Thank you to Jan Kelly for this idea.
- Dress For Success: Donations will be collected and taken to the Dress For Success site. Please see Janice Dill.
- Christmas Tea: Will be done at December general meeting.
- There will be a Scholar/Mentor Function in January.
- New special interest group: Reminisce Writing meets every other Wednesday. See Marge Perkins for details.

Program: Ted Taylor from Arizona Family Promise gave an inspiring and informative talk about this program which promotes family togetherness in times of homelessness.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM with motion by Shirley Davis and seconded by Molly Brenza with all in favor.

General Meeting: Wednesday December 6, 2023 at 1PM in Clubroom Rec 1

Board Meeting: Monday November 20, 2023

