

AAUW ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT

JUNE 26, 2021

ZOOM MEETING

Catherine Lutes called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:00 am, and the following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Catherine announced has received a letter from Ashland Art Center announcing the closure of their business. As a non-profit, they wished to disburse their remaining profits to other local organizations, and have awarded AAUW Ashland with a \$2,500.00 gift. It is an honor to be a recipient and very much appreciated.

BOARD MEMBERS 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 Board Members were introduced:

- Susan Hollandsworth Membership (greeter/orientation coordinator to be announced)
- Susan Schaeffer Finance/Dues Treasurer
- Marilyn Hawkins Programs
- Jean Conger Financial Officer
- Lan Roberts Member at Large
- Diane Toth Member at Large

Still needed is an Interest Group Coordinator and Celebration of Scholars Co-Chairs, October 27, 2021.

BUDGET REPORT

Jean Conger reported that AAUW Ashland accounts have been moved to Rogue Credit Union from Banner Bank, which has closed its Ashland branch. Cash: \$12,359; Savings: \$3,495; and Vanguard Money Market: \$16,912.

Jean has established a Budget Committee with the following members – Sunny Anderson, Susan Schaeffer, Elaine Hamlin, Catherine Lutes, and Esther Stone.

PROGRAMS

Marilyn Hawkins reported that the following Programs will be presented by AAUW Ashland to its members:

- October 23 – **Planned Parenthood Access**
- November 20 – **Student Loan Crisis** presented by the SOU Financial Education Director
- February 22 – **Farm Work-Women's Work**, which will discuss women's role in agriculture
- March 26 – **How Women Approach Philanthropy**

It was asked if these forums would be open to the Public, and Marilyn affirmed that the meetings would be publicized to the community and open to all.

ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR WOMEN COMMITTEE

Paula Wiiken reported that the Economic Security Committee, Paula, Peggy Audibert, Sandra Coyner, and Shirley Malcom, were tasked to provide a Strategic Plan item that would address the information to be provided to those women in our community in need of economic security options. What specific steps would be required to educate the committee to what is available in this community affect this addition to the Strategic Plan? Echo Fields, SOU professor of Women's Studies spoke to the Board and gave many suggestions as to what is available and what is needed. Her recommendation was to provide child care information as an option and determine what is affordable and where is it available. The **211** is available to County residents, and it lists all county assistance organizations and telephone numbers. The Rogue Valley League of Women Voters has done research into the subject and will be contacted for further information. Is producing a brochure with assistance information feasible (in English and Spanish) and where should it be distributed?

Participants were asked to spend 10 minutes in Breakout Rooms, and develop suggestions for an action plan on Economic Security as well as other issues. One topic, Transition Issues, determined that in order to get members/new members into the fold is to establish a new meeting venue, and involve as many members as possible in activities.

Economic Security issues discussed were: What are the barriers to economic security? Keep the project active. Zero in on and have all information in one place. Is a brochure the right approach?

All suggestions will be considered and further reporting is forthcoming

UPSCALE SALE

The Upscale Sale will be held October 6-10, 2021, Wednesday – Friday will be setup days, with Saturday and Sunday as sale days. Members are asked to start saving items for purchase, and please self-store until notified to bring to the Grange for setup.

MEMBERSHIP

Susan Hollandsworth stated that 77 members have renewed their membership and a direct appeal will be made through a blast email to the membership.

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARS

Wanda Chin is requesting mentor volunteers for the scholarship winners. If you would like to participate, please contact Wanda or Kate Wolf-Pizer for further information.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary