AAUW Board Meeting minutes for February 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Present: Terri Bawden, Patricia Griffith, Linda Hendrick, Bonnie Underwood, Trish Wilson

Patricia opened the meeting and shared about Pam needing to step back and care for her husband.

Reports:

* February meeting: the projector in the library meeting room is broken but Trish will make sure to have something we can use. Bonnie will show her PowerPoint presentation from home and break out groups will happen independently at the library and on-line following the presentation. Linda has several requests for the zoom link.
* Tech Trek: Trish reported that there will be just one week-long camp at PLU this year and there will be limits as to how many campers each branch may send. We have adequate funding for the 3-4 girls we will send. Unfortunately, the upgrades to the submittal process have not taken place. Trish suggested limiting our search to Anacortes and Bayview school districts.
* Dues increase: National has planned to raise dues $5 per year for 5 years. Following discussion, the board decided to raise our dues to $105 this year to cover the increase as we have absorbed prior increases for several years. Terri anticipates that at least one member due to renew will choose not to.
* Membership: We started the year with 35 members, lost 5 and gained 3.
* Leadership crisis: Both Patricia and Terri will not be continuing on the board next year. Trish indicated that she would like to be more active if someone would take over Tech Trek. Discussion followed on how to encourage newer members to become more active and where we could pare down activities.
* Finances: Shelly reported that we have $2,332 in the ASF Scholarships account and $2,823 in the ASF STEM. We netted about $10,000 with our mermen campaign. ~~Some of that money is already in the ASF account.~~ There was discussion about continuing with merman another year which will be determined by people willing to take over the work Patricia and Terri have done. We have submitted another grant request to Windemere. Marathon approved our request for $10,000 for Tech Trek.
* Scholarships: Erlene is willing to take over the scholarship chair position and Barbara Benson will help her get started.
* Programs:
  + March- underwater photographer Audrey Garbacik (may require a date change)
  + April -Urgent Call to Action business meeting with members only
  + May -normally our annual meeting?
  + June – scholarships
* The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Underwood, Secretary