

**AAUW Northville-Nov
General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021
Virtual Meeting due to COVID 19**

Present: Members of AAUWNN and guests

Presentation: Members gathered at 6:45 p.m. prior to the official business meeting for a three-part event hosted by Corinne Vincent: Joe Kinville, grandson of the Guernsey Farms Dairy founder, spoke about the family's business history of 81 years in Northville and gave a virtual tour of the restaurant and production facility; Caryn Doehler, mental health professional, talked about identifying and managing anxiety in these difficult times of the pandemic; member names were drawn for tickets redeemable for ice cream at Guernsey Farms Dairy.

Call to Order: President Jane Hecker called the business meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

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

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

March 2021

- Beginning balance: \$12,988.96 as of 3/1/2021
- Ending balance: \$15,198.56 as of 3/31/2021
- 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 directed that the Treasurer's Report be placed on file.

President: Jane Hecker recognized April birthdays. She reminded the membership that AAUW MI will present a session regarding the proposed bylaws changes on Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Programs: Patty Domin gave an update on the final meeting of the year on May 11, 5 – 7 p.m. at the Oak Shelter in Maybury StatePark. For safety during the pandemic, the following was noted: masks and hand sanitizer will be available, boxed dinners, individual drinks, lots of outdoor space. Also, there will be door prizes.

The first planning meeting of the 2021-2022 Programs Committee will be the first week in June. Anyone who would like to participate on this committee should contact Patty.

Membership: Corinne Vincent continues to prepare for the virtual new membership reception on April 22 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. featuring guest speaker Alicia Racine, owner of Adorn Flowers in Northville. Corinne noted that members who provided the names of potential members are invited to attend. Potential members' contact information should be sent to Corinne by this upcoming weekend. To date, she has sent out 29 invitations. New members will receive the National membership discount.

Educational Gifts and Legal Advisory: Marcia Horngren announced the Novi High School scholarship recipients:

- Kyla Matthews who plans to attend the University of Detroit Mercy and study sports business and management, accounting and finance
- Yoonseo (Katie) Lee who plans to attend the University of Michigan and study computer science

This year's Scholarship Committee members who helped in the selection process were Barbara Wilson, Carol Murchison, Evelyn Cadicamo, Pat Amireskandari, Rhonda York and Susan Beresh

Financial Development: Karen Zyczynski confirmed that 27 members have pledged and/or donated during the AAUWNN 45th Anniversary Celebration. We are now within \$300 of being three-quarters of the way to reaching our goal of \$11,000.

Communication: Mary Ann MacLaren said that reserving a seat at the May picnic can be done on the AAUWNN website via a Google form. Members can select a dinner option and pay using a credit card or check.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures: Jan Wilhelm emphasized the importance of voting on the proposed bylaw changes using the personalized link provided by National. See the exact wording changes for eliminating the college degree for membership while continuing to support our mission on AAUW's website. Voting began April 7 and continues to May 15.

Mary Jane Kearns noted that Elizabeth Haynes from Michigan is on the National Ballot.

Nominating Committee: Rhonda York presented the following nominations for election at the May meeting:

- Vice President – Programs (2 years): Patty Domin
- Vice President – Membership (2nd year of 2-year term): Karen Zyczynski
- Treasurer (2 years): Joyce Murdock
- Nominating Committee (3 years): Pat Noworyta

Next Meeting: The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 5 p.m. This is a picnic at the Oak Shelter in Maybury Park. Details will be in the May newsletter and on the AAUWNN website.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Submitted: Mary Arnold, Secretary