

AAUW - NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Fall LTM

October 12, 2013

Albuquerque, NM

Attendance: Sonya Berg, Las Vegas; Mary Tyler Browne, Albuquerque/West Mesa; Mary Rita Chapman, Las Cruces; Carol Ann Council, Las Cruces; Bonnie Eisenberg, Las Cruces; Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque; Lina Germann, Santa Fe; Liz Gordon, Albuquerque; Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa; Jan Lifson Bray, Albuquerque; Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas; Patricia Maben, West Mesa; Judy Prono, Los Alamos; Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe; Mary Sandford, Carlsbad; Mary S. Schipper, Las Vegas; Helena Whyte, Los Alamos/Online

Guests: Barbara Michael, Santa Fe; Marilyn Dunn, Albuquerque; Maryjane Giesler, Los Alamos

Call to Order at 2:35 p.m. by Shelley Rossbach

Meeting Dedications

Mary Belle Estes died recently at the age of 101. She was a member of the Albuquerque branch and participated in the antiques group.

Announcements/Reminders

1. Motion forms, reimbursement forms are available.
2. Elected and appointed Leadership Team officers and branch presidents should have officers and presidents contact information lists, AAUW 2013-2014 calendar,
3. Private space is now available for officers on the website (password will be provided by email).
4. Highlight important dates on your AAUW calendar.
5. Make sure you add Jeanne Patrick as International Interest Chair to your List of Appointed Officers.
6. Consider hosting future AAUW meetings.
7. The *Roadrunner* deadline for submitting material to Pat Maben is December 1.
8. Update contact information on the attendance sheet being passed around.
9. Pass and Share Box
10. The e-vote to change the date of the fall LTM to October 19, 2013 failed. Only fifteen "yes" votes were tallied. Seventeen are need for a majority.

Action Items (Co-president Karyl Lyne now presiding)

1. **Minutes of the July 20 LTM** were approved as presented. Bonnie Eisenberg noted that NMSU was a partner member when the meeting was held.
2. **Revised Finance Report 2012-13** (Mary Rita Chapman)
The only change to the final report is under Income Received - Dues where the amount is \$6,077.00.

3. **Current Finance Report** (Mary Rita Chapman)

From the printed report, for the period July through September, 2013, income was \$1,297.19. Expenses were \$219.28. Total current assets are \$13,674.80.

4. **Public Policy Action Items**

Jan Lifson-Bray, Sonya Berg, and Lina Germann met on September 25.

We will not be able to have a table or banner for Legislative Day, as all space is already reserved. Lina is working to reserve a room for our meeting before going to visit legislators. A place for lunch is still to be found as Le Chantilly is no longer in business. Suggestions will be welcomed.

The team will send updates and alerts to branches. Each branch is asked to plan a visit to field offices of state and national legislators.

Each branch is asked to actively recruit a Public Policy Chair and a member for the Lobby Corps. In Albuquerque, Dixie Trebbe will focus on health care and women's issues. Sylvia Fink will participate in Lobby Corps activities. Barbara Michael is the Public Policy chair and Lina Germann is on the Lobby Corps.

Each branch is asked to plan at least one voter registration or voter advocacy event.

Liz Gordon, Albuquerque co-president, urged involvement in the late term abortion ban fight going on in Albuquerque.

5. **Bylaws changes mandated by National AAUW**

We won't discuss this today due to time constraints. Shelley will work with each branch to find editable copy and get the changes made. Shelley has put together a 4-page paper distilled from National information with information on how to do this. She will send it to the Leadership Team and branch presidents.

6. **STEM Action Items**

Carol Ann Council moved that AAUW-NM support the Tech Trek program to be held in Las Cruces, NM, in the summer of 2014 by establishing a STEM chair who will be on the State Leadership Team and coordinate with branch STEM chairs. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Fink and was passed.

Carol Ann Council also moved, seconded by Mary Tyler Browne, that a donation be given in the amount of \$1,000 to the Tech Trek program. The motion was passed.

7. **Formal Recommendation**

Mary Sandford moved that we recommend to National that the Portales, NM, branch be disbanded. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Fink and was passed.

Committee Reports

1. **Nominations** (Mary Sandford, chair, Pam Daves, Deanise Marta)

The Nominations Committee is beginning in earnest to fill the 2014-2016 positions of Co-president, VP Membership, Secretary, Academic Chair and Nominations Chair. The committee will strive to have all positions filled by January. Please contact Mary Sandford m_sandford47@hotmail.com, Pam Daves bobcat3936@yahoo.com, or Deanise Marta dxmarta@msn.com if you or a branch member are interested in any of these offices.

2. **Branch Projects Grants** (Mary Sandford, Phoebe Pierce, Enid Tidwell)
The Branch Projects Grants Committee announced three awards:
 - A) \$200 to Las Cruces to provide a bus for transporting girls from the rural south county to Girls Can!;
 - B) \$200 to Santa Fe to offset their branch's co-sponsoring of Expanding Your Horizons with an emphasis on STEM-C activities; and
 - C) \$100 to Socorro to pay for a public Chautauqua performance of Susan B. Anthony

The committee budgeted \$600 to provide grants and \$500 was spent. The remaining \$100 will be available to branches in the spring. Applications are due to Mary Sandford by April 1, 2014.

3. **\$tart \$mart** (Shelley Rossbach)
Sylvia Fink is working on establishing a link with UNM.

Officers' Reports

1. **Membership** (Sylvia Fink and Natalie Markin)
As of February, 2013, there were 521 branch members and 255 National members for a total of 776 members in New Mexico. As of June, 2013, there were 420 branch members and 435 National members in New Mexico, for a total of 855 members. Totals for February 214 will be higher due to counting members who had not paid their dues by June 2013. Branches will be sent a copy of National Members in their area.
2. **Finance Chair** (Mary Rita Chapman)
We currently pay \$.20 per mile for travel expenses. Bonnie Eisenberg moved that we increase the board member travel reimbursement rate to \$.40 per mile as of November 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Patrick and was passed.
3. **AAUW Funds** (Mary Tyler Browne).
The preliminary total given to all AAUW Funds for the period January 1 - September 30, 2013 is \$8,942.75. This is \$3,142.75 more than last year at this time and only \$600 less than our total giving last year.
4. **College/University Chair**
Karyl urged us to try to get more partners, as the fee for doing so right now is only \$175.
5. **International Interest Chair** (Jeanne Patrick)
Branches are encouraged to observe International Women's Day on March 8.
6. **Media Relations** (Helena Whyte)
AAUW-NM Facebook has 101 likes, reaching these age groups: 18-24, 5%; 25-34, 7%; 35-44, 10%; 45-54, 8%; 55-64, 28%; 65+, 30%.
Recent PBS programming of interest: "By Standers: Ending Bullying" (30 minute documentary produced in Albuquerque), "Our Time is Now" (30 minute documentary produced in NM depicting challenges rural teens face in graduating high school), and "Second Annual Graduate Day" (7 hour national program showcasing community partners helping at-risk students with skills needed to graduate).
Science experiments and games website: www.sesamestreet.org/stem

Lina Germann was featured in the Albuquerque *Journal* September 27, 2013 ("Event Aims to Humanize Science to Lure Girls"). AAUW was not mentioned.

Helena also brought copies of an article entitled "What You Need to Know About Twitter."

7. **Newsletter Editor** (Pat Maben)

Eighty-seven "shorter than usual" newsletters were mailed in September. Costs were \$46.00 for postage and \$71.28 to Staples for printing. Pat says "send me stuff!"

8. **Webmistress** (Lina Germann)

The AAUW-NM Public Policy has been updated on the website.

Branch Reports

Carlsbad

Roxanne Lara of the Carlsbad branch is running for US Representative against Steve Pierce.

Santa Fe

Jeanne Patrick reported that author Anne Hillerman was a guest speaker at their book group.

Los Alamos

Judy Prono reported that the Los Alamos Branch will fund a NCCWSL candidate from northern New Mexico. They are also sponsoring discussions of Timothy Egan's book *The Worst Hard Time* to support the traveling exhibit, "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry", at the Los Alamos County Library. In September, their fall luncheon raised \$2,740 towards their goal of \$20,000 to purchase books for five elementary school libraries through the Jean Nereson Books Memorial established by the branch.

Albuquerque

Information tables were staffed at a Women's Equality Day celebration on August 25 and at the Desert Southwest's Combined Federal Campaign on September 17. Deanna Salazar, finishing her MBA, is the recipient of the Albuquerque Branch AAUW Graduate Women Scholarship. Recent meetings were on the topic of the status of women in NM and the American Cancer Society's effort to make cancer issues a priority.

Las Vegas

The Las Vegas Branch is preparing to host the AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting and State Convention April 25-27, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Klenner, Secretary