

- AAUW Ashland Board Meeting
August 28, 2023

Present: Regina Ayars, Christine Fernlund, Diane Toth, Shannon Stuver, Gail Engblom, Susan Schaefer, Bessie Azari, Sandra Coyner, Beth Rubin, Lisa Verner

Meeting was called to order by Regina Ayars at 4 p.m. Introductions were made of each member present and their current roles on the Board.

BOARD GUIDELINES: Sandra Coyner

- A copy of State of Oregon “Guide to Nonprofit Board Service in Oregon” was given to each member.
- Sandra stressed that the main issue for our organization was managing the budget to assure the financial health of the organization.

BRANCH PROGRAMS: Beth Rubin

- Beth described the upcoming programs to be presented during the monthly members’ meetings for the 2023-2024 year.
- These will be described in more detail in the September Vision.

BUDGET: Christine Fernlund

- We need to be vigilant with tracking expenditures. Only Board members can charge at Pronto Printing. Please notify Christine of expenditures so that she can update in a timely manner.
 - ACTION: Christine to close Pronto Print account. Members with a receipt for printing will be reimbursed.
- Please go through Christine to get info on the insurance agency to receive discounted rate for insurance.
 - ACTION: Christine to talk with Gretchen about cancelling insurance for COS.
- Reimbursement for expenditures—please send Christine an email and copy of receipt for reimbursement.
- Discussed operating budget shortfall and how to settle it since there are no big fundraisers planned at this point. The goal is to not exceed planned budget year after year. There will be further discussion with a goal to pass the budget at the September Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Gail Engblom

- Gail and Penny are working on standardizing the Vision. She stated that the Vision contributions by members are adequate.
- Social media—there has been no activity on Facebook. The Board agrees to delete the FB account. Gail will notify Alice Mallory to request.
 - (Post Board meeting Alice agreed to continue maintaining our AAUW Facebook account)
- Regina requested board members to check their sections on the website and notify Chris Licata if any changes are needed.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP: Susan Schaefer

- 50% of the renewals were online renewals. To date there are 107 renewals. Any members who have not renewed by year end will drop off the membership list.
- An agenda item will be added to the Sept. general meeting to recognize “renewed” members and an article will be in the September Vision to encourage memberships.

DEI SCHOLARSHIP: Bessie Azari

- Bessie notified the Board of the new Ashland High School scholarship being offered in Spring 2024 by Ashland Branch to a graduating female or female presenting girl and described the process that the DEI Committee has used to plan this scholarship. There have been requests for more community involvement by our members at the past few retreats and this will be our first offering at Ashland High School.
- Bessie and Diane Toth described the Mini Upscale Raffles which will be held at the monthly members meetings. These will have the purpose of helping fund the AHS Scholarship.
- Regina asked if there was consensus among the Board members to approve the AHS Scholarship as a community project and to make up the difference in funding from the budget if the total funds are not raised. There was consensus among the members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There is no news yet on possible Pickleball Tournament or Winemakers’ event as fundraisers
- Scholarship Campaign Fundraising Chair position is still open. This will be announced at the September meeting.
- Gretchen King reports that planning for the Celebration of Scholars is going well.

Regina adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Toth
Recording Secretary