

**AAUW ASHLAND BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2022  
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** Catherine Lutes, Bessie Azari, Diane Toth, Susan Schaefer, Susan Hollingsworth, Jean Conger, Ellen Fowler, Regina Ayers, Sandra Coyner, Lesley Kauffman, Cynthia Dettman, Peggy Audibert

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

The February Board Meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

**PROGRAMS**

Vaccination Cards will be required for monthly membership meetings, and will be checked at the door when entering.

The April Membership meeting speaker will be Toya Cooper, DEI Officer at SOU. Also, Named Gift Honorees and the Florence Schneider Award will be announced, and an Upscale Sale pre-sale will be available to remind members of the upcoming event. This will be the last Membership meeting of the current year, and information will be sent to members through the Newsletter, blast emails, and telephone calls; also suggested for getting the word out are the chamber Newsletter and Ashland.news.

**FINANCE**

Jean Conger reported the following: Net Income-\$\$\$3,049; Expense-\$1391; Helping Hands Fund-\$400; Upscale Sale Fund-\$4,600. Checking Account-\$12,330; Savings-\$3,501; Money Market-\$11,513. SOU Endowment-\$423,393; SOU Annual-\$14,905; RCC Endowment-\$163,280; RCC Annual Fund-\$8,388.

Bessie stated that 11 members will be named as Named Gift Honorees, based on the number of donations to National and on the number of major gifts of \$500 or more. As advised by the Board, those Named Gift Honorees will be Pam Shay, Peggy Audibert, Catherine Lutes, Marilyn Hawkins, Sandra Coyer, Bessie Azari, Ellen Fowler, Regina Ayers, Chris Licata, and the Membership Team.

**STATE CONVENTION**

The AAUW Oregon State meeting will be held April 7-9 via ZOOM and 8 Board members have volunteers to act as Business Meeting voting members. Those members will be contacted by AAUW Oregon officials for further instructions.

**PROPOSED MENTORING PROGRAM (see attached)**

AAUW Ashland members Lesley Kauffman and Cynthia Dettman presented a proposal to the Board to launch a Scholarship Mentoring Program to help low-income women and women of color in the Rogue Valley region to successfully prepare college scholarship applications with the help of AAUW Ashland trained mentors. The program would consist of two components: a) tri-annual 2-hour zoom-based workshops sponsored by AAUW for low-income women beginning in September 2022, and ensuring not to duplicate what RCC and SOU programs, and b) selection and training of AAUW volunteer scholarship mentors who would provide 1-3 zoom sessions with students who are ready to finalize scholarship applications. Leslie would chair this committee that includes members with expertise in marketing, training and counseling.

Discussion followed with a request for outreach to SOU and RCC as to what role this committee would play within their specific guidelines, what content would need to be developed for the proposal to be successful, what would be the cost of the program, and what other work by AAUW Ashland would need to be accomplished prior to soliciting volunteers,

It was determined by the Board that a Steering Committee volunteers will be recruited at the June Retreat to assess this proposal and decide how to proceed through the parameters of the proposal.

The April Membership meeting will be held Saturday, April 23, and the Board meeting will follow on Monday, April 25, 3:30-5:00 at the First Methodist Church Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary.