

**AAUW BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 29, 2021  
ZOOM MEETING**

**Present:** Catherine Lutes, Jean Conger, Regina Ayers, Susan Schaeffer, Diane Toth, Susan Hollandsworth, Ellen Fowler, Peggy Audibert

Catherine called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and the following items were discussed.

The minutes from the October Board meeting were approved, and thank you Diane, for doing a great job.

**FINANCE**

Jean Conger reported that Current Income of \$7012; Total Expense of \$1279.98; Checking - \$11,999; Savings - \$3500; Money Market - \$12,375. Donations are as follows: SOU Endowment - \$422,406; SOU Annual Fund - \$14,905; RCC Endowment - \$120,308, and RCC Annual Fund – 8,388.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Susan reported that 139 members are current with dues. Also stated is that an Orientation for new members will be scheduled, and held in a private home.

**DUES REPORT**

Susan Shaefer reported that Online payment of dues is now available through AAUW National by credit card. National has announced a dues increase of \$15 beginning with the 22/23 fiscal year, and the Board decided to inform the membership that the full amount of the increase will be applied. Reminders will be published in the Newsletter each month until the new rate is in effect. It was noted that new members for the current year will receive six months dues free, and as of January 1, annual dues will be collected.

**PUBLIC POLICY**

Regina Ayers stated that the Public Policy team will sponsor a Speaker's Forum with members of the Ashland City Council, to be held at the First Methodist Church, North Main Street, in Ashland on Saturday, January 22, 2022. An announcement will be included in the Newsletter, and Regina and the team will draft 10 questions to be presented to the panel. The Forum will be open to the public, the audience will be able to submit questions to the panel, and attendees will be required to show proof of vaccination at the door. Jean will complete an insurance form for the current and future meetings to be held at the Church.

**DIVERSITY REPORT**

Catherine presented to the Board the Lake/Sumter AAUW Diversity report for the second time, and it was concluded that doing a report such as this would not be feasible for AAUW Ashland. It was suggested that Toya Cooper, VP of Diversity at SOU, be invited to speak at a Membership Meeting, and to personally invite new and inactive members to attend.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Catherine introduced the Holiday Greeting and Bookmark mailing to be sent out to the membership. Everyone approved the Christmas spirit gesture.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary