

## **Ashland AAUW Board Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2022**

**Present:** Catherine Lutes, Regina Ayars, Mimi Pippel, Susan Schaefer, Jean Conger, Gail Engblom, Sandra Coyner, Bessie Azari, Peggy Audibert, Mary Coombs, Catherine Greenspan, and Lisa Verner.

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

**Board Meeting minutes from September 26, 2022** were approved by consensus. Sandra Coyner asked that minutes from our April Branch Meeting be presented at our next board meeting. Newly elected and appointed officers must be officially approved by the board to comply with our bylaws.

**Approval of Proposed Budget** was postponed to October meeting. A previously approved \$1000 contribution to the Greatest Needs Fund has been postponed until the Hub has completed the process of re-organization. This decision was approved by consensus. Budget format changes were requested. Gail Engblom volunteered to meet with Jean Conger to assist with these changes

**Membership update and renewal issues** were postponed until the October meeting as Susan Hollandsworth was unable to attend today. Liz Murphy has agreed to co-chair this committee with Susan Hollandsworth.

**Communications Chair** Gail Engblom gave an update on the committee. The editor has resigned for personal reasons. Our previous Chair, Ellen Fowler has moved out of state. Our Directory Chair and Graphics person, Chris Licata, who lives in Missouri, has expressed a wish to be

relieved of her responsibilities. This leaves Gail Engblom and Penny Little on the committee. They are responsible for putting out our monthly newsletter and keeping our website updated. A request was made to send out an all-member email to recruit proofreaders and others to serve on this committee. Chris Licata has agreed to Zoom tutor sessions with Gail to continue her training with the website.

Bessie Azari reported that Alice Mallory will no longer tend to our **Facebook page** after 2022. Keeping a social media presence is required to retain our Five Star Status with National AAUW. An additional requirement is “all existing website and social media accounts must have at least 3 postings with a DEI(B) focus in FY 22”.

**Public Policy update** was postponed until October meeting.

**Celebration of Scholars update** was given by Mimi Pippel, who created a budget and gave copies to Catherine and Jean. A debrief will be given at the October meeting.

**Interest Group updates.** Peggy reported good sign ups at Saturday’s Branch Meeting. Peggy will attend board meetings and notify Interest Group Leaders of any new announcements to pass on to their group members. Interest group leaders have been asked to pass on any changes about their group to Gail Engblom for the website and new information for the Vision to Gail or Penny Little.

**EDI committee.** Bessie distributed a DEI(B) committee report and stressed the need for our branch to take steps to become a more Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive and Belonging organization. Sandra Coyner was asked to join the committee. Regina Ayars will represent our branch to the State DEI(B) Committee.

**Approval of Strategic Plan** was postponed to October meeting.

**Other/new business.** Regina asked Mimi to send an all-member email regarding the October 8 Women's March of Southern Oregon "Women's Wave" on the Ashland Plaza from 10am to noon. It will be immediately followed by the Southern Oregon Pride Parade.

**Catherine adjourned the meeting** at 5:07pm