

**AAUW Northville-Novu Branch
Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2021
Joyce Murdock's Home**

PRESENT: Jane Hecker, Patty Domin, Mary Jane Kearns, Mary Ann MacLaren, Carol Murchison, Joyce Murdock, Karen Zyczynski

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the August 24, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with corrections and will be placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer: Joyce Murdock

- The branch treasury as of 08/31/21 is \$13,716.48.
- The market value of the CFSEM Endowment Fund as of 07/31/21 is \$146,149.15.
- The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.
- A question was raised whether the Board Meeting should be held the first of the month prior to the Branch Meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: Jane Hecker

- The AAUW logo has not been changed. The red circle appears only on the National Website.
- Jane visited the Girls Who Code program being conducted in the Jeffers Center at Schoolcraft College. They are happy to accept anyone who wants to volunteer. Scheduling is very flexible. She suggested they also get in touch with students in the National Honors Society at Northville and Novi high schools for volunteers.
- The October Board Meeting will be held at Mary Jane Kearns home.
- Some highlights from the Consortium Meeting were shared. Various affiliate branches send out monthly press releases to the local papers on the current events/activities. Unfortunately those resources are limited or nonexistent in Northville/Novi. However we could utilize the Northville & Novi Chamber Websites to post our events and meetings. Another group compiles a top 10 list of women in the community as potential members and sends them a monthly newsletter. A good recruitment technique. Jane shared AAUWNN December Meeting at The Living and Learning Center with the consortium. There was group interest in opening up that meeting to other branches. Jane will share the details at the next consortium meeting and invite other branches to attend our December meeting as guests. Anybody can attend the Consortium meetings. The next one is October 15, 2021.

VP Programs: Patty Domin

- The October program Better Way Designs, is a Fair Trade organization that supports women rescued from human trafficking. There is a catalogue of merchandise available to purchase items made by the women in the program.

- During the November meeting, Issues Facing the Foster Care System, we will be collecting gently used luggage or totes for children to use when changing residences within the foster care system.
- The December Holiday event will be held at The Living and Learning Center in Northville. The event will include a tour of the house, program and grounds. Food and drinks will be served courtesy of the AAUWNN Board members and (possibly the Program Committee). Specifics TBD in future meetings. Other branches will be invited as guests. We'll need a ballpark idea of the number attending. In lieu of tickets, it will be requested that attendees donate at least \$20 toward the purchase of an item that will be selected by the Living and Learning Center based on their need.

VP Membership: Karen Zyczynski

- Seventy two (72) members have renewed. A list of 10 previous members was shared. If you have a personal connection with any of these women please contact them to encourage them the renew before the end of October.
- Karen is arranging a training on recruitment strategies for the committee members.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Development: Mary Ann MacLaren

- The Mah Jongg Fundraiser Tournament will be held Friday November 5, 2021 in the Food Court in Laurel Park Mall. Registration fee is \$35. Food will be provided by either Panera or a restaurant in the mall. It would help if beverages were donated.
- Schoolcraft College is open and holding events in the Vis Ta Tech Center. The Fashion Show scheduled April 2, 2022. Prices for food have significantly increased. This year we are looking at a boxed lunch rather than a plated meal. Buffet is not being offered. In order to reach our goal, we need every member to participate or we can't be successful. This event is the only major fundraiser this program year. We need graphic design experience, and someone to be a liaison to each designer. We will follow all CDC guidelines and monitor the COVID situation. A final decision whether to hold the event will be made by January 31, 2022 before tickets go on sale.

Policies and Procedures: Jan Wilhelm

- No report..

Public Policy: Mary Jane Kearns

- Mary Pollock is the Government Relations Representative in Lansing for AAUWMI. She posts pertinent information in the Michigan Lobby Corps. Mary Pollock is interested in sharing information on woman's rights in the workplace as well as the redistricting plan for MI representation in Government. Mary Jane invited the board members to join the Lobby Corps. At the branch meeting she will walk the membership through the process to join the Lobby Corps.

Communication Committee: Mary Ann MacLaren.

- Since there are more people attending the Zoom affiliate branch meetings than in person meetings Mary Ann recommended we run a zoom meeting concurrently for those unable to attend the in person meeting.
- Next time we order book marks we need to correct the contact us information on the bottom.

Archives: Carol Murchison

- No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 p.m.