

AAUW TC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 15, 2024

9:09 AM – 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89197240375?pwd=eG5aS3d1dHZIZHdvYlJDQXcrUmpCdz09>

Attending: Amy Shamroe, *Co-President*; Leanne Baumeier, *Co-President*; Darlene Garland, *Hospitality Chair*; Susan Hughes, *Co-Treasurer*; Betsy Moore, *Co-Treasurer*; Amy Gibson, *Communications Chair*; Joan Sullivan, *Membership VP*; Chris Walter, *Secretary*

Unable to attend: Betty Lien, *Scholarship Chair*

Meeting called to order at 9:06 am by Co-President Amy Shamroe; Agenda approved

Agenda:

1. **Approval of September 11, 2023 minutes** – Minutes will be adjusted, sent and approved at March meeting.
2. **Financial Update** – July through December 2023 Finance Reports were presented to members via email and reviewed by Susan Hughes and Betsy Moore. Financial reports accepted as presented.
3. **Hospitality / Programs – All**
Discussion centered on location, costs and attendance. Attendance at all program and event meetings has declined. When selecting venues, we need to consider:
 - Neutral locations,
 - Cost,
 - Room size and tables set-up,
 - Clearly communicating complete details of each meeting/event in publications, and
 - Clearly identifying as an AAUW TC Branch event (could look into banners).

Comments favored Janis Room at Dennon Museum for Fall Brunch, December Holiday party that typically includes a silent auction, and Spring event. The December 2023 Holiday party (*held at Bethlehem Lutheran*), attended by about 20 people, reaped Silent Auction proceeds of \$546.55. In addition, people donated \$110 to defray the \$112.92 costs of the food. Janis room is now reserved for the April 2 general meeting and May 7 meeting/election of officers. **Reminder:** *AAUW TC enjoys a favored rate for Janus rental because of Leanne's affiliation with NMC.*

Rental costs will be checked and compared (Janis @\$34/hour).

4. **NCCWSL – National Conference for College Women and Student Leaders - Leeanne**
Will be held May 31-June 1 at Univ of Maryland. Branch has some funds and wants to send students who can write and submit an essay to possibly receive an AAUW National scholarship; Branch expenses would then be less. Last year a State coordinated bus was \$300/person, so most booked an airlight. Leeanne will promote the event within NWC; There is lots of excitement for young women leaders.
5. **Scholarship Update** – open right now; Spread the word, publicize; Amy will update the website and Newsletter, will send the link to Board members so we can share with others.
6. **Officer Search 2024-25** – Terms ending June/July 2024 are for Co-Presidents and Co-Treasurers. Much gratitude to Leeanne, Amy, Susan, and Betsy. All must participate in recruiting and letting people know that the officer positions are much easier and not as time-consuming due to enhanced materials - Spreadsheet templates are available, Monthly forms, Annual Budget; Other officers have established Virtual drives with folders; All positions are much lighter loads than before. Set up Nominating Committee now, Leeanne and Amy will oversee.
7. **Added item – ATHENA - Amy**
\$3000 sponsor was Morsels (now a closed TC business); Amy has recruited new sponsors, has meetings scheduled; May 16 is still the date. Everything is set up to accept awardee nominations.
8. **Confirm future board meeting dates**
March 11, 2024
May 7 Program and Annual Meeting for election of new officers
June 10, Budget Meeting in person if possible with refreshments (date could change);
9. **Closing Reflections from Amy** - our small but mighty group of officers and Branch members can stay focused on continuing the important Mission of AAUW.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted, Chris Walter, Branch Secretary