

AAUW Board Meeting – January 3, 2024 at 7:00 on Zoom

Present: Linda Hendrick, Terri Bawden, Patricia Griffith, Trish Wilson, Barbara Benson, Shelly Parfitt, Bonnie Underwood

1. The agenda was approved
2. The December minutes were approved.
3. Tech Trek: Trish has used the new forms to create a fundraising letter which was sent to 13 businesses. Two have responded and she will follow up with a reminder. HP Sinclair needs a W9 form in order to process our request but plans to donate again. Trish also reached out to teachers for candidates and will send a reminder this month. Because of her participation at the state level, we can send up to 14 candidates. The current cost per student is \$1,700.
4. February meeting: Terri is working with Rosemary who will put together a panel for the program on Domestic Violence. Publicity must be turned in by January 13.
5. Upcoming meetings: The board agreed that a speaker at the June scholarship meeting is worthwhile. Trish volunteered to reach out to Diana Farnsworth who received a scholarship and was previously a member of our branch. The new camera available to the library meeting room will be up and running for our February meeting and should help focus on the panel and each individual speaker. Members attending on zoom will not appear in the background. Trish will arrange a test run before the meeting.
6. Review Committee reports: With less than a dozen totes left, the board agreed to keep the remaining stock to give away. There are approximately 75 calendars left; less calendars will be ordered next year but we agreed there is value in continuing the calendar next year to promote interest and encourage members and sponsors.
7. Sustainability Suggestions and Concerns: We didn't come to agreement on the benefit of a printed directory. Saturday meetings were discussed, and the consensus was that perhaps hosting social events, such as meeting for lunch or coffee, would be better than changing our evening meetings. Patricia noted that we will need a minimum of 26 members to be able to fund the P.O. Box and insurance. Currently we have 34 members. Terri reported that Catherine Carr and Sally Polk have paid their dues, and she plans to contact Dianne Szerlong again. Shelly plans to put member dues deadlines into a program to invoice each member when her dues are due. Patricia noted that we currently need Program and Nominating Chairs. Terri plans to ask Sandy Norris to consider being the Program Chair for next year. Patricia will be addressing sustainability issues as part of her presentation at the January meeting.
8. Finance Report: Shelly attached a written report indicating checking balance of \$8,641.33; Education Savings \$6,149.78; Special Events \$7,970.19; ASF Scholarship \$4,469.11; ASF STEM \$2,009.60 and \$40 in Petty Cash for a balance of \$29,290.01.
9. Membership continued: Terri, Claudia and Shelly met with Joan Gordon who resides in Mt. Vernon. She will not be able to attend our program meetings due to a conflict but will participate on the scholarship committee.
10. STEM: Patricia was pleased to announce that we will receive another grant from Windermere.
11. Fundraising: It was suggested that each member be responsible for selling or purchasing 3 calendars. Other suggestions to encourage more participation and fundraising including fun activities like 'dressing a merman.'

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Underwood, Secretary