

**AAUW Northville-Nov
General Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021
Virtual Meeting due to COVID 19**

Present: Members of AAUWNN and guests for a total of 31 participants

Call to Order: President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m.

Yoga Presentation: Members gathered at 11:30 a.m. prior to the official business meeting to engage in a wellness session and lunch. Patty Domin introduced certified yoga instructor Carrie Cook who led attendees in breathing and stretching exercises. The positive response resulted in setting up a weekly online session with Carrie for interested members. Patty is coordinating the arrangements.

Minutes: Jane Hecker pronounced the minutes for the general membership meeting of November 10, 2020, approved and to be placed on file by President Jane Hecker.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Murdock presented the following financial information:

November 2020

- Beginning balance: \$13,016.54 as of 11/30/2020
- Ending balance: \$12,496.61 as of 11/30/2020
- The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is showing the market value of our account to be \$118,523.66 as of 10/31/2020, which is the most recent update

December 2020

- Beginning balance: \$12,496.61 as of 12/31/2020
- Ending balance: \$12,497.19 as of 12/31/2020
- The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is showing the market value of our account to be \$118,523.66 as of 10/31/2020, which is the most recent update

President: Jane Hecker thanked all who made holiday contributions to food charities and extended birthday greetings to those with January birthdays.

Guest Presenter: Janice Van Gasse, AAUW of Michigan President, discussed how the pandemic has exacerbated the inequities affecting women. She talked about the Michigan State Strategic Plan and reviewed the Five-star Program, noting that out of the 31 Michigan branches, AAUWNN was among only six branches awarded stars. President Van Gasse gave a tour of the redesigned AAUWMI website pointing out the location for individual branch information like newsletters, scholarships and documents.

Educational Gifts and Legal Advisory: Marcia Horngren reported that AAUWNN will provide two \$1,000 scholarships to both Northville and Novi High Schools. Additionally, we will support students from both Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College in the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which is currently scheduled to be virtual on May 25 – 26, provided the schools participate. Marcia also reported that a donation was made to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

Programs: Patty Domin reported that luncheon meetings for February and March will be virtual. See the newsletter and website for dates and information. Plans for April and May will be confirmed at a later date.

Membership: Corinne Vincent reiterated the benefit of Zoom has the benefit of attracting long-distance members. She reminded members that meetings are open to the public and encouraged inviting guests who are potential members. Becoming a member in the spring provides the bonus of a 15-month membership.

Financial Development: Mary Ann MacLaren said a chairperson is needed for this committee. The immediate focus is on a fundraiser celebrating the 45th anniversary of AAUWNN.

Communication: Mary Ann MacLaren asked that newsletter items for February 2021 be sent to info@aauwnn.org by January 20. She will post appropriate branch items on the AAUWMI site.

Public Policy: Karen Zyczynski will put a link in the newsletter for anyone interested in signing up to become a two-minute activist.

Special Interest Groups: Mary Jane Kearns reported that Great Decisions will discuss the book The Hacker and the State on January 19. Check the newsletter for the latest on all special interest groups.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned: 2:07 p.m.

Submitted: Mary Arnold, Secretary