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Salad and Dessert Potluck Annual Meeting



Join us at 6:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library Meeting room on Thursday, May 9th. Following our meal we will hold elections, install new officers, and discuss upcoming events and policies, including the increase in dues from national. Please watch for the email from our Financial Officers that will give you dues renewal information. Bring your own serving utensils as there is no kitchen. Beverages will be provided along with plates, cups, napkins, and eating utensils



At our Annual Meeting in May, the nominating committee will present the following slate of officers:

- Bonnie Underwood - President
- Karen Maughan – Co-VP Programs
- Patricia Griffith - Financial Officer

Judy Higgins - Nominating Committee Chair



Terri Bawden is the branch webmaster and she reminds us to check it out regularly. A password is needed for the 'members only' section. Contact Terri if you don't know it.



Shipwreck Fest - July 20, 2019

Start saving items for our booth. Please, no books, jewelry, or clothing. Kitchen items, children's toys, art work, tools, and household décor are good sellers. We are currently in need of a garage to store accumulated items for pricing. If you would like to help in this way, please contact Bonnie Underwood at underwood31@comcast.net.



- Pat Bell (5/2) Sheri Muntean (5/4) Gina Van Hess (5/16)
- Gail Courtelyou (5/23) Ginny Kluth (5/25) Judy Higgins (5/28)

Looking forward: So far we have collected \$1,945 in member tickets sales and received gifts of \$365 for scholarships. At the tea the following additional money was collected: \$231 in tote bag sales, \$530 for baskets, and \$85 for food and flowers. One check was made directly to ASF and will be sent with our check to ASF. Most of the money earned for the Tea will be in the May financial report (deposited in April) but I believe the total for the tea will be more than \$3,000 (with \$360 due from members who haven't paid for their tickets). If you have questions, do let me know.



Linda

AAUW Report 2019 Legislative Session Final Wrap-up

Sunday night proved to be a nail biter as there was fear the Legislature would have to go into special session to resolve the education levy issue in order to get the necessary votes to pass the operating budget. A compromise was finally reached enabling the operating budget to pass 57-41 in the House and 27-21 in the Senate, with 15 minutes to spare.

The evening included a special tribute to Speaker Frank Chopp who has served as the House Speaker for 20 years, the longest serving Speaker in Washington State legislative history and second longest in the country. The House Democrats will choose a new speaker July 31, but the new speaker designee will not be finalized until a vote of the full House of Representatives at the beginning of the 2020 Legislative session. Between now and July 31, Representative John Lovick will serve as acting speaker. Speculation is the House D's will choose a woman. Among those interested are Reps. Monica Stonier, June Robinson, Gael Tarleton and possibly Laurie Jinkins. The session also ended with the passage of I-1000, an initiative to the Legislature which would restore affirmative action in Washington. I-1000 reverses Initiative 200, which passed 20 years ago. Because the Legislature passed I-1000, it will not need to go to the ballot in the fall. But opponents of I-1000 wasted no time in voicing their continued objections and on Monday morning filed their own referendum to overturn Initiative 1000. Backers of the repeal effort will have until July 27th to collect enough signatures to qualify for the November 2019 ballot. If they succeed, the implementation of I-1000 would be delayed pending the outcome of the November election.

The legislature also passed and sent on to the governor, H.B. 1696, legislation that will prohibit employers from using an applicant's wage history when making pay decisions and require employers to disclose pay scale information to applicants and employees. When employers rely on prior pay history to set current salaries, people who have historically been underpaid, continue to make less than other workers. And while H.B. 1696 will not eliminate the pay gap entirely, it will help level the playing field and combat the often unconscious bias of managers who hire and promote staff.

We'll wrap up our weekly legislative reports with a few highlights of the 2019-21 operating budget.

Behavioral Health

\$92 million in this biennium to ensure the stability of **state hospitals** and the safety of patients and staff.

\$74 million in this biennium to comply with the **Trueblood** court ruling.

Housing and Homelessness

\$15 million focused on **permanent supportive housing** and **youth homelessness**.

\$14.5 million for the **Housing and Essential Needs Program**, which helps people with disabilities who are struggling to find or maintain housing.

Education

\$155 million for additional **special education** funding (\$294 million over four years).

\$61 million for additional **levy assistance** for areas with low property values.

\$2.5 million additional funding for **student mental health and safety**.

Higher Education

The Workforce Education Investment creates a new Washington College Grant to make public college tuition-free in Washington state for families earning less than \$50,000 per year, with partial scholarships for families up to state's median income, and significantly invests in community colleges. To pay for the investments, the Legislature increased B&O rates on businesses that rely on a highly educated workforce.

Other investments:

\$35 million to expand **Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program** (ECEAP) slots and rate increases.

\$31 million to improve habitat and **protect Orcas**.

\$9 million to eliminate the backlog in **testing sexual assault kits**.

\$24 million in state general funds to increase our **wildfire response** and address natural disasters.

AAUW Financial Report – April 29, 2019

TOTAL INCOME AS OF 3/21/2019.....\$ 2,196.89

Income:

Spring Tea Baskets.....\$ 580.00

Spring Tea Food & Flowers..... 85.00

Spring Tea Tickets..... 1,353.00

Member renewals by check..... 240.00

Nat'l branch renewal..... 11.00

Tote bags..... 661.00

Total Income for April as of 4/22/2019.....\$ 2,930.00

Expenses:

Nat'l member renewals.....\$ 207.00

Mary Lou Sanelli speaker..... 50.00

Total expenses for April as of 4/22/2019.....\$ 257.00

#2121 TOTAL INCOME AS OF 4/22/2019.....\$ 4,869.89

Special Events Account #6140

TOTAL INCOME AS OF 4/29/2019.....\$ 6,348.23

Savings Account #6780

Total income as for December 2018..... \$7,719.91

Income:

Interest... March 2019.....\$ 1.07

TOTAL INCOME AS OF 4/29/2019

AAUW Accounts Total for March 2019

Checking #2121.....\$ 4,869.89

Special Events #6140..... 6,348.23

Savings #6780..... 7,720.98

TOTAL INCOME AS OF January 31, 2019.....\$ 18,939.10

Anacortes Schools Foundations Statement:

Balances as of 3/31/2019

<u>Account</u>	<u>.... Fund Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>.... Net</u>
AAUW STEM	7,677.50	0.00	0.00	7,677.50
AAUW Scholarship	961.04	0.00	0.00	961.04

DRAFT 4.1.19 board meeting

Present: Tanna Baker, program co-chair, Terri Bawden, scholarship chair, Bunny Heiner, co-VP for membership; telephone tree, Bonnie Underwood, communications, Patricia Griffith, incoming financial chair, Rosette Dawson, fundraising chair, Ginny Kluth, co-VP for membership

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Tanna Baker ran the meeting as Robin was absent

Reviewed minutes of 3/14/19 – Rosemary Kaholokula
Minutes approved with 2 corrections.

Financial Report – Patricia Griffith (incoming)
Provided preliminary numbers from the tea fundraiser.
Financial officer(s) will follow up with members who haven't paid for their tickets yet.

Dues

We had a discussion on whether to raise dues and how to go about making that decision. We only receive \$11 from each member because national raised their dues. (We used to receive \$21 per member.) We use the dues for rental for board meeting space, insurance, postage, postal box, supplies, stipends for speakers. For '19 – '20 we can get by without raising dues because we will bring in some money from the Shipwreck Festival. For '20 – '21 we need to discuss at this year's annual meeting in May whether to raise the dues.

Tea

Discussed paid storage of tea items – tabled till next meeting.

Program – Tanna Baker

April 11: Mary Lou Sanelli and her dance partner

May 9: Annual meeting – at library, potluck

Fundraising - Terri

Applications for scholarships are coming in.
Bags update: Safeway – still undergoing red tape to get bags in there.

The Market

Sold 46 bags in February. Sold 82 bags in March.

Totals are:

March – 104 bags sold, \$832. Total bags sold are 216 for \$1698. Of that, \$1300 has to be repaid to our AAUW account.

STEM - Rosette

Stem interviewing starts week of 4/8.

Meeting adjourned 8:17.

4/11/19 General Meeting

7:00 The program: Mary Lou Sanelli, author and dancer

8:05 The general meeting was called to order

Reviewed minutes of 3.13.19
minutes accepted

Financials – Linda
Linda provided financial report

Annual meeting in May

Slate of new officers:
Bonnie Underwood, President Elect
Karen Maugham and Nelle Jacobson, VPs of Programs
Patricia Griffith, Financial
Judy Higgins, Nominations

President Pestarino reported on:

- ❖ Legislature
- ❖ Title IX officers in our schools
- ❖ Current pay parity is at 80%
- ❖ AAUW policy priorities can be found online at AAUW.org

Announcement:

- ❖ AAUW annual meeting is being held in Bellingham on April 12 – 13.
- ❖ Our branch annual meeting is May 9 at 6:00 at the library. It will be potluck.

Discussion:

- ❖ Issue of renting self storage for branch items; decision, unaffordable to do so.
- ❖ Tea Fundraiser: Linda raised the issue that this fundraiser is not bringing in the sort of funds that justify its happening. We need to consider other ways of raising money for our scholarships.

8:32 Meeting adjourned