

AAUW Board Meeting  
June 3, 2024

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

Meeting opened at 4:05 p.m. by Regina.  
April minutes were approved.

The Board agreed by consensus to appoint these people to the following positions:

Communication Chair: Penny Little  
Dues and Donations Chair: Susan Hollandsworth  
Funds Chair: Bessie Azari  
Interest Group Chair: Susan Schaefer  
Parliamentarian: Sandra Coyner  
Program Chair: Barbara Cervone  
Public Policy Chair: Lisa Verner

Signing authority for Dues and Donations Chair is transferred from Susan Gunn Schaefer to Susan Hollandsworth.

DEBRIEF MAY MEETING:

- It was agreed that it was a very interesting and relevant panel discussion by women winemakers with excellent moderation by Beth Rubin.
- Watching the women interact with each other and share their experiences was enlightening.
- The raffle was enjoyed by most members and raised \$215 by ticket sales. There will be further discussion at the retreat regarding continuing the raffles as a fundraising activity for the AHS Scholarship.

BUDGET: Gail Engblom

- The current fiscal year budget is in good standing with \$8700 remaining. There is approximately \$1100 available for next year's AHS Scholarship offering. This year's scholarship funds have been paid to Ashland High School.
  - It was mentioned that we need to send letters showing donation amounts to those who gave check contributions to the AHS Scholarship Fund. Gail is keeping track of those checks.
- The insurance contract through National, covering Officers and Directors, is \$348. Susan Jain recommends looking at liability coverage also and will assist Gail in looking at this issue. The contract with UMC requires liability.
- Susan and Gail are authorized to determine which carrier should be used based on price and coverage. Based on recommendation regarding liability coverage, email will be sent out to ask for consensus for approval of recommendation by Susan J and Gail.

#### LEADERSHIP: Bessie Azari

- Regina plans to add an Education Liaison
- Two new Board Members at Large are Leslie Nilson and Christine Westland.
- The Membership Chair position is still open. Bessie has spoken to a few possible members.
- Fundraising Chair is still open and Bessie has had a recommendation and is following up on that.
- COS requires two people to plan the event, the positions are still open.
- As Funds Chair, Bessie reminded the Board that AAUW Ashland is 5<sup>th</sup> in the state for total donations to Greatest Needs but we are the largest group in the state. Approximately 20% of our members donated to the fund this year.

#### SURVEY RESULTS: Susan Jain

- Susan distributed and discussed a summary of the Topline results from the survey. She stated that approximately 50% of the membership responded to the survey.
- Some main concerns and priorities are growing and broadening the membership and rejuvenating our fundraising capabilities.
- The survey also showed that Interest groups are a real strength and that the importance of the social side of belonging to the organization should not be underestimated.
- This can all be used as a guideline for setting priorities at the retreat. All Board members are encouraged to read the survey results in their entirety prior to the Board retreat.

#### STATE RETREAT: Regina Ayars

- Regina attended as a representative for Marisa Fink and found it to be an interesting experience.
- Catherine Lutes set her main goals for next year as retention of membership and a focus on STEM activities.

#### RETREAT DRAFT AGENDA: Regina Ayars

- An important goal will be to use the retreat to set priorities for next year, using the survey results as a tool.
- Regina, Susan Jain, and Pam Shay will meet to set the agenda for the retreat.
- Penny Little will send out a Flash to the membership next week prior to the retreat. Those who RSVP will be sent further information and a link to the survey results.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by Diane Toth