

AAUW Northville-Novu Branch
Board of Directors Meeting
February 23, 2021
Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

Present: Mary Arnold, Patty Domin, Jane Hecker, Marcia Horngren, Mary Jane Kearns, Mary Ann MacLaren, Carol Murchison, Joyce Murdock, Corinne Vincent, Karen Zyczynski

Call to order: President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum (10 people) was present.

Minutes: The January 25, 2021, minutes were approved as corrected and will be placed on file. A copy will be sent to Mary Ann MacLaren for the website.

Treasurer's report:

- There are no corrections to the Treasurer's report, which will be placed on file for audit.
- The Treasurer's report reflects the following balances as of 1-31-2021:
 - Checking \$5601.44
 - Savings \$6876.45
 - PayPal \$203.82
 - Total Funds \$12,681.71
 - CFSEM endowment as of 11-30-2020: \$128,170.22
- Treasurer Joyce Murdock recommended against taking a distribution from the endowment.
- Corinne Vincent made a motion not to take a distribution this year. Karen Zyczynski seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Corinne added that we should consider taking a distribution in 2022 and in succeeding years.
- Joyce also noted that the amount of the endowment will not be updated before early March.
- It was noted that the board minutes are posted on the AAUWNN website, but in a members-only area requiring member log-in that cannot be accessed by the public.

President

- Jane Hecker said the membership will be asked to wear red at the March general meeting to acknowledge Equal Pay Day signifying that compared to men, women are "in the red."
- Jane cancelled the phone callers' meeting on February 22 and will contact members by email. Jane will remain the leader of the phone callers' group, but Janice Wargo has taken her place as a caller. A replacement is needed for caller Karen Olson.

Membership

Vice President Programs

- Patty Domin reported that the virtual program for March is confirmed. The programs for April and May are being planned.

Vice President Membership/Diversity

- Corinne Vincent reported that the 2021 spring recruitment virtual event will be held on Thursday, April 22, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Names of potential member guests should be sent to Corinne by April 5. To add "glitz," the event will include downtown Northville women entrepreneurs and giveaways. Those who commit to membership during the event will receive the AAUW National discount.

- Corinne reported that she spoke to the Birmingham AAUW Foundation on finance structure and process. She also joined Jane in attending the second AAUW National webinar on diversity. Jane added that a toolkit is available on the National website to pursue diversity (e.g., race, age, socioeconomic) at the branch level. It was pointed out that diversity should be considered in recruitment.

Educational Gifts and Legal Advocacy

- Marcia Horngren reported that AAUWNN will cover the tuition of four Schoolcraft College students to the virtual 2021 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at \$95 each. As many of the four attendees as possible will speak to us about their experience along with the Schoolcraft NCCWSL Coordinator. Marcia continues to wait for confirmation from Oakland Community College regarding their participation.
- The Scholarship Committee is in the midst of reviewing 19 Novi High School scholarship applications, three of which are needs based. This is being done virtually with a March 19th deadline. As part of Novi's virtual awards ceremony, they have offered us the opportunity to include a slideshow featuring AAUWNN along with the presentation of our scholarship checks. Marcia and Mary Anne MacLaren are discussing this possibility.
- The Scholarship Committee expects to begin reviewing Northville High School scholarship applicants in early March. To date, the process is unclear as Northville does not have a virtual process in place.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

- Corinne Vincent noted that Jan Wilhelm, who was unable to attend this meeting, planned to inform the membership of an upcoming National AAUW bylaws amendment by putting it in the March newsletter. Discussion around this concluded that it must be made clear in the newsletter AAUWNN is not taking a position on the amendment. AAUWNN is simply making the membership aware and encouraging them to make their voice heard by voting.

Communication

- Mary Ann MacLaren will set up a drive on the cloud so that documents can be edited/reviewed in a more efficient manner.

Public Policy

- Karen Zyczynski has put together an Equal Pay Day Forum scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The moderator will be Mary Pollock with guest speakers Gwen Markham, Kelly Breen and Matt Koleszar. Additional participants to be determined include: Haley Stevens, Dayna Polehanki and Jim Runestad. Karen plans to invite other AAUW branches and democratic clubs. It was suggested we could promote this event at city halls. Thought needs to go into an invitation and link.
- An Equal Pay Day postcard has been created, and a Payday candy bar will be attached.

Financial Development

- Mary Ann MacLaren said plans toward the 45th anniversary challenge will be finalized at the next meeting on March 3.
- A chair is needed for this committee.

Adjourned: 8:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom