

# **AAUW ASHLAND BOARD MEETING JANUARY 24, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Catherine Lutes, Susan Hollingsworth, Jean Conger, Sandra Coyner, Susan Schaefer, Ellen Fowler, Bessie Azari, Marilyn Hawkins, Diane Toth, Regina Ayers, Peggy Audibert

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

The minutes of the November Board meeting were approved by consensus.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Susan Hollingsworth reported 141 members are currently enrolled. A New Member Orientation meeting was held January 17, and the following members were in attendance: Connie Minogue, Lisa Verner, Susan Schaefer, Penny Little and guest Corinne Kovnat who all shared their special interests and experiences. Also in attendance were Board members Catherine Lutes, Ellen Fowler, Marilyn Hawkins, Bessie Azari, Regina Ayars, and Membership Team members Mary Coombs, Susan Aaronson, and Catherine Greenspan.

Ellen noted that the online membership application is to be updated with current dues information, but it will not have the ability to be completed online by the applicant. Suggestions for changes to the application are appreciated and be sent to Ellen.

## **PROGRAMS**

Marilyn Hawkins announced the virtual February Program will be titled FARM WORK IS WOMEN'S WORK TOO, with speakers Dagoberto and Kathy Keese Morales, to be held Saturday February 26, 10:30-12:00 noon. The Program will be open to the public.

The March Program will feature Amy Cuddy, Philanthropic Advisor/Regional Director for Southern Oregon at the Oregon Community Foundation, to be held Saturday, March 26, 10:30-12:00 noon.

## **FINANCE**

Jean Conger reported Income: \$7,112; Expense: \$1,369.96; Other Expense: \$200 (Upscale Sale deposit). Balances include Checking: \$12,107; Savings: \$3,501; Money Market: \$11,512. Donations include SOU Endowment: \$422,406; SOU Annual Fund: \$14,905; RCC Endowment: \$120,30; RCCC Annual Fund: \$8,388.

A \$100 donation was received from Jonathan Finger Charitable Trust. This money will be deposited to the Operating Fund Income.

## **DUES INCREASE**

Catherine stated that the following Dues Increase will be announced to the membership:

- 2022 - \$3.00
- 2023 - \$5.00
- 2024 - \$5.00

Those new members joining AAUW Ashland prior to March 16 renewal date will pay \$67.00 for 2023 dues.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Catherine announced a nominating committee, chaired by Bessie Azari, will be formed to recruit new Board Offices and Committee Chairs for 2022/2023. Catherine will return as co-President.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bessie stated the following AAUW National news/information:

- No change in membership requirements will be made at this time. A two- or four-year college degree will remain as necessary for membership;
- Branch Donation dollar amounts are not available at this time, therefore the number of Named Honorees has yet to be determined; and
- Bessie discussed AAUW Ashland's donation history to AAUW National. 2018 - \$200; 2019 - \$1500; 2020 - \$5000; 2021 - \$0. She requested that Board members consider if a donation is to be made in 2022, and in what amount. Further discussion will be held at the next Board meeting.

Rebecca Ayers reminded the Board that Lobby Days will be held February 15-16 virtually. Members are invited to visit the website for further information and registration.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary