

**AAUW Northville-Novu Branch
Board of Directors Meeting
October 26, 2021
Mary Jane Kearns' Home**

PRESENT: Jane Hecker, Patty Domin, Mary Jane Kearns, Mary Ann MacLaren, , Karen Zyczynski, Janice Wargo, Jan Wilhelm

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 28, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with corrections and will be placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer: Jane Hecker for Joyce Murdock

- The branch treasury as of 09/30/21 is \$13,574.30.
- The market value of the CFSEM Endowment Fund as of 08/31/21 is \$118,033.29.
- The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: Jane Hecker

- The AAUW logo has not been changed. The red circle appears only on the National Website.
- Caryn Doehler is volunteering at the Girls Who Code program being conducted in the Jefferies Center at Schoolcraft College. They are looking for mentors with experience in the technology area.
- The November Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. There is no Board Meeting scheduled for December. The January, February and March Board Meetings will be held via Zoom from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
- The Branch currently owns a movie screen. Jane Hecker will sell this item as it is no longer used.
- Corinne Vincent, Carol Murchison and Emily Doubler will decorate the tree for the Northville Festival of Trees. Karen Zyczynski will design a Fashion Showcase ornament.
- The Northville Chamber provides welcome packets to Northville newcomers. Patty Domin made a motion to spend \$30 to have AAUWNN bookmarks placed in 100 packets. Mary Ann MacLaren seconded the motion. No opposed.
- The Northville Library is holding a Northville Volunteer Fair on November 6 from 11:00 – 1:00. Jan Wilhelm made a motion for the Branch to participate and pay the fee for a table, if required. The motion was seconded by Karen Zkyczynski. No opposed.

VP Programs: Patty Domin

- The October program Better Way Designs, is a Fair Trade organization that supports women rescued from human trafficking. An email blast will be sent to remind members that the "online" party to purchase items from the Better Way Designs catalogue ends October 30.

- 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. Several Consortium members have made donations.
- 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 signed up to bring hors d'oeuvres. Program Committee members will provide desserts. Other branches will be invited as guests. In lieu of tickets, it will be requested that attendees donate at \$20 toward the purchase of an item that will be selected by the Living and Learning Center based on their need. Checks should be made out to The Living and Learning Enrichment Center.

VP Membership: Karen Zyczynski

- Three potential members attended the October Branch meeting. The annual membership fee through June 30 is currently reduced to \$53. Karen has sent follow up emails to these women.
- Karen will organize Branch participation in the Northville Volunteer Fair.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Development: Mary Ann MacLaren

- The Mah Jongg Fundraiser Tournament will be held Friday November 5, 2021 in the Fins Restaurant in the Marriott at Laurel Park Mall. Registration fee is \$35. Fins will provide a soup and salad bar. Thirty-one women signed up to play.
- Schoolcraft College is open and holding events in the VisTaTech Center. The Fashion Show is scheduled April 2, 2022. The Board members discussed the pros/cons serving a boxed lunch. The Board members discussed the possibility of increasing the ticket price in order to serve a plated meal. Vivian Zhong, 2021 Miss Michigan, will be the MC. Ms. Zhong's fee is \$250. There are three returning and two new designers. 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 Jane will be given access to the membership email directory so she can forward pertinent information posted by Mary Pollock, the Government Relations Representative in Lansing for AAUWMI.

Communication Committee: Mary Ann MacLaren.

- Mary Jane Kearns will be the backup for emails.
- We will run a zoom meeting concurrently for the November monthly meeting for those unable to attend the in person meeting.
- Newsletter articles are due.
- Next time we order book marks we need to correct the contact us information on the bottom.

Archives: Jane Hecker for Carol Murchison

- No report.

Educational Funds and Legal Advocacy

- A chairperson is needed for this Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee should start recruiting members for open positions. It was mentioned during the Consortium meeting that all branches have a difficult time filling positions. The Rochester branch recruits several members as a Committee to fill the President role. Each member of the Committee will fill the position for 2-3 months. The members of the Committee are also on the Board. Jane Hecker and Patty Domin will explore this option in more detail. This approach would require bylaw changes which could take 6-12 months to obtain approval.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.