

AAUW ASHLAND BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2024

Present: Regina Ayars, Gail Engblom, Diane Toth, Shannon Stuver, Penny Little, Bessie Azari, Susan Jain, Sandra Coyner, Beth Rubin, Lisa Verner

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

March minutes were approved.

Debrief Branch Meeting:

- The scheduled speaker had to cancel their presentation at the meeting and Susan Jain did a great job filling in at the last minute with a power point presentation about the WomanKind art exhibit fundraiser.
- Shannon suggested that April is a good meeting to not have a scheduled speaker since there is so much business to attend to at the April meeting.

Debrief Art Exhibit Fundraiser: Susan Jain

- The exhibit was interesting as was the panel discussion. The panel consisted of women of various ages sharing their views on the issues facing women in the arts. Susan described her impressions of the artist's reactions to the event and they were very positive about the experience. Hopefully it will be a repeat event.
- The head count was approximately 50 attendees and amount earned was approximately \$900.
- Sandra Coyner suggested that it would also be beneficial for AAUW to be associated with other events focused on women in the arts in other areas.

Budget: Gail Engblom

- The budget is looking good.
- The webmaster has been paid \$1100 for the current year and Board members are encouraged to review the website and send any change requests or additions to Chris before the end of June.
- The AHS Scholarship is fully funded with any excess available to apply to next year's scholarship offering.

- Gail has a letter from our insurance company regarding renewal of the policy. Susan Jain volunteered to look into policy and recommended that liability coverage should possibly be added to it.
- Gail will report back at the next meeting.

Membership: Susan Jain

- Membership Survey has generated 54 responses and 50 were online. The data will be available at the June 3 Board Meeting.
- There was a discussion about the Vision and whether it is too lengthy. Some members are concerned that they are receiving too much email and too much to read. It was decided to limit the meeting reminder flashes to one at midweek prior to the general meeting.

AHS Scholarship Update: Bessie Azari

- The May general meeting will host a panel of women winemakers with Beth Rubin moderating.
- A wine raffle will be associated with this and all members are encouraged to donate a bottle of wine in the \$15 and above range. Tickets for the raffle will be \$5.

Leadership: Bessie Azari

- There are still open positions for Webmaster, Membership Chair, and Fundraising Chair.

Fundraising Ideas:

- Ideas for fundraising will be discussed at the retreat on June 15, 2024.

Confirm 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule: Regina Ayars

- General Meeting date changes: November 30 to November 23, 2024 and May 24 to May 17, 2025, due to holidays.
- Board Meeting date changes: November 25, 2024 and May 19, 2025.
- The Retreat has been changed to June 15, 2024.

Agenda for June 3 Board Meeting:

- OHSU scholarship discussion

- Action: Regina will try to have Wanda Chin or someone from the scholarship committee come to the Board meeting to explain the current process.
- Retreat Planning
- Membership Survey results

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40p.m.

Submitted by Diane Toth