

AAUW Northville-Nov
General Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020
Virtual Meeting due to COVID 19

Present: Members of AAUWNN and guests for a total of 32 participants

Call to Order: President Hecker called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Karen Zyczynski introduced Tracey M. Busch, Ph.D., curator and lead faculty of the Museum of Sexist Objects at Ferris State University. Dr. Busch presented an overview of the museum and compared the suffrage movement to the 97-year fight for the Equal Rights Amendment within a multi-generational perspective on the waves of feminism.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes was deferred to a future meeting. After approval, the minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joyce Murdock reported the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is showing the market value of our account to be \$112,255.50 as of 6/30/20, which is the most recent update. The balance in all accounts was \$13,175.46 as of 9/30/20.

Membership: Corinne Vincent welcomed and introduced five new members: Ann Cornille, Caryn Doehler, Deborah Lee Doyle, Deena Alam-Parks and Marianne Pinkham, who joins from Maine.

President: For the benefit of new members, Jane Hecker introduced attending board members, committee chairs and special interest group contacts, who discussed the objectives of their committees and groups. Committees and special interest groups are listed on the website. Contact information is in the directory on the website. Current activities of special interest groups are in the monthly newsletter.

Additionally, President Jane Hecker said that a search continues for a Chair of Financial Development, and Darlene Ursel will be responsible for sending cards.

A special thank you was extended to Jan Wargo, Mary Ann MacLaren and Patty Domin for working the election polls.

Communications: Mary Ann MacLaren said the newsletter is distributed on the first of the month via info@aauwnn.org. Newsletter items should be sent to her by the 20th of the preceding month.

Public Policy: Karen Zyczynski said that although AAUW is a non-partisan organization, it advocates for policies that improve lives of women and girls. She referred to the current Michigan AAUW Newsletter as a voting resource, reminding members to vote and to make sure family members vote as well. She spoke to the AAUW gender policy agenda of economic security, educator and foundational rights.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom. Rachel Liu Martindale, the founder and owner of Milk & Honey Bakery in Ann Arbor, will share her journey as a woman business owner and her community philanthropic work. She will demonstrate a simple recipe that members can bake along with her. Members will receive the recipe prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Submitted: Mary Arnold, Secretary