

AAUW
November Board Meeting
November 11, 2024
9:00 am – 10:35 am
Traverse City Country Club

Minutes

Attending: Jean Zerges, *President*; Chris Walter, *Recording Secretary*; Amy Gibson, *Communications Chair*; Carol Evans, *Program VP*; Laura Higgins, *Financial Officer*; Darlene Garland, *Hospitality*; Joan Sullivan, *Membership VP*

Welcome - Jean

Secretary - Chris

Approval of September Minutes – Approved as Written

Finance - Laura

- Received \$93 donations at Oct meeting. If we continue to receive at least \$80-\$85 per meeting, we should stay on budget
- Donation to National – November is when we pay \$500 which is budgeted (Laura will check with Betsy, previous financial Officer, re: designation of these funds)
- Book Sale - \$343.10 on one day, Farmer Market
- Early Career Stipend – Discussed a discounted membership for those under 40 years old as an additional way to recruit young professionals and to encourage *young* pros to join without the cost; Could we budget for this? Available, New this year, on the Renewal Form; Laura will develop guidelines; We can't discount National dues, but we can subsidize to encourage younger members

Membership - Joan

- Discuss new tablecloth – A new one is needed, with AAUW logo, smaller; Use current oval one at Book Sale
- New Directory - Joan, Judith Weaver, Laura, Amy met; Content and Names have been pruned and edited, will be available soon
Picture and Month and Day of birth added - Tabled

Special Interest Groups

- Sandy Seppala - Needlers Group – No information at this time
- Judith Weaver - International Affairs Forum Discussion Group – Not discussed
- STEM group met – Laura reported Community listening sessions (Wed Nov 13, 6:30 pm at TADL) will be held to develop a STEM Action Plan (Ann Freeman, Ginger Hinchcliff and Laura are involved); Plan to be complementary to existing programs; Will meet in December with United Way staff to learn more about who is operating in the STEM space in our area and what they are working on

Monthly Meetings – Carol

- Who could we partner with to bring a “big name” speaker? – Zonta, LWV, Cherry Republic and other businesses (for Debbie Stabenow, champion for agriculture)
- November meeting with Karen Segal is set – Night Readers will provide refreshments; Jean and Carol will make announcements, focusing on upcoming meetings, State update from Amy Shamroe; Interest Group Moment as a rule at each meeting; Ice Breaker at each Table while eating, prior to larger Welcome
- Potential January speaker –TBACU on Scams OR Lunch Out is being considered, Country Club possible location - Jan 20; **Note:** Post meeting, a separate date for Lunch is preferred; Feb could be a Zoom speaker
- December at Community Room Bethlehem Lutheran, 2nd Saturday Dec 14, 1-3 pm – Asking for 5 Holiday Hors-d'oeuvres and 5 Desserts (Have Sign up Sheet at November meeting); Darlene will decorate tables in advance; Jean is sending holiday notes – Dulcimer group Hammer'd, Perhaps a Skit, Poetry Reading; Best Holiday Outfit, Holiday Refreshments (See in Hospitality below)

Hospitality - Darlene

November – Night Readers

December - Holiday Party

Holiday Market will feature Pre-Priced items – Bring items by 12:30 pm - Baked goods, Homemade jams, Pickles, Tea and a Book, Italian Dinner Sauce, Pasta & Wine; Cheese, Crackers, Wine; Coffee Basket; Chocolate; Bean Soup; Cookie Mixes, etc; Spa Items, Gift Certificates, Donations from Local Vendors, Art Items

Auction items – Not this year

Old Business

We were not approved for Shop Your Community Way

Still looking for a College/ University Liaison -

New Business

Public Policy Chair – Possibly Ginger Hinchcliff, Bonnie Spanier – Cindy to help

Respectfully submitted, Chris Walter, Scribe (Recording Secretary)

Attachments: Financial Report, Draft Guidelines

AAUW-TC FINANCE REPORT

October 31, 2024

Beginning checkbook balance \$21,039.07			
	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NOTES
MEMBER DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
National & State Dues	\$87.00	\$196.00	2 expired memberships pd to AAUW
Branch Dues	\$11.00		
Donations to Murray Fund			
Scholarship Donations			
FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS			
Oct Meeting donations 10/21/2024	\$93.00		
HOSPITALITY/PROGRAMS			
OUTREACH/SCHOLARSHIPS			
BRANCH ADMINISTRATION			

TRANSFERS			
DIVIDEND	\$0.89		
TOTALS	\$191.89	\$196.00	
General Fund (w/o scholarship allocation) \$19,034.96			
Scholarship Allocation Balance* \$2,000.00			
General Fund Balance \$21,034.96			
Ending Checkbook Balance \$21,034.96			
Outstanding Checks			
TBAU Statement Balance \$21,034.96			
	Beginning Balance	Dividend & Transfer	Ending Balance
TBA CREDIT UNION---- MURRAY FUND	\$3,243.19	\$0.12	\$3,243.31
TBA CREDIT UNION SAVINGS	\$10,348.79	\$98.00^	\$10,446.79

^One membership inadvertently deposited to Savings. Was transferred back to main checking on 11/1/2024.

* Scholarship Allocation: \$4k authorized for AAUW-TC #1 & #2 in FY24 (\$2k per scholarship) and held in the allocation starting 7/1/24.

Payable in FY25 after enrollment in 9+ cr. hrs. for fall and spring semesters is confirmed.

Finance Report from Laura Higgins, AAUWTC Financial Officer

From Laura Higgins, 11/12/24:

DRAFT Guidelines for:

- **AAUW-TC Early-Career Stipend**
- **AAUW-TC Young Professionals Discount**

Goal of these programs:

- Encourage and grow AAUW-TC membership with new college graduates and early-career professionals by removing or reducing the economic barrier to membership.

Guidelines for AAUW-TC Early-Career Stipend

- Available to prospective members who have recently graduated from college (within the past 10 years) or are currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program.
- The Stipend will pay full membership fees (local, state and national) for up to 2 years.
- Two stipends will be available annually. Recipients will be awarded stipends on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Recipients will have their memberships renewed by the Finance Officer. No Branch funds will be given directly to stipend recipients.
- Stipend will be funded via fundraising efforts and combined with the existing Murray Fund that financially assists with women's leadership training/meeting costs.

Guidelines for AAUW-TC Young Professionals Discount:

- AAUW-TC members under 40 years of age are eligible for a 50% discount on membership dues:
 - Young Professionals pay our Branch \$49.00, AAUW-TC subsidizes \$49.00
 - Local dues \$11 (\$5.50 paid by member, \$5.50 paid by AAUW-TC)
 - State dues \$15 (\$7.50 paid by member, \$7.50 paid by AAUW-TC)
 - National dues \$72.00 (\$36 paid by member, \$36 paid by AAUW-TC)
- Members in this category will remit the discounted portion of their dues along with the membership/renewal form to the Finance Officer to have their memberships processed. No Branch funds will be given directly to discount recipients.
- Discount will be funded via fundraising efforts and combined with the existing Murray Fund that financially assists with women's leadership training/meeting costs.

Application for Programs:

- Both the stipend and the discount will be listed as options on the New Member and Membership Renewal forms. Interested parties need simply check the box for the program they are interested in and return the form to Membership/Finance. Membership will inform stipend recipients of whether they have been granted an available stipend or not.
- Neither of these programs can be administered via on-line membership or on-line renewal (which go through our national AAUW admin). Must be handled through the Branch.