

AAUW Northville-Novu Branch

Board of Directors Meeting

January 25, 2021

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

**Present:** Joan Cotton, Patty Domin, Jane Hecker, Marcia Horngren, Mary Jane Kearns, Mary Ann MacLaren, Carol Murchison, Joyce Murdock, Corinne Vincent, Jan Wilhelm, Rhonda York, Karen Zyczynski

**Call to order:** President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum (12 people) was present.

**Minutes:** The November 24, 2020, minutes were approved as read 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 reports for 11-1-20—11-30-20 and 12-1-20—12-31-20. These will be placed on file for audit.
- The Treasurer's report reflects the following balances as of 11-30-20:
  - Checking \$5,466.10
  - Savings \$6,875.29
  - PayPal \$155.22
  - Total Funds \$12,496.61
  - CFSEM endowment as of 10-31-20: \$118,523.66
- The Treasurer's report reflects the following balances as of 12-31-20:
  - Checking \$5,466.10
  - Savings \$6,875.87
  - PayPal \$155.22
  - Total Funds \$12,497.19
  - CFSEM endowment as of 10-31-20: \$118,523.66
- Treasurer Joyce Murdock reported that the Charitable Contribution Application was approved for 1-31-2021—1-31-2022
- Joyce also reported that she had received an update on CFSEM endowment as of 11-30-2020. The new balance is \$128,170.22

**President**

- Jane Hecker requested a volunteer to attend the President's Quarterly Meeting, January 27, 2021, 6:30pm. Patty Domin will attend.
- Jane announced that she plans to attend meetings for February—mid-March virtually, since she will be in Florida. Her Zoom account is available for interest groups, committee meetings, etc. She is not requesting AAUWNN reimbursement for use of the account.

### **Vice President Programs**

- Patty Domin reported that the February and March 2020 programs will be via Zoom beginning at 11:30 a.m.. February will feature Traci Simcock, Maybury State Park Supervisor. She will be sharing The History of Maybury State Park, a True Northville Treasure! March will welcome Brian Turnbull, Mayor of Northville. He will be remembering The History of Northville.
- Programs for April and May still need to be arranged.

### **Vice President Membership/Diversity**

- Corinne Vincent reported that once again AAUW has proposed a bylaws amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. The intent is for the organization to be more inclusive and to build capacity.
- A Diversity Tool Kit is set up on the National Website. Dimensions of Diversity include many categories of which one normally does not think.
- Member Comment on the proposed bylaws amendment is open through February 5, 2021. A letter from Julia Brown will be included to the February Newsletter. More information to AAUWNN members will be provided.

### **Public Policy**

- Karen Zyczynski reported that AAUWMI has established March 24, 2021 as Equal Pay Day.
- Karen has also been keeping abreast of AAUWMI Public Policy by attending various Zoom meetings.

### **Communication**

- Mary Ann MacLaren shared that the Newsletter is about ready for publication February 1.

### **Educational Gifts and Legal Advocacy**

- Marcia Horngren reported that the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is scheduled for May 25 – 26, 2021. Due to COVID, NCCWSL will be virtual this year. She has been in contact with Schoolcraft College who requested assistance with payment of the virtual fee, \$95.00. The approved budget will support payment of fees for 8 students. She has not heard from Oakland Community College and will follow-up.
- Both Novi and Northville High Schools will go forward with the AAUWNN scholarship program in 2021. Novi High School has an electronic process in place. Marcia has received 10 applications and support documents from Novi High School. Although fewer applications than previous years, there are sufficient applications to select qualified students. March 19, 2021 is the deadline for Novi High School selection process. Since the Northville High School selection process is not electronic, it will be more difficult. Marcia will follow-up with Northville.

### **Bylaws, Policies and Procedures**

- Jan Wilhelm reported that there is a proposed AAUW bylaws amendment that will affect membership. The letter sent to AAUWNN “leaders” by Julia Brown, 1/13/2021 provided the exact proposal language. Discussion regarding engaging AAUWNN members and encouraging them to participate in voting will be put on the February Board meeting agenda. Voting will be open April 7, 2021—May 17, 2021, 5:00PM ET.

### **Interest Groups**

- Joan Cotton reported that she has been pleased to see new members are participating in the Interest Groups
- Joan invited everyone to the Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Great Decisions virtual meeting. The topic is the book **Supreme Inequality: The Supreme Court's Fifty-Year Battle for a More Unjust America** by Adam Cohen. She commented that the group wanted to take a “deeper dive” into the topic and the discussion becomes more interesting with more opinions.
- Patty Domin clarified that Chair Yoga is not an Interest Group, but members are signing-up with the instructor and paying the fee directly to her.

### **Financial Development**

- Mary Ann MacLaren introduced Corinne Vincent and Karen Zyczynski who explained a proposed funding raising activity tied to the upcoming AAUWNN 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The plan is to request the Board of Directors support the activity by pledging to the challenge. Then members will also be invited to participate in the challenge.
- On behalf of the Financial Development Committee, Mary Ann moved that for the AAUWNN 2021 budget year our major fund raising event, The Michigan Fashion Designer Showcase Luncheon III, be replaced by the 45th Anniversary Challenge, a Pledge of Choice. The motion carried unanimously.
- Board members were invited to send their pledges directly to Karen prior to the next Board meeting.

### **Additional Comments**

- Mary Jane announced that member June Marshall has been very ill with COVID. She asked for prayers and that cards are sent to her.
- Jane suggested recording our speakers at the general membership meetings in order to offer members an opportunity to view the programs at an alternative day and time. A concern about privacy issues arose. Mary Ann will do some research and report at the next Board meeting.

**Adjournment:** 6:07 p.m.

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

Submitted by: Jan Wilhelm, Acting Secretary