

AAUW Ashland

Board of Directors Meeting

April 24, 2023

Present: Regina Ayars, Bessie Azari, Jean Conger, Sandra Coyner, Christine Fernlund, Susan Hollandsworth, Catherine Lutes, Susan Gunn Schaefer

The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March meeting were summarized and approved by consensus, without changes.

BRANCH MEETING:

The members participated in small discussion groups regarding the definitions of AAUW's Four Values: Intersectional, Inclusive, Intergenerational, and Empowering. The feedback was that this was the best activity this year at a Branch Meeting.

The Branch voted to approve all five Elected Board Members at the April Branch Meeting held on April 22nd. Newly elected officers are expected to attend the June Retreat.

The Board approved all nominations for Appointed Board Members and Other Appointed Positions at the April Board Meeting on April 24th. All Appointed Board Members are expected to attend the June Retreat

STATE CONFERENCE:

The Conference was well attended and the feedback was mostly positive. Ashland members were elected to two State-level positions: Catherine Lutes as President, and Pam Shay as Program Director.

Several changes were made to the State Bylaws. Once we receive the verbiage from the State, Sandra will make the necessary changes to the Branch Bylaws.

ELECTION FORUM:

VERY positive feedback! The session will be rebroadcast on Rogue Valley Community TV for the next 3 weeks. A link will also be posted on our website and be published in The Vision.

FINANCES: Jean Conger

Jean will check on what the \$377 expense was for.

FUNDS: Bessie Azari

Bessie gets a quarterly report from National. Only the Greatest Needs fund is listed when members renew their annual membership. She will send a list of the available funds and a summary of how each fund utilizes the donations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bessie Azari

The Nominating Committee identified candidates for all essential positions. (See attached list.)

REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP – Susan Schaefer

State Officers are on the Dues and Donations report for every branch in the state.

PUBLIC POLICY: Lisa Verner

PUBLICITY: Catherine Lutes

ADVERTISING – Tabled until Fall

- ASHLAND.NEWS – tabled until April Board Meeting

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STRATEGIC PLAN: Will be updated in April and reviewed during the June Retreat

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: Regina Ayars

The member DEI activity will not be included in the May Branch Meeting due to the roundtable for planning next year's activities in the community.

COMMUNICATIONS: Gail Engblom

FACEBOOK – Ginny Dugan has agreed to keep the Facebook page current.

TWITTER –

VISION –

WEBSITE –Christine will contact RCC about a student to handle the updates and Georgia Applegate regarding the software used.

DIRECTORY – Updates to the directory are labor intensive and three years out of date. The Branch no longer receives a file format that is easily converted for posting on the webpage.

Karen Spence is getting help from Chris Licata with the software and will update the directory over the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

May Branch Meeting – will include roundtables for members to propose goals and activities for next FY, particularly Ashland's focus on the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Fernlund

NEXT MEETINGS:

Branch – May 24

Board – NO MAY BOARD MTG

June Retreat – June 24th in Wesley Hall at the Methodist Church, 9am-noon