

## AAUW Northville-Novi

### 47th Annual Meeting Minutes May 10, 2022

#### “It Suits you to a “Tea”

**Present:** Members of AAUWNN and guests

**Presentation:** Members gathered at 5:45 p.m. for Happy Hour and dinner at Bravo! Italian Kitchen to celebrate the close of the 2021 – 2022 year and elect new officers.

**Call to Order:** President Jane Hecker called the business meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**Minutes:** Jane Hecker shared the minutes from the May 2021 Annual Meeting that were prepared by Mary Arnold. With no additions or corrections, they were approved by the Board in August, 2021.

It was noted that this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAUW Michigan. At the convention on April 29-30, the 50-year members from branches across the state were recognized and honored. President Hecker congratulated and presented certificates to those from our branch, which included Joan Barber, Vickie Dickiesen, Nanci Olgren, Harriet Sawyer, Darlene Ursel, and Karel Whitaker. Darlene Ursel, who joined in 1955, was present to receive the certificate.

**Scholarships:** President Hecker recognized the members of the Scholarship Committee (Caryn Doehler (chair), Evelyn Cadicamo, Pat Noworyta, Rhonda York, Pat Metz, Carol Murchison, and Susan Beresh) and asked Caryn Doehler and Rhonda York to introduce the awardees and their mothers. Congratulations were offered to this year’s scholarship recipients, who were there and spoke briefly to the group:

Alyssa Budweg, who will attend U-M to study bio-chemical engineering.

Helena Stinson, who will attend MSU to study aeronautical engineering.

Julia Tauro, who will study violin, and

Michelle Wu who will attend U-M and also study violin.

#### **Board Election:**

The present Board members were recognized. They included: Jane Hecker, Karen Zyczynski, Patty Domin, Joyce Murdock, Mary Jane Kearns, Mary Ann MacLaren, and Jan Wilhelm. It was noted that Patty Domin would retire this year from her position as Nominating Committee Chair and Karen Zyczynski would not serve as representative to the state Public Policy committee for this next term. Patty presented the slate and supervised the election of new officers which include:

Jane Hecker – President

Karen Zyczynski – Membership and Diversity

Deena Alum-Parks – Nominating Committee

Past President Rhonda York installed the new officers.

Mary Ann MacLaren announced this year's Educational Funds Named Honoree – a member-nominated person who contributed memorably to the mission of empowering women and girls. This year's honoree was Karen Zyczynski for her tireless work as State Public Policy Director and chair of the AAUWNN Michigan Fashion Designer Showcase Luncheon.

**President's Report:**

*Past Year Highlights include:*

- Varied programs were noted, such as supporting women entrepreneurs and learning about the foster care system thanks to the leadership of Patty Domin, Program VP and the Program Committee. Also included were the first "Women in History" Trivia Night, chair yoga and the holiday party at the Living and Learning Enrichment Center.
- Thanks to our VP of Membership and Diversity, Karen Zyczynski, and the Membership team we are 85 strong, including several new members – some have taken on various committee responsibilities – and many loyally continuing. A virtual "Getting to Know Us" meeting was held in February 2022.
- The first Luggage donation project in support of Spectrum Human Services was led by Patty Domin.
- Equal Pay Day was recognized with a Powerpoint by Diana Chirillo, a presentation by Lee Doyle, distribution of PayDay bars, time to prepare postcards to our legislators, and presentations at local government meetings through the tireless efforts of Mary Jane Kearns and the Public Policy Committee.
- A highly successful Shoe Drive will wrap up May 20 earning over \$1000 through the collection of over 3,000 pairs of shoes! Thanks to Mary Jane Kearns and Rhonda York.
- Perhaps our most successful highlight was our "Michigan Designer Fashion Showplace Luncheon II" chaired and led by Karen Zyczynski
- Our many community projects will reconvene as it becomes safe, including the Northville and Novi Chambers of Commerce, Career Path Days, Reading in Schools, etc.

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

April 2022

- Beginning balance: \$29,515.43 (as of 4/30/2022)
- Income: \$0.57
- Pass-through Expenses: \$504.00
- Total Expenses: \$2,562.95
- Ending balance: \$27,457.05 (as of 4/30/2022)
- The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is showing the market value of our account to be \$112,866.25 as of 3/31/2022, which is the most recent update

The full Treasurer's Report is attached.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:10 p.m.

**Submitted:** Lee Doyle, Secretary Pro-Tem

