

AAUW TC Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday September 5, 2024  
9:00 AM – 10:02 AM  
MINUTES – APPROVED October 9, 2024

Zoom meeting -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86245631025?pwd=u7dKESaPtoLc0astIIM75PhuxkVmbd.1>

Attending: **Jean Zerges**, *President*, (Joined by phone); **Chris Walter**, *Recording Secretary*; **Joan Sullivan**, *Membership VP*; **Amy Gibson**, *Communications Chair*; **Carol Evans**, *Program VP*; **Laura Higgins**, *Financial Officer*

**Agenda**

**1. Review plans for the September Meeting**

Carol Evans – suggested an **Agenda** be developed for the Fall Kickoff Brunch Meeting Sept 14 at Bethlehem Lutheran Community Room. Following discussion, the proposed Agenda, Including some Logistics, is:

**Member Nametag Table / Sign In** – Joan Sullivan

**Brunch Set Up** - Hot Quiche, Darlene Garland, Hospitality Chair; Additional contributions (Fruit, etc) by Lunchin' Around and other Interest Groups; Darlene also has paper products and beverages organized.

**Tables will be set** with placemats & an Ice Breaker activity developed by Program Hostess for the day, Nan Horstman (recruited by Carol Evans who cannot attend)

**Welcome** – Jean Zerges

**Brunch is Self-Service** – Members enjoy and engage with the Ice Breaker activity

**Interest Group Presentations** – Nan Horstman and Interest Group Reps

- Interest Group Sign Up Sheets will be at Nametag Table (Joan will bring)

**Potential presenters:**

**Pat Lewallen**- Lunchin' Around

**Shirley Murray** - Bridge Group  
**Joyce Jasinski**- Verna Mae Daytime Book Group  
**Bonnie Willings**- Monday Evening Book Study  
**Cindy Hull** - Night Readers  
**Shirley Murray**- Poetry Group

Sandy Seppala- Talkin' Cancer

Laura Higgins- Possible additional groups such as STEM Group

**Potential New STEM group & Possible alignment with Great Lakes Children's Museum** – Laura Higgins

Encourage other new Interest Groups

**Donation jar, Placed appropriately** – NOTE: Not expected, but appreciated, Laura will manage this

**Announcement of Marge Eckert's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** – Amy?

**Review Fall Programs** – Nan? (Emphasis on Women as Influencers)

October 21, 6-8 pm Janis Room, Dennon – Jean Derenzy

November 18, 6-8 pm, Janis Room, Dennon – Karen Puschl

December 14, 1-3 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Community Room, Holiday Party

**Just FYI:**

- Monday, January 20th 6-8 p.m Zoom
- Monday, February 17, 6-8 pm Zoom
- Monday, March 17th 6-8 pm Janis Room, Speaker meeting
- Monday, April 21st 6-8 pm Janis Room, Speaker meeting
- Saturday, May 10th, time TBD, Bethlehem Lutheran Community Room, Annual meeting

**Pre-Publicity Monday Sept 9 will stress** - Each one Bring One –Jean will send an Email Blast to Interest Groups and Amy will do a Constant Contact email Blast

**2. Finance Report – Laura**

Laura is two months into this position and appreciates help from Betsy & Susan (previous Co-Treasurers). August 31, 2024 Finance Report is attached to this Minutes Email.

**Highlights:** Not a lot of expenditures, Scholarship checks were cut and have been cashed; LARA filing to State completed; Renewed Zoom license and paid rental fee for P.O. Box. Current Fund & Checkbook Balance = \$20,981.02; Expenses = \$458.49; Murray Fund = \$3,223.12; TBACU Savings = \$10,348.29.

Laura sends Thank you notes to members who donate extra money for the branch when they pay dues or at other times. Room rentals coming up, Dennon & Bethlehem (\$60 each time for the room; And an extra \$60 for kitchen use – not until December).

3. **Representative for the College/University Liaison** – Replacement for Leanne Baumeler; Possibly Judy Chiu, Communications Dept, is a Member, Carol Evans will ask. Could emeritus/retired people be considered? Or other staff, who can be asked to become AAUW members?
4. **Flower Power Shop Your Way** –\$49.60 income this past year; Leanne Baumeler was the contact and is no longer; Interest in continuing? Will revisit.
5. **Shopping Day in TC in November** – We may need to apply; Jean will ask Amy Shamroe how to proceed.
6. **Additional Discussion:**
  - A. Tabled for next meeting – further discussion about Silent Auction at December meeting; Perhaps survey members – **NOTE:** Food donations are a big hit!
  - B. Jean will pursue getting a room for Board mtgs at TADL – No food, can have beverages; Dates – Oct 9, Nov 11 & Dec 2; Will assess whether there's a need for a Board Mtg.
  - C. Amy reported that Newsletter reading has increased; Perhaps spotlight articles on New or current Members.
  - D. Carol asked how much it costs to join - \$98, Online or download the pdf in Newsletter, print and send in; Forms will be at Check In table Sept 14.
  - E. Need a Ride? Send request to AAUW email address; Volunteers for Picking people up – Mention at our meetings and in Newsletter

Respectfully submitted, Chris Walter, Recording Secretary