

American Association of University Women—East Mesa Branch General Meeting January 7, 2025

Welcome: Bev Bryd presided as Janice Dill ill. Meeting called to order at 1:28PM

Quorum: Elaine Prom absent but quorum established per Bev Byrd.

Secretary Report: Molly Brenza

- Minutes from December meeting were approved by board and sent to general membership.

Treasurer Report: Bev Byrd gave current balances.

- Checking account balance as of 12/31/2024 is \$14,031.93 with dedicated funds of \$8,338.61

VP Program: Mary Linnemann

- February meeting speaker Debbie Hanson is from AAUW NW Branch to present AZ AAUW writing project We Made History dealing with life story writing. Meeting time will be extended to 3:30PM to allow for participation in writing for those interested.
- March meeting will be on Saturday March 1 at 10:00AM-2:00PM in Ballroom. Penny Bose is featured speaker on Quilting In America. Quilts will be on display. Members are encouraged to invite friends and quilt viewing open to public.

Committee Reports

Scholarship: Xenia Johnston

- Application process has started for new scholars.
- Addendum for scholars sent to ACF to clarify requirements for scholars to maintain scholarships.

Public Policy: Betsy Flaten

- Next meeting for Public Policy will be on Monday, January 13 at 3:00PM at Rec 3. Marcie Hutchinson Mesa School Board President, will speak to issues for the Mesa School Board in 2025.

Women In History: Mary DeChesnay

- Mary unable to be here and will put her article in Embers Newsletter.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: Sandra Lackore

- The position of VP Programs is open. Sandra gave a description of position and its responsibilities. This can be shared with another person if desired. Please see member of nominating committee—Sandra Lackore, Joyce Loland or Janet Kelly.

Update on Partnership with Jonas Salk School: Mary Linnemann

- Packets available for those interested in volunteering with Mesa Public Schools. Tuesday, January 14, a group is going for fingerprinting. Further meetings planned to assess needs for STEM/STEAM program.

New Business:

New Member Gathering: Sandy Williamson

Invites sent out to new members from past 2 years for a gathering at Sandy Williamson's house for Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 3:00PM.

March meeting: Saturday March 1. Invite your friends and L@ residents. Look for article in LW paper.

Announcements:

Spring Forum scheduled for March 29, 2025 in Scottsdale. Further details pending.

Program: Bev Byrd and Betsy Flaten

Presentation on National AAUW values for advocacy and how all can participate.

Next Board Meeting: January 15, 2025

Next General Meeting: February 5, 2025.

Meeting adjourned 2:48PM.