



Minutes
Spring LTM
January 24, 2022
Virtual via Zoom

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Lynn Heffron	Tracy Lassiter
Phyllis Ludi	Cheri Burch
Tracy Lassiter	Anne Chase
Shelley Rossbach	Marsha Hokkanen
Judy McGuire	Mary Byers
Mary Sandford	Barbara Perea-Casey
Kathie Davis	Carol Neal
Meredith Machen	Judyth Prono
Helena Whyte	Anne May
Rebecca Reiss	Karen Love
Ruth Jaure	Londa Seiffert
Kay Brilliant	Enid Tidwell
Sonya Berg	Jeanne Patrick
Louise Yakey	

Meeting called to order at 9:10. Quorum established

Meeting Dedications: Barbara DuBois – Socorro and Albuquerque

Minutes: of October 30, 2021 LTM approved by vote as submitted

Reports:

Finance Report Shelley Rossbach presented the current Financial Report reporting income from dues at \$5,850 and expenses YTD of \$1,281.58. The revised budget based on comments at last LTM was presented by Shelley. Income from AAUW NM dues corrected to match last budget. Judy McGuire announced decrease in cost of Constant Contact subscription due to less than 500 contacts. Shelley proposed a Budget Task Force. Highlighted: Bank balance in excess of \$24,952.19; AAUW previous donations of \$1,000 for “Fair Pay” activities and budget amount allocated to Start Smart. (Report attached)

Membership Report Laura Bemis reported a decrease of 48 members since June 30, 2021. Members suggested this is due to Covid and lack of “in-person” meetings, “aging out”, as well as increase in dues. Becky Reiss noted that NMT has an active student group. Discussion followed regarding eligibility of college student membership. Laura Bemis agreed to research.
(Report attached)

Program Report: _Louise Yakey announced that the AAUW website offers program material for Branches.

Old Business:

Lynn announced that the account with the NM Foundation was canceled as requested, 11/05/2021. Nancy Scheer announced that the Annual Report was filed with the State.

Awards: Mission in Action Award given to Socorro Branch for GRADS program and to Tracy Lassiter for ongoing work with Gallup Branch as speaker at NM History Conference. 2021 Ingenious Ideas Award given to Socorro Branch for Trivia Night program.

Historian: This position is now vacant due to the resignation of Shila Marek. Lynn requested that all historical material be sent to her. Ruth Jaure, Las Cruces Branch Historian, announced that Las Cruces Branch is exploring digital access for future historical documents. Meredith Machen suggested that we compile a list of where all branches store historical material.

Start Smart: Lynn had queried AAUW and Start Smart licenses can only be purchased by a college or university who then selects the presenter. She also learned that AAUW has not formatted Start Smart in Spanish.

Tech Trek: Helena Whyte announced that Tech Trek is planned for June 19-25 in-person at NMT. There is an alternate plan should a residential camp not be possible due to a resurgence of Covid._Tech Trek leadership will reach out to Branch Presidents for help should regional classes be necessary.

<Break for speaker Charlotte Madueno, Interim Executive Director NM Commission on the Status of Women>

Nominations: Kathie Davis reported that we still need a Co-President and VP for Membership. The other officers have each accepted another 2-year term.

Constant Contact: Can Constant Contact have a generic login for Branches to use? After significant research and discussion with Phyllis Ludi we recommend that Constant Contact only be used for the Roadrunner, announcements and letters to all members.

New Business:

Public Policy: Meredith Machen reported on the outcome of the recent 30-day Legislature. The top priority was Education at all levels. Meredith noted that 50% of the State budget addresses current AAUW NM Priority Positions: public education that promotes gender

fairness, equity, diversity and inclusion; economic security for all women; equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive social justice system.

Meredith highlighted the importance of the advocate role (was lobby core) and defined member do's and don'ts when advocating at the legislature.

AAUW NM Proposed Public Policy Priorities for 2021-2023 received a unanimous vote to adopt as presented. Jan 23, 2022

Meredith also reminded the LT that AAUW is Non-partisan, but political. Meredith referred members present to the AAUW Policy as discussed in this short Power Point presentation.



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Meredith stated that a letter to the 55th Legislature will be signed by AAUW NM, League of Women Voters, NAACO and Santa Fe NOW. The letter will be in support of the proposed 22-23 Budget recommendations from the Legislative Finance Committee and the Executive.

<lunch 12:00 – 12:30>

Followed by speakers Dr. Rebecca Alvarez and Charlotte Madueno discussing “Violence Against Native Women in New Mexico.”

Other Business: Meredith announced the availability of a Title V Endowed Scholarship through the Santa Fe Community College, a 501c3 organization. Money is not yet available until the fund reaches \$5000 by November 2022. The focus will be scholarships for Hispanic students. It was noted that SFCC is a college member of AAUW NM. Significant discussion followed regarding AAUW NM attaching our name to a scholarship, what procedures will be needed, is the money only available for SFCC attendance? Following further discussion, The SF Branch will assume oversight of the SFCC Scholarship Foundation.

AAUW NM Awards: Legacy of Leadership award is presented in even years to a past president. Motion made and seconded to present two awards this year. Motion amended to present the award to three individuals. Motion passed. Sonya Berg, Nancy Scheer and Karyl Lyne were nominated and approved for the award. Motion made and seconded to exceed the budgeted amount for this award. Motion passed.

Officer and Branch Reports: Branch reports were sent in advance and highlighted by members present. Mary Sandford presented an interesting Academic report (attached)

Constant Contact Updates: Judy McGuire requested updates and corrections to member data in Constant Contact, especially new members during the year.

Announcement: The State AAUW NM convention will be held in Socorro at NMTech. Housing and registration information will be provided in the Roadrunner. Julia Brown will be the Keynote Speaker.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm

Judy McGuire

Secretary

Date of approval