

AAUW ASHLAND BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

ZOOM MEETING

Present: Paula Wiiken, Catherine Lutes, Sonja Friedman, Bessie Azari, Sandra Coyner, Ellen Fowler, Gretchen King, Kathleen Mackris, Janet Troy, Gail Engblom, Claudette Paige

Paula called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM, and the following items were discussed:

The January 25th meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

FINANCE

Sonja Friedman presented the current finance report as follows: Income: \$5,392 and Expense: \$2,161. Bank Balances: Checking - \$3,830.49; Saving - \$6,031.38; and Vanguard - \$16,911.40.

Sonja noted that Banner Bank has closed its Ashland branch, therefore a new financial institution must be chosen. Sonja and the Assistant Treasurer will make that decision. As of March 1, 2021, Susan Shaefer will assume the position of Assistant Treasurer for AAUW Ashland, and be responsible for all duties, to include banking business and check signing for all AAUW Ashland bank accounts.

FUNDS CHAIR

Bessie Azari requested Board members to submit nominations for the Florence Schneider Award to Sandy Theis by email. When the nomination process has been completed and the vote tallied, the winner will be announced on the website and at the April General Meeting.

Bessie also noted that AAUW Ashland has received notification from AAUW Oregon that it is eligible to name 16 members as **Named Gift Honorees** for 2020. Discussion followed regarding how to present this many awards and suggestions were: honor 16 members for service, honor 2-3 people as member representatives, or perhaps honor specific committees for outstanding contributions to the membership. Bessie asked that any further suggestions be submitted to her by March 15. Donors of \$1,000 may name a Named Gift Honoree.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Bessie and Sylvie Whitman reported on the Scholarship Donation Program during the month of February 2021 with a timeline of activity and important markers. As of February 19, the Gift Report from SOU Endowment stated that 35%, or 54 members, have made donations to the Scholarship Fund, to include \$3,750 in gifts from Board members. Janet Troy asked if the above statistics included direct online donations, and Sylvie will check this through the Foundation.

MAIL CHIMP

Ellen Fowler reported that the Newsletter will develop a new format for content through the Mail Chimp platform. It is currently being used by AAUW National and State for emails; the layout will be simpler to use and less formal in layout; members can use it as communication tool; and data can be tracked to determine layout and usage. Ellen is focusing on transitioning to the Mail Chimp format with the June edition of the Newsletter.

AAUW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT (attached))

Discussion was held regarding the AAUW National Membership Requirement vote to be held the AAUW National's website through April 7, 2021. Paula distributed the "Key Talking Points" sent by National for discussion which encouraged a lively exchange of opinions. All Board members are asked to vote through the website on this matter, and a Newsletter link for the membership will be included in the April issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary