

AAUWNN Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022 6:45pm via Zoom

Present: Jane Hecker, Jan Wilhelm, Patty Domin, Karen Zyczynski, Mary Jane Kearns, Corrine Vincent, Carol Murchison, Joyce Murdock (@ 7:45pm), Diana Chirillo

SECRETARY REPORT Minutes from February 22, 2022 will be placed on file.

PRESIDENT **Jane Hecker**

AAUWN-MI Midland Convention. AAUWNN has three voting delegate spots. Karen can attend as either a State delegate or a Chapter delegate. We prefer to have all three AAUWNN delegate spots filled, so Karen will choose the chapter if AAUWNN has a vacancy for a voting delegate spot. Goal is to promote and encourage AAUWNN members to attend to fill the spots instead of Karen if possible. Suggestion that honorees attending could fill a delegate spot.

Carol working on the presentation board for the chapter 50 year membership honorees.

VP PROGRAMS **Patty Domin**

Programs are all set for April and May.

April Year-End meeting

The April year-end meeting at Bravo! has the theme "It suits you to a 'tea.'" The price will be \$28 per plate. Cost breakdown: \$20 per plate, \$4 tip, \$1 admin fees, \$1 dessert service fee, and \$1.50 for cupcakes served in a teacup. That total was then rounded up to \$28 per plate.

The current time set for the event is 5:30-8:15pm. Bravo! will allow entry at 5:00pm for décor set up. Open bar and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-6:30. Dinner at 6:30pm followed by the program. The restaurant has a hard end time of 8:15pm.

Discussion to adjust time. Patty will check with the restaurant to change light refreshments to be from 5:30-6:15pm, with dinner moved up to 6:15pm to give more time to the presentation.

Decided this meeting would not be optimal for Douglas Wallace, head of the Northville Chamber of Commerce to give his speech. Discussed moving his presentation to AAUWNN to the September membership meeting.

2023 program year planning

Three meetings are set for next year including March for Public Policy/equal pay day. There are 15 topics being discussed for next year. Deodge Hill, who attended the November 2021 meeting, can be a speaker to talk about her three non-profits that assist women.

Jane and Karen mention many ideas were shared at the past consortium meeting.

VP MEMBERSHIP Karen Zyczynski

Fashion show membership drive: The designated location for the membership forms for AAUWNN will be at the door prize table during the event. Any member can show an interested attendee where to find the application during the event. Jan suggests the door prize area. Jane will add a brief statement in her speech to highlight the contents of the bags as a way to prompt attendees to take a second look at the contents.

Jane mentioned a member of the Northville Township Landfill Working Group approached her with interest in AAUWNN and will be following up.

Financial Development Mary Ann MacLaren

Shoe Drive - Mary Jane Kearns: The shoe drive has collected 1700 pairs of shoes. Plans to have fliers at the Fashion Show and will be reposting via social media. Stated collection deadline is May 1, however the real deadline to turn in shoes is mid-May. A special thanks to Rhonda for counting and packing 250 pairs of shoes last night.

Fashion Show – Karen Zyczynski: 183 tickets were sold. Including designers, sponsors and others having meals, the total number of meals being served is 211. There are 17 comped meals. We will make \$320 on designer tables. \$5700 from sponsors, \$10k for lunches for a total of \$15,700. Expenses will be around \$8000.

Everyone is working very hard in multiple roles. Karen should reach out to Kathy Fenchel who is working on the draft for the script.

Mary Ann and Jane will meet with Ms. Michigan tomorrow, March 23.

Mahjongg fundraiser – Mary Ann MacLaren. Will discuss the tournament and funds after the Fashion Show.

PUBLIC POLICY **Mary Jane Kearns**

Hot gluing the candy bars to the cards tomorrow. The slide show for the April meeting including Equal Pay Day and Public Policy is complete. Someone needs to run the slideshow at the event.

Mary Ann has received the Public Policy write-up for the next newsletter.

By-Laws, Policies and Procedures **Jan Wilhelm**

Voting on the National ballot for changes to the by-laws starts in April and is open until May.

Will wait until May to discuss “community member”

Scholarship Committee - Ed Funds/Legal Advocacy **Caryn Doehler (not present)**

Information shared by **Jane Hecker**: The Novi scholarship winners have been selected. 12 Northville High School scholarship applications were pick up last weekend.

College Relations - Ed Funds/Legal Advocacy **Corinne Vincent**

NCCWSL – website still has no programs speakers or sponsors. Says “coming soon.” Corinne is looking for alternatives. Checked out a group called InforumMichigan.org, a group about leadership and has affinity groups that look interesting. There is also a student section. Will explore more and report back.

Communications **Mary Ann MacLaren**

Newsletter will come out after the fashion show.

Nominations **Patti Domin**

Positions that have been filled. Jane will be president for one more term. Karen will continue in her role for one more year and Deena Allen Parks is joining the Nominations Committee. The Secretary position remains open, and Diana Chirillo will fill that role until May.

TREASURER REPORT: Joyce Murdock

Beginning Balance (2/01/2022)	15,644.24	Checking Account	13,089.53
Total Income	7,104.78	Super Saver Account	6,883.85
Total Expenses	230.96	PayPal Account	2,555.68
Ending Balance 02/28/2022	22,529.06	Total 02/28/2022	22,529.06

CFSEM Endowment (12/31/2021) 119,141.79 Mkt. value +2021-20212 Contrib. \$ = 119,141.79

Budget Meeting – made a motion to take a partial distribution from the endowment of \$5542.00

Board Action:

The Board voted unanimously to take the partial distribution from the endowment in the amount of \$5542.00.

The first half of the distribution of \$2771.00 will be in June 2022, and the second half in the same amount will take place in the following program year, in December 2022.

Short discussion of 5-Star program. More discussion to follow. Jane will send out the list of the criteria required and will have a task force meet on the topic.

Put the 5-Star program on the agenda for the September meeting. Suggestion to look at the 5-star program toward the beginning of the calendar year so planning could be done to focus on the goal of the branch, with those criteria in mind. In planning, assume the program will be similar to 2021 until the 2022 criteria is released.

Other comments:

Thanks to Carol for attending the Board meeting. Nothing to report from Archives.

Mary Ann: Discussion about the format of the membership directory. Should it include past presidents, contact info for current government representatives for Northville-Nov. Discussion and updates will happen after the fashion show.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Chirillo
Secretary Pro Tem