

## AAUW Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2024 @7:00 on Zoom

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

1. Patricia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The agenda was approved; the minutes were approved with clarification from Terri.
3. **Tech Trek:** Patricia gave a report based on information from Trish. The one week-long camp is capped at 100 girls and to date there are 110 nominations. We are allowed 7 students; we currently have 7 nominees. Camp is expected to cost in excess of \$1650. Visitors' day is on July 18.
4. **Program Committee Check List:** The list was reviewed. Trish has completed the paperwork to use the library meeting room for our program meetings throughout the next year.
5. **Scholarships:** Shelly made a motion, seconded by Terri, to approve the scholarship committee recommendation of supporting 8 awards at \$2,000 each. Monies will come from the special events fund, our checking account, and money remaining in the ASF account. The motion was passed.
6. **AAUW Vote:** Patricia will send out an email in addition to the newsletter reminding members of the importance of the upcoming vote which will open in April; Bonnie will include some information on the Power Point presentation at our March program meeting. Members will be invited to stay after the meeting on March 14 to discuss the issues.
7. **RIF request:** Board members reviewed the request for funding from Fidalgo Island Reading Books for Ownership program. Although we have a history of individuals donating at our holiday party, we will invite Stephanie Downey, program president, to speak at our next board meeting and answer questions about how the program works. Patricia will email her.
8. **Dues:** The board agreed to keep our dues at \$100. Shelly is creating an Excel program to monitor when each member's dues are due and how to address Life and Honorary member dues.
9. **Directory:** Linda made a motion to keep spouse names in our directory. Motion passed. Further discussion led us to agree to pursue a photo directory. Bonnie will research per page costs at Bayshore and Anacortes Printing. We will encourage members to submit a photo or update their existing pictures.
10. **Member involvement:** Suggestions included gathering to create gift baskets for the Anacortes Family Center, or Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services. Patricia will ask if there is any interest among our membership at our next meeting. It was suggested that having Saturday events would allow additional participation from those who cannot attend our evening program meetings. Another suggestion for a Saturday meeting included a second Book Talk. Patricia will check for room availability for March 23.
11. **Mermen event:** Skagit Commons will be the location for the first Mermen meeting on March 16, at 2:00 p.m.
12. **Committee reports:** There is approximately \$11,000 in the STEM account and Patricia proposed allowing \$10,000 to be used for STEM scholarships this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Underwood, Secretary