

AAUW BOARD MEETING MARCH 22, 2021 ZOOM MEETING

Present: Catherine Lutes, Paula Wiiken, Sonja Friedman, Bessie Azari, Gail Engblom, Ellen Fowler, Susan Schaefer, Claudette Paige, Janet Troy, Kathleen Mackris, Gretchen King, Shirley Malcom, Sylvia Whitman, Peggy Audibert, Wanda Chin, Kate Wolf-Pizer.

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

The February meeting minutes were approved.

ENDOWMENT AGREEMENT

Wanda Chin discussed the history of the agreement, the evolution to and reasons the new agreement including changes in the law, Cristina Sanz (SOU) will send a hard copy of the new Endowment Agreement for Catherine and Paula to sign.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS FUNDRAISING (see attached).

Sylvia Whitman was pleased to report that to date, the 2021 Dollars for Scholars Campaign has received \$19,470, 195% of the \$10,000 goal. 84 members donated to the Scholarship Campaign, which is 55% of the membership.

ECONOMIC SECURITY MEETING

Shirley Malcom reported that the Economic Security committee met to discuss what focus the Board would support, and what citizen groups should be evaluated. Disadvantaged women, jobless heads of households, farm workers were discussed as potential points of interest for the Committee, and Shirley requested permission to invite Echo Fields, an SOU professor, to speak at the April President's meeting to inform the Board and membership of what economic needs exist in the Rogue Valley, and what groups would be in need of help. Shirley also suggested that the October Membership meeting might take up this topic for discussion and relevant information.

NAMED GIFT HONOREES

Bessie Azari discussed the 2021 Named Gift Honorees, and with 16 eligible positions, it was decided to look at all members plus committees doing outstanding work. The process is complete and the following have been chosen as Named Gift Honorees:

- **Sylvia Whitman** for her work with the Scholarship Campaign;
- **Maureen Jarrad** for her work with the Communications Team;
- **The Communications Team** for their extraordinary work on the Newsletter, the Web site and on Facebook. Members include Ellen Fowler, Maureen Jarrad, Pat Brewer, Elaine Sweet, Chris Licata and Alice Mallory
- **The Public Policy Team** for their hard work bringing policies to the attention of AAUW membership, introducing legislators and community members who make our lives interesting and better, and for their work on legislation based on the "Women on Boards" program. Members include Gretchen King and Regina Ayars, co-schairs, Paula Wiiken, Julie Benezet, Sonja Friedman, Mary Renaud Lesley Kaufman and Marilyn Hawkins.

Congratulations to everyone for this deserved honor.

COMMUNICATIONS (see attached)

Ellen Fowler stated that Chris Licata ~~will no longer be working with the Communications Team as Newsletter Designer~~, therefore, design changes will be made to create a simpler layout with no

wishes to step back from some of her responsibilities

content changes through MailChimp. The new program will be easier to access by those in the creation process, and the membership will not lose any aspects now included.

MEMBERSHIP (see attached)

Claudette reported that the Membership stands at 153 persons with one in process.

OREGON STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Paula requested 5 volunteers to serve as State Convention Delegates on the Zoom Meeting, to be held April 18. Paula Wiiken, Peggy Audibert, Bessie Azari, Gail Engblom, Gretchen King, and Kathleen Mackris will serve as the Ashland AAUW delegates.

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARS

Catherine announced that the Celebration of Scholars program, annually held in May each year, has been postponed until Fall, possibly the third week in October. Mimi Pipal will be asked to contact SOU for available dates. Bessie Azari noted that the Upscale Sale has been scheduled for October 6-10, 2021. All dates are dependent on COVID-19 precautions/regulations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bessie Azari reported on the Zoom meeting with Julie Brown, National AAUW Chair for the Membership Change election and is campaigning for a YES vote for striking the college degree requirement for members. The vote will take place April 15-May 17, and 2/3 votes must be YES to pass. All members are asked to participate and express your choice.

Catherine announced that the Nominations Committee has been working very hard to solicit candidates for Board and Committee positions. Still needed to fill are Co-President, membership Chair and Coordinator, Celebration of Scholars (2-3 persons), Interest Group Chair and Scholarship Campaign Chair. Shirley Malcolm will assume the Hospitality Chair position.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary

