

AAUW Colorado Springs Board of Directors Retreat Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: El Pomar Penrose House, Spencer Penrose Room
1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Attendees: (20)

Pam Maier, Outgoing President
Pip Bodkin, Incoming President
Joan Skoog, Treasurer
Marilyn Parker, Outgoing Secretary
Annabel Widney, Incoming Secretary
Melanie Hudson, Outgoing VP of Membership, Incoming IG Coordinator
Marian Phelps, CO-VP Programs
Kathryn Olson, CO-VP Community Outreach
Gayle Krezmien, CO-VP Community Outreach
Janet Knox, Communications Director
Mo Sigler, Scholarships Chair
Kate Meyer Olson, Outgoing Funds CO-Chair
Lynn Whitacre, Directory Editor
Audrey McGuire, Outgoing Public Policy Director
Jeanne Howard, Assistant to Treasurer
Nona Hentschel, Hospitality CO-Chair
Gini Simonson, Hospitality CO-Chair
Sally Metzger, Member Courtesy Coordinator
Lorena Wilder, Website Administrator
Nancy Holt, Outgoing Names Honored Chair

Call to Order – Pam Maier, President

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Maier at 10:05 a.m. There was an introduction of all attendees, followed by the welcome of incoming president, Pip Bodkin. Pip thanked Pam, members of the old board, the new board and continuing board members. Then she shared her vision for our branch in 2021-2022 – to recruit new members, capitalize on our 501(c)3 status, build up funds and have a productive year, working hard and in harmony with each other.

Secretary's Report – Marilyn Parker, Secretary

Motion was made by Janet Knox to approve the May Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Skoog, Treasurer

Joan noted that \$9,906 was received for Author's Day, not counting expenses. She discussed the fact that board members are covered by liability insurance. She said that renewals are currently half of normal. Melanie Hudson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. Joan said that we have received a donation of \$1,000 from a foundation, requesting to "use as needed". There will be a budget meeting in July with the finance committee to explore various proposals for use of these kind of donations, such as a "Greatest Need Fund", or honorariums for speakers (Author's Day).

Unfinished Business – Board Appointment Approvals

Gayle Krzemien – Community Outreach

Sarah Stowell – Names Honored Committee Chair

Anna Lopez – Public Policy Director

Melanie Hudson – IG Coordinator

Melanie Hudson – Assistant to the VP – Membership

Pam Maier moved that the board appointments be approved. The motion passed.

Officer Reports

Melanie Hudson, Membership VP, discussed the Welcome Coffee on September 18, 2021 at First United Methodist Church downtown. A committee is needed to co-ordinate the event. Currently, the plan is to have the Interest Group Tables, the Membership Table and to have the IG leaders give some information on their groups. The scholars will be introduced and their awards given. Melanie also noted that she has a group of board members calling those who have not yet renewed their memberships to encourage them to renew.

Marian Phelps, Programs VP, stated that there will be a committee meeting on June 30 to set the schedule for the coming year. Sarah Stowell will be the Names Honored Chair in addition to her current position as Programs CO VP.

Gayle Krezmien and Kathy Olson, Community Outreach CO VPs are working to establish and maintain relationships with colleges and students. Kathy spoke about International Women's Day, which AAUW works on with eight other non-profits, with AAUW and Zonta being the biggest contributors. Volunteers are needed for that committee, which meets every second Saturday.

New Business

Janet Knox took us on a tour of our local website to be sure that everyone is aware of what is there and how to access it. She also did a presentation on how the newsletter works.

Announcements

The Fall Leadership Conference will be August 20-21 via zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Annabel Widney
Secretary