

AAUW TC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2024
9:09 AM – 10:00 AM

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

Unable to attend: Betty Lien, *Scholarship Chair*; Betsy Moore, *Co-Treasurer*

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

Agenda:

1. **Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2023, Revised and January 15, 2024 –**
Accepted as presented.
2. **Financial Update – Susan** sent January and February reports in advance; She reported that both scholarships have been paid, so that balance will become \$0. Reports accepted as presented. **Confirmed Budget Meeting June 10, 9 AM – 11 AM, location at NMC, TBA –**
Need to start notifying Committee Chairs to send Budget needs to Susan or Betsy.
3. **Board Recruitment – Amy Shamroe** invited some leadership members to a meeting for ideas; Leads will be pursued, but President, Finance, and Program positions are needed. Cindy Hull serves in Public Policy, could be declared officially in that position; she recently put a proclamation together for City Council. Amy asked if other Board members are keen on other positions? No takers. Amy Gibson mentioned there were some who were interested in the branch getting involved in some kind of STEM programming. Amy Shamroe has learned that the Grand Traverse Children's Museum could be a great opportunity to investigate further for AAUWTC to support their efforts financially and maybe with volunteers as well. It will be important to assess what STEM activities exist in the area and collaborate.
4. **Spring Programs – Amy Gibson** reported that Anne Magoun will find someone to present on a Vote topic for April; Mardi Link from T R-E will speak on “One Woman Asking Questions” and sell her books in May. Both held in Janus Room at Dennen; Refreshments TBD; May is also the Annual Meeting, with Elections taking about 10 minutes; Darlene mentioned people did not expect food, they come in time for the speaker; Meeting start 5 PM, Election 5:30 pm, Speaker starts 5:45 pm, finished by 6:30, no emphasis on food, if people linger a lot,

we would get charged (Reservation includes arriving 5 pm, leave 6:30 pm). Program Chair responsibilities next year could be configured differently to share the work.

5. **State Convention/State and National Elections** – Canton, MI May 10, 11 – Conference on Saturday is completed by mid-afternoon. Encourage others to attend to engage with AAUW to be more connected to State and National. Susan added there are funds available from the Murray fund for travel; Budget provides for officers to attend – Travel and registration. Amy encourages it would be great to see TC represented, total attendance is about 100.
6. **June Outing** – Amy is looking at a Thursday or Friday afternoon in June, for a tour of Grocers Daughter; Sandwich options available across the street.
7. **Athena Awards Update - Amy Shamroe**

May 9, 2024 at Cathedral Barn, 5-7 pm – Rental includes Brew Bus transportation from parking sites. My Secret Stash (Karen Hilt owner) is our Presenting sponsor and an invoice was sent to her 3/6 for payment. Amy met with Kay Paye, Director of Cherry Festival (3/5) and the organization will also sponsor, level TBD. Other businesses will be pursued; Caterer and Bar service have been contacted. Nomination form is being built (Angie Morgan helping); OTP Deb Jackson hosts ticket sales, might go Live this week; Month-long window for nominations. If we sell 125 tix we'll be in good shape (currently debit of \$5800), i.e. will be even; A lot of movement in the next several weeks is expected. Talk this up in Study Groups and with friends. May send a special e-Blast to membership. Pat Lewellen is helping with recruitment for set-up. Have an Emcee new to TC. Need to ID Ambassadors –people to encourage attendance and “Sponsor” a table, etc. Agree to buy 10 tickets, \$100 per ticket. To sponsor the Athena Award AAUW TC needs to pay a licensing and member organization fee - \$2600 including the Award itself, which is beautiful (Approval given at Sept 11, 2023 Board meeting to spend up to \$3,000 for this event). In future each charge can be line-itemed. Other winners are excited to do sponsorship and be there – 25th anniversary of the TC event. Judges will hopefully be LeeAnne, previous winner Jean Derenzy, and Brandie Ekren, Ex. Dir. of Light & Power; Nominations done by mid-April; Announce finalists, then announce winner at event.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted, Chris Walter, Branch Secretary