

AAUW Northville-Novu Branch

Board of Directors Meeting

March 23, 2021

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

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

Call to order: In the absence of President Jane Hecker, Patty Domin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum (9 people) was present.

Minutes: The February 23, 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 2-28-2021:
 - Checking \$5908.16
 - Savings \$6876.98
 - PayPal \$203.82
 - Total Funds \$12,988.96
 - CFSEM endowment as of 12-31-2020: \$132,713.49
- Treasurer Joyce Murdock reported that \$2300 has been gifted and deposited toward the 45th Anniversary Challenge as of today.

President

Patty Domin presented on behalf of Jane Hecker:

- Condolences were extended to Mary Ann and John MacLaren.
- Karen Zyczynski was thanked for participating with Jane Hecker in a Women's History Month presentation at the Novi Library.
- Jane Hecker will attend the AAUW Michigan 99th Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 24, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Three delegates can attend in addition to Jane. Mary Jane Kearns and Patty Domin have volunteered to go as delegates. Karen Zyczynski is willing to be the third delegate, but pointed out she is already on the State Board so it would be better for someone else to take the third branch delegate position. Patty will check with Board members absent from tonight's meeting who might be available for the third delegate position.

- Mark your calendars for three informational virtual meetings are open to all members:
 - AAUW Michigan Regional Meeting, Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. - noon
 - AAUW National Town Hall webinar on the Member Education Requirement, April 1, 4 p.m.
 - AAUW Michigan Bylaws Change Presentation, Thursday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Programs

- Corinne Vincent discussed the three-part program planned for the virtual April general meeting:
 - A Guernsey Farms Dairy presentation while members enjoy Guernsey ice cream and topping they pre-purchased
 - Member and clinical psychologist/counselor Caryn Doehler will speak on strategies for managing anxiety
 - There will be gift drawings redeemable for ice cream treats at Guernsey Farms Dairy
- Patty Domin gave an update on the May end-of-year picnic at Maybury Park, including: Mission BBQ will deliver boxed dinners, Patty's son-in-law and daughter (professional DJ and photographer, respectively) will donate their services for music and photography, Patty will obtain the liquor license, Patty will finalize the invitation and send it to Mary Ann for the newsletter/distribution. Rhonda York will create the program. Also, Patty will determine if the \$7 entrance fee can be waived.

Vice President Membership/Diversity

- Corinne Vincent gave an update on the 2021 Annual Potential Member Virtual Reception to be held on Thursday, April 22, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Alicia Racine, downtown Northville entrepreneur, will speak at this event. She owns Adorn flower shop, Sweet Lu's candy store and Toria, a European style café opening this spring.

Educational Gifts and Legal Advocacy

- Marcia Horngren has received 23 academic scholarship applications and two financial need scholarship applications from Northville High School. A decision about Northville scholarship recipients should be reached by April 12.
- Marcia noted she is having difficulty reaching one of the Novi scholarship recipients.
- Marcia will attend the Oakland Community College recognition of scholarship recipients.

Public Policy

- Karen Zyczynski reported that the virtual Equal Pay Day Forum is ready as scheduled for March 24, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Folks can still register.
- The Equal Pay Day Proclamation was read at Northville City Hall.
- Karen reported there has been no feedback on the Equal Pay Day postcards.

Financial Development

- Mary Ann MacLaren said they are continuing to work toward 45th anniversary challenge pledges and donations.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

- Corinne Vincent reported on behalf of Jan Wilhelm who was unable to attend. Voting on the public policy proposals and the elimination of the education requirement will be April 7 through May 19. Every member will get an individual link to vote. For context relating to these proposed bylaw changes, AAUW Michigan is presenting a webinar on April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

Submitted by Mary Arnold, Secretary