AAUW Membership Meeting on March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Present: Patricia Griffith, Terri Bawden, Linda Hendrick, Rosette Dawson, Karen Maughan, Jessica Koeberle, Sally Polk, Kathleen Brueger, Bonnie Underwood, Bunny Heiner, Trish Wilson, Karan Hannah, Sandy Huggins.

1. Patricia opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. and shared a slide show showing an update of the current fiscal year that included approximately $20,000 in scholarships, and 3 Tech Trek camper positions. Additionally, we received a $3,000 grant for scholarship from Windemere and a $400 donation from former member Agnes Wicknick. We gained 2 new members and lost 2 existing members to date.
2. National has voted to raise their dues by $2 this year, making our dues $102.
3. The next slide proposed the pros and cons of Evolving or Dissolving.
   1. To evolve we could make several changes to reduce responsibilities by eliminating fundraising events, letting ASF take over scholarships, and cutting back on programs while still supporting Tech Trek.
   2. Options for dissolving included becoming a national member, joining another branch or the state branch.
4. To meet national requirements, we need a president and financial officer. Trish volunteered to be Program chair and felt she could handle publicity, too.
5. Patricia will email the slide show to everyone, and we will ask for a vote of the branch membership by March 31. The board will discuss the outcome at the April board meeting.
6. Discussion:
   1. What options are left for the mermen this year: hand the fundraiser to another organization or just have a paired down float to keep our name present in the community.
   2. Would fewer meetings reduce the interaction between current members?
   3. Would daytime meetings be a better time for existing members?
   4. Could we inform our community that we are still accepting donations for scholarships?
   5. Can we afford to pay a very part-time bookkeeper?
7. Trish indicated she would reach out to people who might be willing to be Treasurer. Karan said she would help with Tech Trek if we discontinued the mermen fundraiser.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Underwood, Secretary