

AAUW  
Weather Postponed December Board Meeting  
December 4, 2024, Zoom Meeting  
4:00 pm – 5:20 pm  
Minutes

*The mission of AAUW-TC is to advance equity for women and girls in the Grand Traverse Bay Area by offering scholarships for educational opportunities, workshops, and leadership training.*

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

**Absent:** Joan Sullivan, *Membership VP*; Darlene Garland, *Hospitality*

**Welcome** – Jean Zerges

**Secretary** - Chris Walter

Approval of November Minutes – Laura moved to accept the Minutes, all approved.

**Financial Officer** – Laura Higgins

1. Monthly Report – Included in Minutes; Received \$95 donations at November meeting
2. Anonymous donation \$500 on Square (minus Square's take), Nov 17
3. Paid \$500 to Greatest Need Fund to national AAUW
4. Natalie Anderson received 2<sup>nd</sup> check of \$1,000/scholarship
5. Sent AG reports to State of Michigan, Susan Hughes reviewed; All required reports filed
6. Checkbook balance = \$20, 430.75

**Review Draft proposal - Early Career Stipend and Young Professionals**

**Membership Discount** – Can use the Murray Fund to support this and as a holding fund; The STEM Project will also be an enticement for young members. All were in favor of establishing the two discounts now, so that current members are aware and can invite new potential members.

**Action:** Amy and Laura will write text for the January 2025 Newsletter.

### **December Gathering – Carol Evans**

Review plans for the Holiday Party – Saturday, December 14, 1-3 pm, Community Room, Bethlehem Lutheran

Darlene will arrive at 11:00 am to start setting up, decorating tables

1. Logistics and Pricing of Donated Items for purchase or Silent Auction items  
- People give general value of “baskets” and the pricing committee will use that or increase \$5+; 2 separate areas – Sweets & Treats, less expensive; and the “Baskets” or Gift Certificates are Silent Auction Items –\$30 would be minimum
2. Laura will serve as Cashier
3. Nan Horstman will introduce entertainment
4. Carol will introduce the activity, possibly an ice breaker – Famous Women “on back”, go around asking questions to find out
5. Enjoy refreshments
6. Market opens around 1:30 pm
7. Most Festive Dress – Amy will select several people, then attendees vote, Prize?
8. Members and Invited guests will be entered into drawings for 2 Traverse City “Bucks” Gift Card (from Hospitality Budget)

### **Hospitality – Darlene Garland, unable to attend today**

1. 2 more appetizers and desserts are needed – Laura will purchase Small eclairs; Chris will bring 1 Veggie appetizer
2. Cups for water are needed
3. Jean will make crockpots of Swamp Soup

### **Old business**

1. Representative for the College/University Liaison – In progress
2. Public Policy Chairman – Jean would like suggestions for who she could call
3. Flower Power – Amy will assist - Tabled

### **New Business**

Set January Board Meeting for Mon Jan 6, 9 AM – Will schedule around Amy's availability; Or meet with her separately in person  
Discuss February lunch or Dinner - Tabled

**Athena** – Amy Shamroe reported to Jean she could come to a Zoom meeting in January; Need a Chair and Committee ASAP; Coach a co-chair to take it over for next year; Ask LeeAnn to be on Committee, also Betty Lien, Karen Segal, Judy Weaver, last year's winner; We need to know what responsibilities are.

**Note:** Post meeting Jean sent 2024 Athena Budget Report and 2025 Proposed Budget, that was approved at June 2024 meeting.

**Website – Amy** - Working on it, improving it; This year was our branch's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we missed noting and celebrating that; We could start working on some great ideas to celebrate the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Membership** – Action Step: Check into free memberships from National

Meeting adjourned 5:20 pm

Respectfully submitted, Chris Walter, Recording Secretary

# AAUW-TC FINANCE REPORT

November 30, 2024

Beginning checkbook balance \$21,034.96			
	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NOTES
<b>MEMBER DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
National & State Dues	\$174.00	\$98.00	L. Macintosh rejoined.
Branch Dues	\$22.00		
Donations to Murray Fund			
Scholarship Donations	\$11.00		
<b>FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS</b>			
Nov Meeting donations 11/18/2024	\$95.00		
Square donation 11/17/2024	\$485.20		\$500 donation minus \$14.80 Square fee
11/02/2024 Book Sale at the Mercato	\$343.10		
<b>HOSPITALITY/PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>OUTREACH/SCHOLARSHIPS</b>			
FY25 Budgeted Branch donation to AAUW GNF (11/12/24)		\$500.00	
AAUW-TC Branch Scholarship (N. Anderson) 2nd payment		\$1,000.00	
<b>BRANCH ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Member Directory Printing		\$ 137.38	
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
DIVIDEND	\$0.87		
TOTALS	\$1,131.17	\$1,735.38	
General Fund (w/o scholarship allocation) \$19,430.75			
Scholarship Allocation Balance* \$1,000.00			
General Fund Balance \$20,430.75			
Ending Checkbook Balance \$20,430.75			
Outstanding Checks \$1,000.00			
TBAU Statement Balance \$21,430.75			
	Beginning Balance	Dividend & Transfer	Ending Balance
TBA CREDIT UNION---- MURRAY FUND	\$3,243.31	\$0.12	\$3,243.43
TBA CREDIT UNION SAVINGS	\$10,446.79	\$98.00^	\$10,348.79

\*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.

