

AAUW Traverse City Area Branch

DRAFT Annual Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2025, 12:00 Noon

Bethlehem Community Room

Opening of Business Meeting

Following lunch at 12:00 noon, President Jean Zerges called the meeting to order at 12:34 PM with a quorum present. She welcomed over 40 members plus several guests, new members and the Minnie Votruba Scholarship winner. Jean then introduced current Board members and Joan Sullivan, Membership VP introduced new branch members. Care and concern was expressed for Marlene Smith, Scholarship Chair, who was recently injured in a car/bike accident.

Chris Walter, Recording Secretary, explained that the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held May 7, 2024, were reviewed by Anne Magoun and Joan Sullivan. Corrections were made. Those Minutes were distributed electronically to the membership in a recent Newsletter. Chris asked if there are any further corrections. Hearing non, the Minutes of May 7, 2024 Business Meeting are accepted and will be filed on the Branch Website and archived. This year's annual meeting Minutes will be reviewed by Laura Higgins and Bonnie Willings.

Annual Reports and Announcements

Jean referred members to the printed copies of the ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2026 Women Matter, which includes reports of all officers and special projects. Laura Higgins gave a brief announcement about the proposed Branch STEM project, that will feature a Lending Library of STEM books at the Great Lakes Children's Museum. In Marlene Smith's absence, Cindy Hull announced this year's \$2,000 Scholarship winners: Alexandria Dubois (GVSU), Desiree Morgan (NMC), and Lydia Bissonette (GVSU), who was in attendance and gave an enlivened presentation with gratitude. Further details can be viewed on the AAUW TC website www.aauwtc.org.

Election and Appointments of Officers

Nominating Committee Chair Shirley Murray presented Cathy Wallach for Membership VP who was elected.

AAUW TC Board 2025-26:

Elected

President, Jean Zerges; **Membership VP**, Cathy Wallach; **Finance Officer**, Laura Higgins; **Recording Secretary**, Chris Walter; **Program VP**, Carol Evans; **Member-at-Large** Lauren Johnson

Appointed

Public Policy TBD; **Scholarships** Marlene Smith; **Communications**, Amy Gibson; **College/University Liaison**, Alison Thornton; **Hospitality**, Darlene Garland; **Corresponding Secretary** Pat Lewallen, **Books for Schools** Suzanne Sorkin, **Nominating Committee** Shirley Gibson, Mary Lou Deutsch

Remaining Business

Out going Membership VP Joan Sullivan was recognized and appreciated for her four years of service. Long-time member, Book Sale Champion and Volunteer Extraordinaire Shirley Murray was appreciated for her many years of service and leadership.

Business meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.