

AAUW Northville Novi Branch Meeting  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 11:30am via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes

Present: 22 members, 3 guests 2 presenters.

**WELCOME:** President Jane Hecker opened the meeting at 11:30. Jane Introduced Jan VanGasse, AAUWMI President, Lynn O’Neil AAUW Livonia President, and Betty Collier.

**PROGRAM:** Mary Ann MacLaren introduced today’s program and guests. Marjana Sarker and Yuliana Aldrich described their journey and success with Perficient and the 16 week Boot Camp project with Hackbright Academy which is a full time software engineering training program called Bright Paths. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for full-time employment with Perficient, thus closing the employment gap for aspiring women coders in technology careers.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** (minutes submitted by Caryn Doehler, Secretary Pro Tem) were presented by Jane Hecker: Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting discussed. Jan Wilhelm read a correction to the By-Laws, Policies and Procedures section.

Corrections:

**Correction to By-Laws, Policies and Procedures**

~~BY-LAWS, POLICIES and PROCEDURES: Jan Wilhelm: No new proposals. Tomorrow is a meeting with AAUW national leadership to pass the by-law change regarding membership~~

**BY-LAWS, POLICIES and PROCEDURES:** Jan Wilhelm: Tomorrow, January 12, 2022, is a meeting with AAUW (national) leadership via Zoom to discuss proposed changes in the AAUW Bylaws. The amendments address nominations for the AAUW Board and notification time limits for those eligible to vote in AAUW elections. On-line voting will be available April 6, 2022—May 6, 2022. Paper ballots will also be available by request. There will be no proposed change this year for membership eligibility.

The Board approved the November and December, 2021 treasurer’s reports. The January 11, 2022 meeting minutes, as amended, will be placed on file.

**TREASURER:** Dianne McCulloch, Treasurer Pro-Tem:

Beginning Balance (1/1/22)	14,725.94	Checking Account	8,513.60
Income	900.58	Super Saver Account	6,883.32
Expenses	28.72	PayPal Account	258.32
Ending Balance (1/31/22)	15,655.24		

**CFSEM Endowment (11/30/21): \$116,429.38 (Mkt. Value + 2020-2021 Contrib. \$ = 116, 429.38**

January report will be approved at the February board meeting and placed on file for audit. Treasurer reports are approved by the board at the end of the following month and placed on file for audit. Fashion show funds will start coming in soon.

**PRESIDENT: Jane Hecker:** Happy Birthday to all our members with February birthdays!

On Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board had a one hour zoom session with new members to talk about their roles at our branch. New members were asked about what motivated them to join AAUWNN and their interests. Thank you to all the board members for contributing to this well received event.

Quarterly reports of money donated from this branch to National for 2021. Donations were directed toward “greatest need fund.” Future discussion possible for ideas of where to direct donations to National other than “greatest need.” Total of \$over \$1700 included our budgeted AAUWNN \$350 annual donation and member contributions.

**PROGRAMS: Patty Domin:**

March Program, via Zoom, will be Gardening for Pollinators, with ideas about how to attract pollinators to your garden.

The in-person April Program will be Trivia Night, and a presentation about Equal Pay Day by the Public Policy Committee.

The year-end meeting and banquet will take place in May. It will be an extravaganza at Bravo! on 6 Mile and Haggerty. Prices to come.

**Membership: Karen Zyczynski:**

Thanks to the Board for attending the new member event that included how they found out about AAUWNN and their interests. The membership drive for the 2022-23 year begins in April. If a new member joins in April, they get 15 months for the cost of 12. The year-end is June 30.

**Jane Hecker:** Board Members shared the beginnings of their time at AAUWNN. Would like to tell some stories of how members joined in her President’s letter and may contact a few members.

**COMMUNICATIONS: MaryAnn MacLaren:** Newsletter additions due the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Contact her to add content to the website. Updated list of members is posted. New Member, Andrea Cortelyou has sorted out the administration rights for the Facebook page and will help with social media. Creating an Instagram account – will be especially useful for Fashion Show ticket sales.

**PUBLIC POLICY: Mary Jane Kearns:** See articles posted in the newsletter. Equal Pay Day plans are underway for the April meeting to raise awareness about the issue and what it means.

**BY-LAWS, POLICIES and PROCEDURES: Jan Wilhelm:** Provided information about the National ballot. Some members without computers can request a paper ballot to vote. Please share with members you know who may prefer that option.

**FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mary Ann MacLaren:** Shoe collection continues. 2500 pairs collected earns \$1000. A couple members offered to do shoe runs to collect from donors.

**Fashion Show: Karen Zyczynski:** Working on communications for the event. Would like to see photos of the 6 clothing designers on our webpage. Tickets available for purchase on the website. Working on sponsorships. Have \$5,000 committed. Need to get to \$8,000 to reach \$11,000 fundraising goal.

Approached a former sponsor of the home tour to put business coupons in the gift bags.

Posters are up at the Northville and Novi libraries, and New 2 You consignment store in Novi. Please contact her if you know a business that may allow a poster. 50 postcards remain out of 1500.

Ticket Sales: 32 tickets sold with 11 committed which is a quarter of the way to the 200 ticket goal.

The January 2022 issue of “The Ville” has an article about the fashion show with a photo.

**Jane Hecker:** The Past Presidents Circle contributed a \$500 sponsor donation. Be sure to talk up the fashion show.

**Karen Zyczynski**: Seeking a professional photographer for the fashion show, including doing some video. Need photos of each designer and her models for the website and to send to the designer, as well as the accessory designer booths.

Purchasing Tickets: Order tickets and pay online. To pay by check, print the form from the website, with names, quantity and desired seating groups noted. Important to include the form with check payments.

**EDUCATIONAL GIFTS and LEGAL ADVOCACY**: **Jane Heckler**: Committee starting up. Waiting for applications from Novi High School. Northville High School applications begin later in March. March is the busy month for this group.

**Corinne Vincent**: NCCWSL National Scholarship (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). Schoolcraft recruits up to 4 women to go to this conference. Early bird registration ends March 18. Due to late start, and need for additional time to process paperwork, could not include Oakland Community College this time.

AAUWNN is invited to Schoolcraft College's 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration, a strolling dinner by the culinary arts students. Some proceeds from the tickets cost go to raise funds for AAUWNN endeavors. Tickets are \$150. Contact Corinne or Jane for registration information.

**NOMINATIONS: Patty Domin**: Mentions Diana Chirillo is the Secretary pro tem today, and may consider the nomination. Committee is contacting members for the other positions needed this year.

**AAUWMI STATE PRESIDENT**: **Jan Van Gasse**: April 29-30 is the State convention in Midland, MI

Next branch meeting is March 8 via Zoom at 11:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Chirillo  
Secretary Pro-Tem