

**AAUW ASHLAND BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
ZOOM MEETING**

Present: Catherine Lutes, Jean Conger, Regina Ayers, Marilyn Hawkins, Sandra Coyner, Diane Toth, Peggy Audibert

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

The August meeting minutes were corrected to read "Sandra Coyner will help develop a membership questionnaire". The minutes were then approved as corrected.

MEMBERSHIP

Susan Hollandsworth reported that four new members have joined AAUW Ashland, for a total membership of 133 persons.

FINANCE

Jean Conger reported the following: Income - \$7,088; Expense - \$412. Checking - \$13052; Savings - \$3,495; Money Market - \$16,912. Donations are as follows: SOU Endowment - \$409,785; SOU Annual Fund - \$14,905; RCC Endowment - \$117,000, and RCC Annual Fund - \$8,603.

Jean reported that the 990 N Tax form was filed by AAUW National at no cost, and Form CT-12 was filed with the Oregon Department of Justice to maintain the 501(c)(3) status, at a cost of \$50.

Sandra Coyner discussed the reporting of financial accounts and placement of items on specific budget/reporting lines. This reporting method will be discussed by Sandra and Jean, with results given at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC POLICY

Regina Ayers reported that Public Policy Team "recruiting" phone calls have been made to the new members, and two of those members have agreed to join the committee. In addition to this new member outreach, a monthly article will be written for the Newsletter.

Regina noted that the January 2022 General Meeting will be devoted to the Public Policy Team program: **Women Leaders Making the Hard Decisions, with** a panel composed of Ashland City Council members discussing the challenges of being an elected official and making policy decisions that impact citizens' daily lives.

Upcoming Events:

Lobby Day	2022
Equal Pay Day	2022
State Convention	2022

DIVERSITY/INCLUSION REPORT

Catherine introduced the complex Diversity and Inclusion Report from Lake/Sumter Counties AAUW in Florida. If this type of Branch plan is what AAUW Ashland might want to develop, Board members were asked to further study the content, and discuss at a later meeting.

Regarding the Economic Security for Women, discussion ensued regarding the distribution of information to interested persons, what and where would the information be distributed, and if what was actually needed was “navigation” information. It was determined that more members for this committee are necessary and will be recruited through the Newsletter and subsequent meetings.

PROGRAMS

Marilyn Hawkins, Programs Chair, reported the topic of the first program to be presented is **Equal Access to Health Care**, presented October 23, 10:30-12 Noon via Zoom. The speaker is Amy Handler, Chief Strategy Officer, Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon. For further information, contact Marilyn at mhhawkins@prhawk.com.

Upcoming Programs

The Student Debt Crisis: Unequal Impacts on Women – November 20, 2021

Farm Work is Women’s Work – February 26, 2022

How Women View and Affect Philanthropy – March 26, 2022

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved an all-member email blast to inform the membership of the Memorial service for Nancy Kramarenko, to be held October 1, at 2:30 pm. This will be one-time email blast, and other requests will be decided on merit.

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, October 25, 2021, at 3:30 pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary