

**AAUW Northville-Nov
General Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021
Virtual Meeting due to COVID 19**

Present: Members of AAUWNN and guests for a total of 29 participants

Call to Order: President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m.

Maybury State Park Presentation: Members gathered at 11:30 a.m. prior to the official business meeting to hear a presentation by Traci Sincock, Supervisor of Maybury State Park in Northville Township. Ms. Sincock discussed the history of the area dating back to the late 1800s when Detroit acquired the property, its years as a sanatorium for consumption patients and finally the property's purchase by the State of Michigan in 1975 when the land became a state park. To keep abreast of activities and ongoing/future projects at Maybury State Park, check out the park's website and Facebook page.

Minutes: Minutes for the general membership meeting of January 12, 2021, were approved and will be placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Joyce Murdock, President Jane Hecker presented the following financial information:

January 2021

- Beginning balance: \$12,497.19 as of 1/1/2021
- Ending balance: \$12,681.71 as of 1/31/2021
- The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is showing the market value of our account to be \$128,170.22 as of 11/30/2020, which is the most recent update

President:

- Jane Hecker wished happy birthday to attendees born in February.
- She shared that AAUWMI President Jan Van Gasse, as the result of reading our newsletter, was very complimentary of AAUWNN.
- Jane and Corinne Vincent will attend an AAUW webinar that emphasizes diversity at the branches.
- Jane extended a special thank you to Corinne Vincent for her February article on members' perseverance through the pandemic.
- Also, Jane is looking for someone replace her on the call tree team.

Programs: Patty Domin reported that the March general meeting presentation will be about the strong women of Northville. Meetings for April and May are under consideration. As a member of the Nominating Committee (Rhonda York is Chair), Patty said that nominees should be brought to the attention of Patty or Rhonda. A critical vacancy for next year is Membership Chair.

Membership: Corinne Vincent emphasized the importance of not only member recruitment but member retention. She advised on the significance of the newsletter in keeping members informed and interesting potential members by sharing articles with them. Now is the time to recruit potential members since new members (i.e., brand new members or those whose membership has lapsed for two years) become eligible for a 15-month membership with a National Membership discount of half price beginning in March. The minimum requirement is an associate degree or degree from an accredited institution (this includes trade institutions). Men are welcome.

Communication: Mary Ann MacLaren is maintaining the AAUWNN website. An internet media savvy person is needed to manage Facebook and Instagram. Interested persons should contact Mary Ann.

Financial Development: Mary Ann MacLaren said a chairperson is needed for this committee. Plans are ongoing for a fundraiser celebrating AAUWNN's 45th anniversary.

Public Policy: Karen Zyczynski attended the Midwest Conference on January 30, which was organized by AAUWMI President Jan Van Gasse. Karen hosted the public policy breakout session, giving her the opportunity to meet members from states across the Midwest.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures: Jan Wilhelm spoke about the AAUW upcoming vote to eliminate student membership and the degree requirement for membership. The purpose of this vote is to advance gender equity and build capacity. To obtain more information and to read the language being struck out and the replacement language, go to www.aauw.com. Voting will take place April 7 – May 17.

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

Meeting adjourned: 1:25 p.m.

Submitted: Mary Arnold, Secretary

