

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

**Present:** Members of AAUWNN and guests for a total of 47 participants

**Call to Order:** President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

**Presentation:** Members gathered at 11:30 a.m. prior to the official business meeting to hear Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull speak about the history of strong women who shaped Northville, preceded by a film showing Northville's parade down Main street to celebrate 100 years in 1927.

**Celebration of AAUWNN Strong Women:** Mary Jane Kearns introduced past presidents in attendance, Karen Zyczynski introduced Education Funds Named Honorees in attendance and Corinne Vincent named nine members who are community achievers. Mary Ann MacLaren showed a video she compiled of AAUWNN historic photos from the 1970s through 2009.

**Launch of 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Challenge:** Corinne Vincent and Karen Zyczynski spoke about the importance of raising \$11,000 to replace the loss of our annual fundraiser during the pandemic in order to continue our philanthropic work. Thirteen pacesetters from the Board of Directors and the Financial Development Committee have pledged \$4,550 toward the goal. Members were encouraged to consider a pledge based on how much they spend in a typical year by attending various fundraising events. Also, because AAUWNN is a 501(c)(3) public charity, a cash gift could be tax deductible. (Note: Based on the CARES Act, in 2021, cash donations to charitable organizations up to \$300 are tax deductible even if you don't itemize.) Also, there are tax savings when gifts are made as an IRA distribution. Members were asked to notify Karen of their pledge amounts by phone or email and to send their gifts via check or credit card by May 1.

Checks should be made out to AAUWNN and mailed to AAUWNN, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167. To pay by credit card, use PayPal (a PayPal account is not needed) at [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org).

**Minutes:** Jane Hecker pronounced the minutes for the general membership meeting of February 9, 2021, approved and to be placed on file.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joyce Murdock sent the following financial information:

February 2021

- Beginning balance: \$12,681.71 as of 2/1/2021
- Ending balance: \$12,988.96 as of 2/28/2021
- The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is showing the market value of our account to be \$132,713.49 as of 12/31/2020, which is the most recent update

**President:** Jane Hecker recognized March birthdays. She asked that nominations for 2021 Named Honorees be submitted to her by April 5. The award winner will be named at the May meeting. Jane then led members in a segment of sharing hobbies that included painting, quilting, knitting, needlework, and the creation of an original handbag.

**Programs:** Patty Domin reported the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a virtual tour of Guernsey Farms Dairy with prizes via Zoom at 6:45 p.m. The last meeting of the year will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at Maybury Park in the Oak picnic area. The theme is Out of the Woods – Into the Future. There will be a selection of boxed dinners and beverages and enough space for social distancing. This event will be held in the early evening. Details are forthcoming. Contact Patty if you can help with this final event of the year.

After May, the Programs Committee will begin planning for 2021-22. Anyone who would like to be part of this committee should contact Patty.

**Membership:** Corinne Vincent reminded members that the virtual potential member reception will be held on April 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Names of potential members with their contact information, including mailing addresses, should be sent to Corinne by April 1.

**Educational Gifts and Legal Advisory:** Marcia Horngren reported that the two scholarship winners from Novi High School have been selected. She expects to receive scholarship applications from Northville High School in late March.

Marcia said the virtual NCCWSL event has given more women the opportunity to participate. AAUWNN is paying for four Schoolcraft College participants to attend. At least one of these students will share her experience at one of our meetings. Oakland Community College is still in the process of deciding their participation.

**Public Policy:** In commemoration of Equal Pay Day on March 24, Karen Zyczynski has organized a forum featuring a broad spectrum of political leaders with national, state and local representation. Mary Pollock will emcee. After each political figure speaks for five minutes, attendees will ask questions. This event will be held via Zoom from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and is limited to 100 participants who must register in advance. Karen will reach out beyond our membership to other branches, local businesses and organizations as well as mayors by sending an Equal Pay Day postcard with a Pay Day candy bar attached. Anyone interested in attending should register as soon as possible.

**Financial Development:** Mary Ann MacLaren said this committee continues to work on the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Challenge.

**Communication:** Mary Ann MacLaren will update the website to take donations through PayPal. She is adding hyperlinks in the newsletter for easy, quick connections to relevant material. If you are interested in serving on the Communication Committee, contact Mary Ann.

**Bylaws, Policies and Procedures:** Jan Wilhelm noted proposed amendment changes by National AAUW: elimination of the degree requirement, elimination of student memberships, adjustment of dues based on membership classification. The voting period is April 7 – May 17 at 5 p.m. EDT. Karen Zyczynski added that AAUWMI will conduct a discussion on the amendment changes on April 15.

**Nominating Committee:** Rhonda York stated the committee is looking to fill the following open positions: Nominations for a three-year term and Membership Vice President for a two-year term. The Nominating Committee will be calling members to fill these positions. Members can also volunteer for open positions.

**Next Meeting:** The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom. Details will be in the April newsletter and on the website.

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:43 p.m.

**Submitted:** Mary Arnold, Secretary