AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2019 Annual meeting of the AAUW Chicago Inc. (IL) Branch was held on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. as a potluck event at 435 W. Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Members helped themselves to a wonderful selection of appetizers and desserts as they were welcomed into Lynda Korn-Cotton’s party room. President Ruth Holst called the business meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. following this agenda:

* 130th Anniversary Recognition
* Chicago Inc. Branch 2018-2019 Year Recap (handout)
* Treasurer’s report
* Highlights from the State Convention in Springfield, IL on May 3-4, 2019
* Public Policy Notes from A.J. Conroy (handout)
* Membership and other awards
* Election of new officers and installation of new and continuing officers
* Program planning for 2019-2020

**Yearend Recap:** Ruth Holst passed out the yearend Recap and drew attention to a number of highlights. A copy will be sent to all Branch members and posted on the Branch website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Megan Moser reported that the Branch had 71 members this year for a total of $1,562 in dues. As of May 16, 2019, the checking account had a balance of $2,662.58 and the Marston Account had a balance of $10,877.01. The Branch did not transfer funds out of the Marston account this year.

**State Convention:** Highlights of the State Convention were recently summarized in an email sent to Branch members. The Keynote speaker on Friday night was AAUW CEO Kim Churches who gave an excellent description of the state of the national association and is planning to do a teleconference on May 21st for Association leadership about financial stability. The other exciting highlight of the state convention was the announcement that **Paula Purdue of the Chicago Branch was awarded the Agent of Change Award** for her many years of advocacy for women and girls in Illinois, in particular her work on getting the ERA ratified in Illinois last year.

**Membership:** A member of the Branch, Marie Salwonchik, died on January 4, 2019 and was remembered with a moment of silence. Membership Awards were announced, with those present accepting in person:

 5 years: Stephanie Blatt, Pamela Mearsheimer, Bernadette Pawlik, Paula Perkins, Mary Ellen Ziegler

 10 years: Helen Elkiss, Eleida Gomez, Margaret Oppenheimer-Sullivan

 15 years: Megan Moser

 20 years: Lynda Korn-Cotton

 25 years: Karen Antine, Pam Sanner\*

 35 years: Dorthea Juul

 \* Pam’s award was inadvertently omitted but will be presented at a future meeting

The **Special Appreciation Award** went to Megan Moser for her leadership of the WITASWAN movie interest group over many years in addition to her recent service as Membership VP and Chair of the Nominating Committee. The **Exceptional Service Award** went to Paula Perkins for her leadership as the Program VP for 2017-2019.

**Presentation of New Officers:** The slate of new officers for 2019-2021 was presented and passed unanimously. The installation of new and continuing officers followed.

New officers include:

 Program Vice-President – vacant

 Secretary – Barbara Harris

 Directors at Large – A.J. Conroy and Barbara Spiegel

Continuing officers include:

 Ruth Holst – President

 Membership Vice President – Anita Moore

 Treasurer – Megan Moser

Directors at Large – Lynda Korn-Cotton and Leslee Carver

**Program Planning:** Discussion about program planning for the 2019-2020 program year ensued. With the position of Program VP vacant, the group talked about options for how to assign responsibility for each meeting. At the summer planning meetings, we will call for volunteers to plan and implement each meeting. Lynda Korn-Cotton volunteered to take reservations for all meetings to bring consistency to that task. Lori Switzer is in the process of setting up the summer meetings. All branch members are invited to attend.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Sanner, Secretary