

AAUW February Board Minutes
January 30, 2024 on Zoom at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Barbara Benson, Patricia Griffith, Linda Hendrick, Bonnie Underwood

1. The meeting was opened at 7:03 P.M. and the agenda and minutes were approved.
2. Tech Trek: Trish reported to Patricia who shared the following:
 - a. Funding is beginning to come in for camp. Rosette Dawson \$1,700; Sturdy Engineering \$200; Micro Aeronautics \$1,000; Trish is meeting with HF Sinclair to work on paperwork for their donation. Currently we can offer scholarships to 7 girls.
 - b. Only one week of camp will be offered this year for 100 girls; there may be limitations.
3. February meeting: A trial run was done using the new library OWL equipment. Bonnie will be added as co-host on zoom to let in on-line members and organize Chat questions. She will record the message if approved by the speakers.
4. Inclusion and Equity: Bonnie will be attending a Webinar on Wednesday, January 31, on Inclusion in AAUW policies and practices.
5. Program: Terri has publicized the panel on Domestic Violence. We are still looking for a June speaker. Patricia has reached out to Diana Farnsworth.
6. Bonnie presented Sections 2-5 of Article VIII of the branch by-laws.
 - a. Wording will be changed to distinguish between mandatory elected officers and appointed officers.
 - b. Discussion about the need for term limitations led us to believe that we can delete Sections 4 and 5.
7. Membership: new member Renate Staab-Yankacy will help us maintain our current membership of 35 as Dianne Szerlong has not renewed.
8. Scholarship: Barbara will be meeting with her committee on Saturday, February 17. She is joined by new member Joan Gordon and is looking for a replacement for Sandy Norris who is leaving the committee.
9. Website: We discussed the need to reduce the amount of information Terri is regularly updating to the website and want to consider just updating program and event information. Generally, few members are using the website; hopefully this will make the job easier to fill
10. Discussion: How we might find ways to encourage members to get together by being involved in community opportunities.
 - a. Bonnie will talk to her daughter about contacts for the local Habitat build coming to Anacortes.
 - b. A Simple Gesture was another organization mentioned.
 - c. Group discussion on the upcoming AAUW vote on membership qualifications.
 - d. Summertime events, lunches, and coffees.

The meeting was closed at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Underwood, Secretary