

AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Fall Workshop & LTM

October 16, 2010

Socorro, NM

Attendance: Jean Bahr-Santa Fe, Ruth Benjamins-Las Cruces, Mary Berry-Las Cruces, Sandra Bradley-Santa Fe, Ted Cooley-Albuquerque, Adrienne Dare-Grant County, Pamela G. Daves-Las Vegas, Sylvia Fink-Albuquerque, Lina Germann-Santa Fe, Roxanne Lara-Carlsbad, Karyl Lyne-Las Vegas, Kay Krehbiel-Socorro, Shila Marek-Carlsbad, Natalie Markin-Los Alamos, Deanise Marta-Las Cruces, Karen Nelson-Carlsbad, Shelley Rossbach-Santa Fe, Mary Sandford-Carlsbad, Virginia Spruiell-Carlsbad, Rita Stopa-Las Cruces, Nina Thayer- Los Alamos/Santa Fe, Helena Whyte-Los Alamos

Guests: Elise Brower-Socorro, Carol Ann Council-Las Cruces, Barbara DuBois-Socorro, Cynthia Fowler-Socorro, Virginia Hawthorn-Socorro, Mimi Salinger-West Mesa, Nancy Scheer-Santa Fe/Los Alamos

9:07 am

1. Call to Order and Announcements:

- Thank you to the Socorro Branch for hosting this meeting.
- Attendees were asked to briefly introduce themselves.
- Dedications-Elizabeth Emigh (Los Alamos Branch) and Amalia Hofberg (Santa Fe Branch).
- The Choice Rally on January 25 has been added to the calendar.
- Motion and reimbursement forms were made available.
- Updated branch president/facilitator and AAUW-NM officer lists were made available.
- Winter *Roadrunner* deadline is November 1st.
- Roster for attendees to mark attendance was circulated.
- Pass and share box was circulated.

2. News from National: Mary shared

- A quote by Karyl Lyne of the Las Vegas, NM Branch is being used by National in their promotions for the 2011 National Convention.
- National asks that we use AAUW as our identifier.
- Branches are asked to help members become familiar with the process for "One Member, One Vote". There will be three ways that members will be able to vote on National issues: use the Internet, submit the paper ballot that will be mailed in the *Outlook*, or vote on site at the convention.

3. Team Building Exercise: Members were asked to complete a quiz matching photos and information about women from the "Women Who Dared" cards.

4. Approval of Minutes: Karyl Lyne moved that the minutes of the Summer LTM held July 31, 2010, in Portales be approved. Sylvia Fink seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

5. Finance Report: Ruth Benjamins distributed the finance report. She pointed out that the budgeted amount under Networking-External support NCCWSL should be \$1500 instead of \$1000 based on the vote at Spring Convention. Also the amount under Advocacy/Legislative Action should now be \$575 based on the e-vote to set aside \$500 for the Coalition for Choice.

6. E-Votes: There were two e-votes taken since the Summer LTM.

- The first was to take the **motion asking for \$500 to be donated to the Coalition for Choice off the table. Results 19 for, 0 against.**
- The second was the **motion to move \$500 from savings to donate to the Coalition for Choice. Results 23 for, 0 against.**

It was explained that the money will not be given directly to the coalition, but will be made available to Dixie Trebbe, our Coalition for Choice representative, to request as needed.

Committee Reports

7. Mentoring: Natalie Markin, Karyl Lyne, and Shelley Rossbach explained that the mentoring workshop to be held during this Fall Workshop has been designed to help our group come up with a structured plan for implementing the AAUW-NM Mentoring Program as described in the second draft of the plan, which was written based upon input from the Summer LTM.

8. 2011 Spring Convention: Adrienne Dare reported on plans for the convention to be held April 15, 16, and 17 in Silver City. The theme for the Convention will be "Why so Few?". One of the authors of this most recent AAUW research report will be our keynote speaker. Roxanne Lara from Carlsbad will be presenting Vision 2020 also.

9. Job Descriptions for AAUW-NM Officers: Helena Whyte, Sylvia Fink, and Natalie Markin, who volunteered to work as a committee to revise the job descriptions for AAUW-NM, reported on the three positions on which they have been working. Natalie Markin reviewed a written draft for the Awards Chair position. Sylvia Fink reviewed a written draft for the AAUW Funds Chair position. Helena Whyte discussed the International Affairs Chair position. After the discussion, the committee was asked to decide on a consistent format and then based on the discussion write the job descriptions. This should be ready to be presented at the Winter LTM in February.

10. Officers' Reports:

- **Presidents:** Shelly gave a report discussing the Leadership Corps and the conference calls in which she and Mary have participated. They will be visiting the Albuquerque Branch in January and the Santa Fe Branch in May. They reminded us that they are willing to travel to branches.
 - **Program VP:** Adrienne Dare discussed her written report and thanked the Socorro Branch and the co-presidents for their help with the workshops for the Fall Workshop.
 - **Membership:** Helena Whyte discussed her written report emphasizing the Webinars that are available to branches for help in maintaining and growing branch membership. She asked that branches review the membership numbers on the report and let her know if they are incorrect.
 - **Academic Chair:** Mary Berry reported on the changes that we may see made by the state legislature in education funding. She also referred to President Obama's education initiative "Race to the Top" which will place much greater emphasis on higher education. She encourages branches to communicate with her about issues and events in their communities.
 - **AAUW Funds:** Lina Germann reported for herself and Rosmarie Frederickson. She brought three motions before the group.
1. **She moved that the formula used for state fundraising undesignated revenue for 2011 be split three ways: one third goes to LAF (#3999), one third goes to AAUW Funds unrestricted (#9110), and one third goes to NCCWSL Scholarship Fund (#2504).** Ted Cooley seconded the motion. **Natalie Markin moved to amend the motion to change the distribution of funds to include 5% of total to be given at the discretion of the AAUW Funds Chair to support other named funds.** Pam Daves seconded the motion. The vote was taken on the amendment. **The amendment passed.** Then the vote was taken on the amended motion. **The motion passed.**
 2. **With the permission of the Santa Fe Branch, she moved to charge \$10.00 for dinner at the LTM in February in Santa Fe as a State AAUW Funds**

fundraiser. Natalie Markin seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

- 3. She moved to hold a silent auction at the LTM in February in Santa Fe as a State AAUW Funds fundraiser.** Deanise Marta seconded the motion. She explained that each branch would be asked to donate an item from their branch. **Karen Nelson moved that we amend the motion to hold the silent auction at the Spring Convention instead of the Winter LTM.** Sylvia Fink seconded the motion. The vote was taken on the amendment, and the **amendment passed.** The vote was then taken on the amended motion, and the **motion passed.**
- **Media:** Rita Stopa gave no report deferring to new business.
 - **Roadrunner:** Deanise Marta reminded the group that the *Roadrunner* deadline is November 1st.
 - **Nominations:** Nina Thayer reminded the group that, according to the bylaws, nominees for the positions of Program Vice-president, Finance Chair, Public Policy Chair, and AAUW Funds Chair will be needed to fill the slate for election at the Spring Convention in April. Branches are encouraged to submit names to one of the nominations committee members—Mimi Salinger, Shila Marek, or Nina Thayer.
 - **Outreach:** Pam Daves reminded the group that February 15, 2011, is the deadline for the Grace Barker Wilson Award nominations. April 2, 2011 is the deadline for the Terry Sleight Ingenious Ideas nominations.
 - **Public Policy:** Dixie Trebbe submitted a written report.
 - **Bylaws:** Pam Daves and Louise Drlik submitted a written report. They are already working with Carlsbad on revising their branch bylaws. They will take care of any necessary actions for other branches as soon as they get the files.
 - **College/University Representative:** Karyl Lyne gave her report on the status of college and university memberships. It is difficult in these hard financial times to ask institutions to spend money on AAUW memberships.
 - **Diversity:** Natalie Markin reported that in her position she worked particularly hard on the Summer LTM in Portales and hopes that branch will be revitalized by that event.
 - **International Affairs:** Shila Marek reported on several important events that are happening around the globe. She asked Carol Ann Council to speak on the status of Women Graduates USA.
 - **Parliamentarian:** Virginia Spruiell gave no report deferring to new business.

11. Branch Reports: The following branch leaders reported for their branches giving an overview of the programs that their branch has had or plans to have during 2010-2011.

- Albuquerque-Sylvia Fink
- Carlsbad-Roxanne Lara (Carlsbad also submitted a written report.)
- Grant Co.-Adrienne Dare She also spoke about how her branch is reorganizing.
- Las Cruces-Deanise Marta
- Los Alamos-Natalie Markin
- Las Vegas-Karyl Lyne
- Online-Helena Whyte She also stated that for one year they have been operating under working rules. Now, with their bylaws about to be completed, they will officially be operating under their own bylaws.
- Santa Fe-Sandra Bradley
- Socorro- Kay Krehbiel
- West Mesa-Mimi Salinger

Unfinished Business

12. AAUW-NM on Facebook: National has set up a page for each of the states on Facebook. Gloria Cordova is in charge of managing AAUW-NM's page. Branches are asked to get information to her for the page. Rita Stopa will be in charge of getting the information from AAUW-NM to her.

13. Membership Committee: So far only Helena Whyte and Karyl Lyne have agreed to be on the Membership Committee. They are still looking for a third person to complete that committee.

14. \$start \$mart: Shelley gave an overview of the information that she has gathered about \$start \$mart. Then she proposed the following:

- **She moved that AAUW-NM formally adopt the \$start \$mart Program (which is a partnership program between AAUW and the WAGE project) and appoint a committee to implement it in New Mexico. The committee is authorized and encouraged to seek grants and donations (including corporate donations) on behalf of AAUW-NM to support the project.** The motion was seconded by Roxanne Lara. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**
- **She moved that we appoint a committee, to be chaired initially by Shelley Rossbach, to implement the \$start \$mart program. Other members of the committee are Sylvia Fink, Nina Thayer, Lina Germann, Roxanne Lara, and Karyl Lyne.** The motion was seconded by Sylvia Fink. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**
- **Nina Thayer moved that AAUW-NM approve up to \$1,000 from savings be used to start and support the \$start \$mart Project in New Mexico.** Karyl seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

New Business

15. Mini-grants: The Grant Review Committee consisting of Nina Thayer, Enid Tidwell, and Phoebe Pierce moves that AAUW-NM approve two Mini-Grants; \$100 to the Las Cruces Branch for one school bus to bring girls to their 15th GIRLS CAN and \$150 to the Los Alamos Branch to support the Los Alamos County "Voters' Guide" for the 2010 elections. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

16. Locations for Future AAUW-NM Meetings: Mary and Shelley put out a call for branches to volunteer to host the 2011 Summer LTM and Fall Workshop. Also a location is needed for the 2012 Spring Convention. Responding to the call, Deanise Marta indicated that Las Cruces has agreed to host the 2012 Spring Convention.

17. Announcements: The following dates were announced.

- *Roadrunner* deadline-November 1, 2010
- Choice Rally-January 25, 2011
- Legislative Day & Winter LTM, Santa Fe-February 13-14, 2011
- Spring Convention, Silver City-April 15-17, 2011
- National Convention, Washington, DC-June 16-19, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Nelson, Recording Secretary