

**AAUW ASHLAND BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2018
ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Present: Gretchen King, Pam Shay, Carole Forgan, Sonja Friedman, Janet Troy, Paula Wiiken, Diana Versluis, Peggy Audibert

Pam Shay called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and the following items were discussed:

After one grammar correction, the September minutes were approved. Pam noted that due to approval timing of the minutes, no Board Notes will be printed in the next newsletter.

FINANCE REPORT

Sonja Friedman reported Net Income of \$2,781.70 as of September 30, 2018. Rent overpayment of \$595.00 will be refunded by SOU as soon as possible, making Net Income \$3,376.70. Budget adjustments approved by the Board include deletion of \$200.00 expense for the Southern Oregon District Representative as Medford AAUW is now sending the representative, and \$100.00 expense has been established for the Holiday Party in December. Pam discussed creating a timeline for budgeting bill payment, and she, Gretchen and Sonja will develop a planning tool/timeline for expense payments.

VANGUARD ACCOUNT

Pam discussed the Vanguard savings account, established to accumulate any unused cash from year end business activity. As an interest-bearing account, approximately \$12,000 has been deposited, and it is necessary to earmark this money for use by AAUW Ashland. Paula questioned what type of account it is, can it be established as an endowment and interest used for expense? Should actual earnings or an annual percentage of the total amount be made available? Should an annual budget floor amount be established for Operating Funds use? As further financial information is necessary prior to creating a Board policy for use of this fund, Paula and Carole will determine whether the money is invested in the appropriate type of account for the current financial environment.

LIASON REPORTS

Catherine Lutes reported the October Branch Meeting will be held October 18, in the Gallery Room at SOU. Michelle Carter and Dr. Kimie Oshima will present "Women in Russia and Japan: Close-up views." Directories will be available for pick up or by contacting Catherine, and members are asked to contact Chris Licata if any additions or corrections need to be made in future publications.

PUBLIC POLICY

Paula Wiiken reported that, depending on who wins the November election for Jackson County State Senator, he or she has been invited to speak at the January 2019 Branch Meeting. Paula also stated that Susan Moen will be nominated for the Breaking Barriers Award, given to a non-AAUW member living in Oregon. We proposed asking the Medford and Grants Pass branches to join us in the nomination. The application is due in January and the winner will be recognized at the State convention. Susan works with the Jackson County Schools on sexual assault counseling.

DISTRICT MEETING

Gretchen and Pam reported that the District Meeting held a panel discussion regarding Title IX implementation in schools and what responsibility Title IX coordinators have. Monies allocated to athletics must be distributed to all athletes in all sports, including Booster contributions

SALON

Gretchen stated that Alaya Ketani will speak at the Salon being held Monday, October 29, at her home. A few spots remain open with the \$15.00 fee being donated to NCCWSL.

BRANCH MEETINGS

Diana Versluis reported that the October 18 Branch Meeting, with speakers Michelle Carter and Dr. Kimie Oshima, presenting "Women in Russia and Japan: Close-up views," was a very engaging talk and well attended. Diana thought the Gallery Room was a bit small with poor amplification, and suggested that Room 319 would be preferable for the next meeting. It is larger, and has better equipment. The Diversions Room would also be an alternative.

It was suggested that Dr. Oshima be invited to speak to the membership for a fundraiser to a paid audience for the AAUW "mission." Pam will look into possible locations and if successful, Janet will send out a press release to invite the community.

The November Branch Meeting will feature Elizabeth Estabrooks, Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator, who will present "Women Veterans and Intentional Inclusivity." Pam suggested that a "table talk" precede the meeting, and the speaker will be asked for suggestions as to topic. Paula volunteered to open the discussion to engage the attendees since her mother was a captain during WWII.

EMAIL POLICY

Pam discussed the email policy of the Branch, and stated she had received complaints that too much information was being sent to members. As email is a necessary tool for branch communication and "marketing" of fundraising activities, it was decided that the co-presidents will filter email communications as to purpose and length, and no policy will be created.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary