

**AAUW ASHLAND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 22, 2018**

PRESENT: Sandy Theis, Gretchen King, Janet Troy, Peggy Moore, Sandra Coyner, Mimi Pippel, Pam Shay, Sherri Morgan, Chris Licata.

ABSENT: Diana Quirk, Julie Benezet, Priscilla Arnold, Tricia Acheatel, Carol Ryan, Chris Donchin, Paula Wiiken

Gretchen called the meeting to order at 3:35 and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Theis/Pippel) to approve the minutes of the last meeting as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Diana emailed the financial report. Gretchen reported that Diana and Christine Fernlund met with two firms regarding to provide accounting services. Diana preferred Walsh Accounting. They were slightly cheaper. For January until June 1st they would charge us a onetime set up fee of \$50, a \$50 a month fee for accounting services and and \$50 fee for tax preparation. Marlee would also set up quick books for us.

Gretchen believes that in a two year period we would be able to handle these duties internally and at no cost to AAUW.

It was M/S/P (Shay/Troy) to hire Walsh Accounting for these services.

Gretchen reminded the Board that all members will pay \$10 more in dues this coming year. This is an increase in the National dues and local branches have no control over it.

\$\$\$FOR SCHOLARS

There was discussion about the split of the most recent money for \$\$\$ for scholars. It was M/S/P (Pippel/Troy) to spend this money for scholars in 2016 and 2017. We did have a space in a member's garage for storage but that is no longer possible. The garage needs to be empty. Chris will not continue to chair this activity but has generously offered to help whoever takes this project on.

If we are not able to find a person willing to head up this effort, we will not continue it. It was pointed out that it has been very successful.

LIAISON REPORTS

Gretchen made the correction in the most recent correspondence as to the amount necessary for a person becoming a Platinum Society member. It indicated the minimum was \$100,000. In fact it is \$ 10,000.

There were no other additions or corrections to the liaison reports.

CONCLUSION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP DISCUSSION

Sandy led the discussion. This has been discussed over several months and Janet chaired a committee that worked on this as well.

Sandy laid out the givens about AAUW Funding:

- SOU and RCC students receive scholarships
- \$\$\$ for scholars began with the premise that money raised from that program would go to scholarships available to students at SOU and RCC
- WIN receives money from book sales and donations
- MASLOW receives money raised at the holiday party
- NCCWSL has, in the past couple of years, been part of the check off for scholarship money.

These became a “past practice”.

In question are funds for AWEM which is a program run for young girls through SOU which receives part of its funding from AAUW. This year there are dollars in the budget for NCCWSL.

Mimi brought up that her understanding, when she joined AAUW, that one of the goals of AAUW Ashland was to provide a partnership between AAUW and SOU. Mimi worked very hard to make this happen and such a partnership now exists. NCCWSL is a result of that partnership and Mimi feels very strongly that this needs to be nurtured and supported.

Peggy suggested there is a critical need to provide leadership training for young women. This should be available as part of their educational opportunities.

After additional discussion, the Board agreed that in February, 2019, the appeal for scholarship money will include RCCC annual and endowment, SOU annual and endowment, and NCCWSL. A group will meet in September for other entities to support by fundraising. These entities could include ones we now support, such as WIN, MASLOW, AWSEM and/or others. The proposal will need to meet the community Project guidelines that are currently on the Ashland AAUW website. The board will approve projects to move forward.

Chris suggested we put an article in the upcoming Newsletter which provides information about NCCWSL and how it supports educational goals for young women.

Currently we have \$870 in a line item in the budget to support a student attending NCCWSL. Mimi suggested AAUW make up the difference (\$430) to provide a scholarship for an SOU student to attend the national NCCWSL conference in Washington this year. The board approved the proposal.

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARS

Sherri Morgan is the primary chair of this year’s celebration of scholars. Peggy Moore will assist as co-chair. Sherri outlined some of the changes she is proposing this year. They include a continuation of not having a primary speaker and allowing the scholarship winners to be the focus.

She proposes that the mentors help the students learn how to use the mic, how to focus their presentations and to provide only a basic introduction of the scholarship winners, allowing them the majority of the time to tell about themselves (briefly).

Sherri has invited the President of RCC to do a brief welcome (Peggy will follow up with her) and has contacted the Provost from SOU since President Schott will not be in town for the event.

Phyllis Fernlund will be the MC.

Sherri wants to change the order of some of the food. People are hungry at 6pm and she suggests we allow people to get a plate of food from 6 – 6:30 and begin the program at 6:30 sharp. Desserts and food will then be available after the program but people will have an opportunity to eat upon arriving.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Chris provided the board with a sheet of price options for printing the directory. She recommends Option 2 which has a color cover and color for the 16 member pages. The rest would be black and white. With the discount from Office depot the directory would cost \$ 613. In addition since Office Depot does not carry card stock we would spend an additional 13.00 on that. The cheapest quote was \$ 253.00 with no color at all.

Chris discussed possibly selling ads to pay for the increased price.. Business card ads to members might be the first option and if more money is needed, to solicit businesses for paid ads. She will provide the board with a proposal for this.

SOUTH DISTRICT CHAIR

Mimi is submitting her resignation as south district chair due to family issues. A new chair will need to be found.

Sexual assault awareness and women's Leadership conference will be postponed until the February meeting. There is no immediate urgency to discuss this afternoon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gretchen will be chairing this committee and has asked each board member to submit 2 to 3 names of non board members who might be possible committee members. Pam Shay and Janet Troy agreed to serve as the board members on the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore
Secretary