AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2024

Present: Regina Ayars, Gail Engblom, Susan Hollandsworth, Penny Little, Susan Gunn Schaefer, Bessie Azari, Peggy Audibert, Beth Rubin, Lisa Verner, Diane Toth

Debrief February Meeting:

* It was agreed that the guest speaker at the meeting, Dr. Dara Shifrer, was interesting and informative in her presentation of issues re: mentoring of young women pursuing their college education and professional careers.
* Bessie expressed appreciation for Barbara Cervone’s meeting activities related to the members’ personal experiences with DEI issues and it was agreed that they were interesting and beneficial.

Approve Minutes:

* January minutes were approved by consensus.

May General Meeting Program: Beth Rubin

* Beth has a few speakers lined up to participate in a panel discussion about women winemakers and winery owners, and has requests out for a couple more participants.
* The AHS Scholarship raffles will continue in May with a wine raffle. Peggy Audibert can contribute some wine from the COS inventory and we will also request members to bring wine to contribute to the raffle table. The exact format and raffle ticket prices to be determined.

Budget: Gail Engblom

* No significant changes from last month. Income exceeds expenses at this point.
* There is $750 available to the Membership Committee for the New Members Social and possible mailings.
* It was decided that there should be a $50 cap on expenditures by committees. Anything over that amount should come from the committee head and be approved by Gail.
* Heads of committees should be requested to attend Board meetings during the months that they are planning events in order to provide support for them and input from Board members.

AHS Scholarship: Bessie Azari

* 12 applications have been received, not all qualified as first generation. There will most likely be 6 or 7 qualified applicants.
* Schedule for application process:
* Applications Deadline for Students              2/14
* DEI Committee initial review                    2/15
* DEI Committee  Selection                        3/7
* AHS Recipients Announced                         4/10
* AHS Award Reception                             5/23            Article in May Vision, Recipient Speaks at May Branch Meeting

Membership: Susan Jain

* Susan will send out survey to Board for any comments before Leslie Nielsen puts it into Survey Monkey in April. They are hoping for a 2/3 response rate and will preview the results at the May meeting.

Susan read through some of the survey questions for the Board.

* There will be a New Member Social at Karen Spence’s home on March 24, 2024 from 4-6 p.m. The entire Board is invited along with new members. Board members will be asked to provide appetizers and there will be a casual agenda and icebreaker activity.
* Susan Schaefer recommends continuing branch mailings for membership renewal to achieve a better response.

Fundraiser: Susan Jain

* Langford Art Gallery has agreed to host an AAUW fundraiser on April 21,2024. There will be a panel discussion by some of the artists featured in the Woman Kind exhibit about women in the arts.
* Other details about the event (collecting donations, refreshments, etc.) are to be determined.

Nominations and Awards: Bessie Azari

* Florence Schneider Award recipient will be selected in March and announced at the April meeting.
* Named Honorees will be selected at the March Board meeting. Up to 6 will be allowed by the state.
* Bessie announced the following open positions which will also be in the March Vision:
  + 1.Interest group chair
  + 2. Fundraising chair
  + 3.  Celebration of Scholars chair or co-chairs
  + 4. President co-Presidents
  + 5.  Program chair or co-program chairs
  + 6.  Members-at-large (2)
  + 7.  Scholarship campaign fundraising chair
* Nomination and succession team members are Regina, Peggy, Shannon, Bessie, and Susan Jain(advisor). Other members are welcome, just notify Bessie of your desire to join.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by Diane Toth