

AAUW Northville-Novu Branch

Board of Directors Meeting

May 25, 2021

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

Present: Mary Arnold, Patty Domin, Jane Hecker, Joyce Murdock, Corinne Vincent, Jan Wilhelm, Karen Zyczynski

Call to order: President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum of seven Board members was present.

Minutes: The April 28, 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 4-30-2021:
 - Checking \$10158.98
 - Savings \$6878.13
 - PayPal \$1344.98
 - Total Funds \$18,382.09
 - CFSEM endowment as of 3-31-2021: \$107,979.33
- Treasurer Joyce Murdock will schedule a Budget Committee meeting the last week in June.
- To date, the 45th Anniversary Challenge fundraiser balance is \$10,448.81.
- Joyce will send out checks on behalf of AAUWNN to local schools for Remember the Ladies.

President

- Jane will submit an affiliate report to Michigan AAUW on June 15, including input on what they can do to benefit us. Suggestions are welcome and should be submitted to Jane prior to June 15.
- Monies in the form of mini-grants of \$100 raised by AAUW Michigan from the mask and notecard fundraisers are being offered to the branches. It was agreed by consensus that AAUWNN would request a mini-grant toward its 2021-2022 Zoom subscription.
- Jane noted that Carol Murchison created a pictorial book of AAUWNN history from 2010.

Vice President Membership/Diversity

- Corinne Vincent stated that to date 54 people have renewed their memberships.
- A blast will go out Thursday to inform members that one free membership will be available in a drawing to those who renew by June 8.
- Corinne discussed how the election results do not impact our ability to recruit new members and pointed out that an associates degree or certification in a skilled trade meets the requirement.
- For our future survival, Corinne emphasized the importance of developing a succession plan and identifying chairs for the Initiatives and Financial Development committees. Karen Zyczynski added it's important to build coalitions with other organizations.

Vice President Programs

- Patty Domin reported that three activities are planned for the summer:
 - June 8: Lunch at Mission BBQ
 - July 9: Gather at the Plymouth fountain for Art in the Park
 - August 10: Treats and tour of Mary Ann MacLaren's she shed
- It is being planned that meetings in September, October, November and December 2021 and April and May 2022 will be a hybrid of in person and virtual while meetings in January, February and March 2022 will be via Zoom.
- The first meeting of the 2021-2022 Program Committee will be June 3.

Communication

- Mary Ann MacLaren is working with Carol Murchison on the archives and looking to fill two positions on the Communication Committee: photographer and social media.
- There will be a June newsletter.

45th Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser

- Karen Zyczynski reported that in addition to the \$10,448.81 collected toward the \$11,000 goal, she has received two more pledges for a total of 40 members who have gifted. That's nearly 50% of the membership who have responded. Karen said she will continue to accept pledges.

Public Policy

- Karen Zyczynski shared that AAUW of Michigan is tracking 39 proposals, some of which restrict voting rights, introduced by the State Legislature. Look for related information from Michigan AAUW.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

- Jan Wilhelm reviewed the National AAUW election results: public policy issues passed; eliminating the education requirement did not pass. She will post how Michigan AAUW members voted in the June 2021 newsletter. So far, Jan is not aware of any changes needed in our affiliate bylaws based on the National elections.

Adjourned: 8:13 p.m.

This is the last Board of Directors meeting of 2020 -- 2021

Submitted by Mary Arnold, Secretary