

American Association of University Women East Mesa Branch General Meeting. December 4, 2024

Welcome: Janice Dill

- Meeting call to order at 1:35 PM
- Thanks to all who brought cookies
- Hello to new members and visitors.
- Thanks to Mary Linnemann for decorations

Quorum: Elaine Prom

- Established

Secretary's Report: Molly Brenza

- Xenia Johnston has addition for minutes and will send on to Molly.
- Copy sent to members

Treasurer's Report: Janice Dill for Mary Karen Scullion

- Checking account balance as of 10/31/24 is \$14,357.75 with dedicated balance \$8,338.61. Branch funds available \$4,519.14

VP Program: Mary Linnemann

- Please note that January meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 2025 due to the holiday and room availability. The speakers for the meeting are Bev Byrd and Betsy Flaten who are the AAUW State CoChairs of Public Policy.
- The March meeting will be on Saturday, March 1, 2025. The change of day from Wednesday to Saturday is to accommodate those members who work or go to school during the week. There will be a display of heirloom quilts for all to enjoy. And a presentation by Penny Boese.

Committee Reports

Scholarship: Xenia Johnston

- A motion was presented and passed to provide full membership for one year to graduating scholars who became mentors.
- Scholarship chair reported that she presented to the Larney Trust the addendum to the changes in the scholarship criteria, requested by ACF. Addendum was signed and accepted by the trust.
- Welcome to Alex Coons as new mentor.

Public Policy—D&I: Betsy Flaten

- Next meeting of this interest group is Monday December 9 at 3PM at Rec 3 Navajo Room. The focus will be on a more active roll in public advocacy.

Women in History: Mary deChesnay

- To co-ordinate with STEM, we honor Grace Hopper who was an American computer scientist and mathematician as well as an US Navy Rear Admiral.

Old Business:

- Fall Forum: Six members attended and it was a wonderful informative event.
- Board meeting Update
 - Copies of Board and General meeting available for member review on table at back of room. Members welcome to attend board meeting if interested.
 - Financial review done
 - March meeting 10AM in ballroom. The general community will be invited.
- Communications Chair—Thank you to Mary deChesnay for assuming this role for the newsletter.

New Business

- New member gathering: January 11, 2025 for those who have joined the last 2 years and board members. Thanks to Sandy Williamson for meeting at her house.
- Leisure World Scholarship Program

This program is funded by LW Foundation, LW Lions and our AAUW branch and was started in 2022. The current recipient is an employee working on a degree in HR from the University of Phoenix.
- Nominating Committee

Open positions are for secretary and Program VP. See Sandra Lackore or Janet Kelly for information or suggestions.

Announcements:

A very big thank you to Judy Taucher-Lewis for all her work especially on the Scholarship committee. She is moving to the west side of Phoenix.

Business meeting ended 2:00PM.

Program followed meeting with Dawn Giles from the Mesa Public School.

Next Board Meeting December 18, 2024.

Next General Meeting January 7, 2025