

AAUW ASHLAND BOARD MINUTES
March 26, 2018

PRESENT: Sandy Theis, Gretchen King, Janet Troy, Sandra Coyner, Julie Benezet, Priscilla Arnold, Peggy Moore, Pam Shay, Tricia Acheatel.

ABSENT: Mimi Pippel, Chris Donchin, Carol Ryan, Paula Wiiken, Diana Quirk

The meeting was called to order at 3:35. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

The minutes were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL

The document was distributed and Gretchen has some questions. She will meet with Financial Officer Diana Quirk.

LIAISON REPORTS

.Priscilla reported that 53 members and 5 guests attended the March meeting. The Board thanked Tricia for the excellent programming this year.

The issue of a college degree as necessary criteria for AAUW membership is on the ballot for the fourth time through National.

Priscilla reported that the new membership forms will have new questions for a member survey. Priscilla will be unable to attend the April meeting but Catherine Lutes will be aided by Karen Spence to introduce new members and be available to encourage participation in the new survey.

Additional liaison reports were sent out with the agenda and minutes.

NOMINATIONS

Gretchen announced that Janet Troy is switching to Public Relations and Ellen Fowler will serve as the Communication Chair for the 18-19 year.

_The two Board positions still needed are Secretary (there is interest in recruiting a new member to serve in this role) and a co-Financial Officer. Diana will continue as the co-Financial officer and interested members should be reminded that we have now hired a bookkeeper so the job does not require a detailed financial background.

Both the facilities chair and the South District Chair are currently without assigned people. The facilities only involve coordinating with SOU and coordinating with members bringing food to branch meetings.

NEW MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

A general discussion was held regarding getting new members more involved. Questions such as “What would it take to get you to take a committee chair or board position?” were suggested.

APRIL BRANCH MEETING

Sandy led the discussion about issues and items for the Branch meeting in April and the Board retreat in June.

There will be a Table Talk. The year in review and future areas of interest were suggested. Other areas of interest include: focus on what could be better in our organization; important issues at the State and Federal level.

A topic that needs some focus is the meeting location. The costs at SOU are high and there may be other meeting venues that are nice but cheaper. This led to a question about whether we are asking for money too often from our members.

Other topics included what percentage of meetings should be focused on our mission and what makes our members feel good about AAUW meetings they attend.

Another possible session might be a panel of members.

At the Board Retreat, the topic of Strategic Planning with the plan as a focus might be a good subject.

A discussion of why people volunteer could be fruitful. Focus might be what do we (members) get out of volunteering? Why do we volunteer in AAUW? Provide specific categories of interest: social, “activist” more community involvement , to create initiatives.

A further topic might be how and why AAUW Ashland should be involved in the community. Determining who our members are would be useful.

Gretchen commented that there are so many topics maybe we should have some for our April meeting and some for September. There appeared to be agreement with this plan.

Gretchen informed the Board that she is coordinating the food for Celebration of Scholars and we will need more of it since we will be offering food when people arrive and then after the program.

Gretchen reminded the Board that the Retreat will be June 8th.

NEXT DATES

There will not be a Board meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Moore