

AAUW - NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Winter LTM

January 27, 2013

Santa Fe, NM

Attendance: Mary Tyler Browne, Albuquerque/West Mesa; Ellen Cerrata, Santa Fe; Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque; Lina German, Santa Fe; Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa; Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas; Patricia Maben, West Mesa; Natalie Markin, Los Alamos; Karen Nelson, Carlsbad; Bonnie Rutherford, West Mesa; Mary Sandford, Carlsbad; Enid Tidwell, Santa Fe; Dixie Trebbe, Albuquerque/West Mesa; Julie Vollmer, Santa Fe

Guests: Pam Daves, Las Vegas

Call to Order and Acknowledgements at 2:55 p.m.

President Karyl Lyne extended our thanks and appreciation to

1. Dixie Trebbe for her many hours of preparation for our Legislative Day tomorrow;
2. Lina German for putting State Trac on the state AAUW website so promptly;
3. Flossie Brown for her hospitality in hosting our meeting at Santa Fe Skies RV Park.

Meeting Dedications

1. **Ruth Bell** of the Albuquerque branch died in December, 2012.
2. **Louise Miller** of the Albuquerque branch died in January, 2013.

Announcements

1. Motion forms and reimbursement forms are available. Please give to Karyl.
2. The deadline for applications for the Grace Barker Wilson award is Feb.15, 2013. The deadline for Ingenious Ideas is April 1, 2013.
3. The deadline for getting *Roadrunner* information to Pat Maben is Feb. 17, 2013.
4. Annual reports from AAUW-NM officers and branch presidents are due April 1 to be included in the convention notebook. Send to Karen Nelson at nelsons@caveman.net.

Pass & Share Box

Karyl announced receipt of a letter from Linda P. Hallman, National Executive Director, informing us that our state president will be receiving one of 130 flags flown over the U.S. capital on January 14, 2012, commemorating the 130th anniversary of the first meeting of the organization that became AAUW. This was done thanks to the Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, Member of Congress.

Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented. Natalie Markin reported that she misspoke at the October meeting. Under new business on page 3, number 5, the mentioned AAUW Funds actually belong to the Los Alamos Branch, so they have not been donated.

Financial Report (Ruth Benjamins)

The spreadsheet report submitted by our treasurer was accepted as presented. The current total revenue and cash is \$4,730.77.

Membership Report (Sylvia Fink and Natalie Markin)

Membership as of January 25, 2013: Albuquerque 74, Carlsbad 32, Grant County 35, Las Cruces 97, Las Vegas 26, Los Alamos 62, On-line 14, Portales 1, Santa Fe 84, Socorro 10, West Mesa 16, totaling 451. We have 266 National Members (MALs) in New Mexico for a statewide membership total of 717. Unfortunately, all branches have dropped in membership. Natalie and Sylvia will be e-mailing branches in February with ideas for promoting membership. Branch membership chairs should promote joining for next year starting in April.

Unfinished Business

1. Report on Fall Workshop October 20 in Albuquerque (Sylvia Fink)

On Friday twenty people attended the dinner at Liz Gordon's home. Twenty-three LTM and Branch members attended the morning workshops on Advocacy and Website Trauma. Anyone wanting copies of handouts for these workshops can e-mail Sylvia Fink sjsf44@hotmail.com. The NCCWSL participants, Angelica Ruiz-Olivas, Reyna Caro, and Flor Ogaz, shared their experiences at the luncheon. Thanks to Liz Gordon, Helen Whitesides, Sharon Diamond, Ted Cooley, Antje Muir, Mary Browne for their help (and any others I forgot). Receipts were \$825; expenses were \$562.23 leaving \$262.67 to be shared between Albuquerque Branch and the State. A complete spreadsheet was sent to Ruth Benjamins, state treasurer, and Shirley As, branch treasurer for their accounting.

2. E-vote results on changing Convention date

Changing the date of our convention to April 19-21 was approved by e-vote. This was necessary so that Lisa Maatz, National Director of Public Policy and our keynote speaker, will be able to attend the convention.

3. Locations for upcoming meetings

Las Vegas Branch will be the host for the 2014 Spring LTM and State Convention. Locations are needed for the 2013 Summer LTM and the 2013 Fall Workshop.

4. State AAUW Job Descriptions

Sylvia Fink reports that the job descriptions have been completed and can be found on the state website.

New Business

1. Convention Updates

Karen Nelson moved (seconded by Sylvia Fink) that we set the registration fee at \$50 for the 2013 Convention in Carlsbad. The motion passed. This fee covers the Friday meal with wine, continental breakfasts Saturday and Sunday, drinks all day each day, printing of convention materials, and facility rental. The title of the convention is "¡Vivan Las Soldaderas!" These were women who fought in the Mexican Revolution 1910-1920. Karen Nelson presented a tentative schedule of events. Highlights include our address by Lisa Maatz, National Director of Public Policy, and discussion of the Affordable Care Act by provider Dr. Julio Munoz and Charlotte Roybal, Director of Policy Connections West. Sheila Blackburn will offer a workshop on Work/Life Balance. A boat ride is included in the banquet fee. The Stevens Inn has reserved 20 room at \$91 + tax

(breakfast included). Carlsbad is unable to offer B&B. Look for final information and registration forms in the Spring *Roadrunner*. Mary Sandford asked that we encourage Branch members to attend the business meeting on Sunday.

2. Those present felt that the current categories for CQ State Track are adequate: Civil Rights (including human trafficking), Economic Security, Elementary and Secondary Education, Health Care, Higher Education, and Voter ID/Registration.

3. Our National AAUW Convention is June 9-12 in New Orleans. Members are asked to consider attending.

4. Lina Germann asked about holding a raffle at the state convention to benefit Adelante for homeless children in Santa Fe. Mary Sandford checked our policies and procedures and this appears to be okay. An e-vote will be taken after Lina gets approval from the Santa Fe branch.

5. A discussion was held on whether we need to have some clarification about what material is included on the State AAUW website. Sylvia Fink volunteered to write web site guidelines for our Policies and Procedures.

Committee Reports

1. NCCWSL (National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders)

The conference is May 30 - June 1, 2013 at the University of Maryland - College Park, where over 500 collegiate women will gather to think about, talk about, and network about leadership. Karyl Lyne circulated a flyer with the application on the back. The application is also available at aauw-nm.org. AAUW-NM will award three scholarships of \$395. The application deadline is March 15, 2013. The selection committee is comprised of Adrienne Dare (Grant County), Maryjane Giesler (Los Alamos), and Meta Levister (Las Vegas).

2. \$tart \$mart

Karyl Lyne reported that a workshop was held on October 23 in Las Vegas for 17 students. Good responses were received on the evaluation forms. Another workshop will be held on March 1 in Los Alamos. The University of New Mexico - Los Alamos has bought the license for \$tart \$mart, which is good for three years for as many workshops as needed.

3. Nominations (Mary Sandford, Pam Daves, Deanise Marta)

Mary Sandford reported that Mary Browne has agreed to continue as AAUW Funds chair. Our Finance Officer nominee is Mary Rita Chapman from Las Cruces, who will be able to work with Ruth Benjamins in Las Cruces and we won't have to change banks. Sheila Portillo has agreed to continue as co-VP Programs. We still need a Public Policy Chair. Dixie Trebbe has reached term limits. This is an important position and co-chairs are a definite possibility for this job. National AAUW has developed a web site designed to keep states informed of relevant legislation which should be of immense help to the Public Policy Chair.

National News

1. A new AAUW logo and website will be unveiled on February 20.
2. Lisa Maatz, National Director of Public Policy, will be the National representative to our Convention/Annual Meeting.
3. The best registration rate ends February 3 for the National AAUW Convention in New Orleans June 9-12.
4. The entry deadline for the AAUW art contest is February 4. You can vote every six days online at aauw.org between February 8 and March 8.

Officers' Reports

1. Newsletter Editor (Pat Maben)

Ninety-five newsletters were mailed in December. None were returned. Newsletter expenses were \$104.37 for printing, \$7.99 for mailing seals, and tax of \$7.87 (7%) for a total of \$120.23. Postage was \$61.00.

2. College/University Partnerships

Karyl Lyne asked everyone to contact their local college or university to establish a partnership with AAUW and also to promote the NCCWSL scholarships.

3. AAUW Funds (Mary Tyler Browne)

Donations for the period 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012 total \$9,650: Albuquerque \$1,165, Carlsbad \$400, Grant County \$170, Las Cruces \$2,733, Las Vegas \$825, Los Alamos \$2,062, Santa Fe \$1,330, Socorro \$50, West Mesa \$330, New Mexico Online \$250 and AAUW New Mexico \$335.

4. Historian (Bonnie Rutherford)

Bonnie asked that each branch post their newsletters on the internet so she can get them to put into the archives.

5. Branch Project Grants (Mary Sandford)

Mary Sandford will make the change in Policies and Procedures to show the change in name to Branch Project Grants. This was voted on at the October meeting. All the money budgeted for Branch Project Grants was awarded at the Fall Workshop in October. There will be no grants given in the spring. Money will again be available in the fall and applications are due to Mary Sandford by October 1st. Branches may apply for grants up to \$200. Instructions are in the AAUW-NM Policies and Procedures. More information will be available in the summer.

6. Web Mistress (Lina Germann)

Lina encouraged all branches to use the National template for their web sites, and recommended that branches without a web site make one.

Branch Reports

1. Online

Mary Sandford reported that the online members are well informed about AAUW issues.

2. Los Alamos (Natalie Markin)

Stephanie Garcia Richard (D), teacher and winner of the Legislative District 43 election, spoke to the branch in November. She is especially interested in education issues.

At the Holiday Luncheon at the Ranch de Chimayo, Ellen Mouris Bond spoke to us about Self Help, a non-profit organization that helps those in need in northern New Mexico by providing crisis intervention, case management, advocacy, seed grants and educational grants. Members of the branch handed out gift cards to Smith Grocery to help those in need. The annual pre-legislative session in January was a joint meeting with the League of Women Voters. A fundraiser in February for AAUW Funds-LAF will be a showing of the film "The Invisible War" at the Jeannette Wallace Hall at UNM-LA.

In March the third Start Smart workshop will be presented at UNM-LA.

April will be an international night with the Great Decisions study group and Dorothy Sheener (international affairs expert) discussing Myanmar and South East Asia. Dorothy has visited Myanmar, formerly called Burma, and read extensively on the country.

A spring membership tea will be held in May, and we will also attend a joint meeting of five branches in Santa Fe to hear Mary Carter, Executive Director of the Women's Intercultural Center in Anthony, NM.

3. Albuquerque (Sylvia Fink, Elizabeth Gordon)

At our November meeting several members of the Albuquerque Sister Cities program provided an overview of the program.

The December meeting was a holiday luncheon and silent auction. Music was provided by Jo Margaret Farris. Auction items and cash donations brought in \$779.50. Of that amount, a \$100 donation went to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and another \$100 was donated to the Education Fund.

Dixie Trebbe, Albuquerque Branch and AAUW-NM Public Policy Chair, provided a legislative preview at the January meeting. Members Cheri Burch and Sharon Diamond gave four STEM presentations this month, two for girls and two for adults.

4. Las Vegas

The Branch will be holding a book sale on March 1 at the student center of New Mexico Highlands University. Planning continues for this year's Girls Can project.

5. Carlsbad

The Branch has been busy planning the State AAUW Convention April 19-21.

6. Santa Fe

An ice cream social on September 15 helped connect our new and old members.

In October we had perfect fall weather for a brunch at Tesuque Village followed by a tour of the Shidoni foundry and sculpture garden.

Turquoise prospector and jeweler Todd Brown talked to us about the Ortiz Mountain Preserve in November, followed by a walk in the newest section under construction of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill.

December was an outing for dinner at the San Francisco Bar and Grill, followed by a performance of the Santa Fe Concert Band at the Lensic Theater. Our own Nancy Scheer

is a flautist with the band. Board members and new members were also feted this month at a high tea at the home of Bonnie Berget.

We will co-host a voter forum with the League of Women Voters for Santa Fe School Board candidates in January and again on February 26.

Sharon Snyder, long time member of the Los Alamos Historical Society and author of At Home on the Slopes of Mountains will speak to us in March about her biography of Peggy Pond Church.

In April our speaker will be UNM scholarship recipient Diana Noreen Rivera, who is working on her doctoral degree in English Language and Literature, focusing on Chicano/a and Southwest literatures.

In May we will host an interbranch meeting at IAIA with speaker Mary Carter, director of the Women's Cultural Institute in Anthony, NM.

Monika Ghattas will speak on "Walking Bazaars: Arab Peddlers in New Mexico" at our meeting in June.

We continue our Community Outreach efforts by supporting the Adelante program by Donating school supplies, food, winter jackets and scarves from our knitting group. This program provides SFPS students, siblings, and families in homeless situations with these needed items and also provides weekly programs that include dinner, children's art classes, parent workshops and groceries. We are planning a chili and salad dinner for them on February 7th.

We received an AAUW Project Grant of \$180 to collect new and gently used toys for the children at Esperanza Shelter for victims of domestic abuse. So far we have spent about half of the money and received about \$75 worth of donated items from members. We hope to make the presentation to Esperanza in March.

This month we sponsored a hugely successful Careers and Curiosity in Math and Science event at Salazar Elementary. Thank you to Lina Germann and all who volunteered.

In March some of our members will participate in Expanding Your Horizons, an even for mid-school girls focused on STEM careers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Klenner, Secretary