

## AAUW Minutes from February 3, 2011 Council Meeting

**Those present:** Beverly Cooper, Natalie Markin, Pat Mendius (hostess), Nina Thayer, Helena Whyte and Rozelle Wright.

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Natalie Markin at 7:32 P.M.

### **Old Business:**

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

We were told about the Breaking Through Barriers Award of \$3000 for chapters who have presented a program that might qualify. Natalie Markin asked if we had a program we felt we could submit for the award.

We were told to pay attention to AAUW action notes that we receive via email which concern vital issues such as education and vouchers that would affect the funding and quality of public education.

There was an issue concerning children's books printed before 1985 that contained lead. Children less than 12 years of age should use caution with such books.

### **Membership:**

We presently have 65 members. We may get more on the first of March.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The numbers are appended. Rozelle reported that we purchased a banner, paid for women in science and paid one-half to the League of Women Voters for Fuller Lodge rental for their candidates' program. She questioned whether we still owed LWV \$150 for the cost of the voter's guide they publish. Rozelle will have to move money from another account to pay for more program expenses than was allotted. That was accepted by the council.

### **Public Policy:**

Nina Thayer will email to get a group to attend Legislative Day on Monday, February 14, 2011. Those attending will leave at 7:45 AM and return about 3 PM from Santa Fe. There is a big issue that she felt we need to deal with which would be the lack of funding with the new governor of the NM Commission on the Status of Women. Dixie Trebbe wrote supporting the commission (she is the AAUW NM Public Policy Chair) and Nina wrote a letter to our local representative, Jeanette Wallace to support its continuance. The commission encourages women and girls to attend school in order to live better lives. We want the new governor to know that Los Alamos AAUW supports this issue.

Helena Whyte received a report that AAUW branches contributed \$3590.60 for LAF, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and Corinne Wolfe as per a fundraiser.

### **Program:**

Nina wants publicity from the Monitor for the Chautauqua program coming on February 16, 2011.

The program on Turkey was good and well attended with 30 people coming.

Rosmarie Frederickson did a wonderful job with the science fair and we awarded 7 prizes to deserving youngsters on behalf of AAUW.

The February 16, 2011 program will take place at the First United Methodist Church. We will have the room from 7 PM and Louise Mendius and Jane Sherwood will help with set up but we wanted information as to what set up is needed. Rozelle will send a \$30 check to the church for use of the room and facilities.

Deanise Marta will present a program on women's suffrage the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We discussed where to have our meetings because of various difficulties associated with each venue.

On April 12, 2011, we will have Mah Jong Night and lessons at 7:30 PM at the Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church. Mona Wecksung will teach with help from Helena and Rozelle. There will be a free will donation for those who wish to do so. We hope this might lead to mah jong nights to be used as an AAUW fundraiser like bridge used to be.

May 6 will feature the Spring Tea where we will host Joan Logghe, poet laureate.

We decided to not purchase AAUW stationary any longer because the buildings featured on it were not longer part of the town (demolished) and notes were used very infrequently.

Marilyn Treiman is an Honorary Life Member and has received her certificate.

There are no nominees this year for the Grace Barker Award.

Nina suggested putting up some of our members as Living Treasures who we feel deserve the honor. Bev Cooper said she would talk to her friend Marilyn Doolen about it as Marilyn had been on the selection committee for that.

We cannot find a nominating committee chair. We may decide not to have a chair and each of the council may have to call members to serve. Natalie, Rozelle and Bev are all staying on the council another year.

Let's Read Math is underway. A session will take place on February 24, 2011 at UNMLA. Four people are needed to set up. Bev Cooper asked if the program could be done for the summer at both libraries which was agreed to. The topic will be "How Big is a Foot".

There will be on February 13, 2011 a leadership training by Dixie Trebbe at 12:45 PM for people to learn how to approach the legislators before the next day's legislative event.

Nina spoke about a new directive out of national AAUW called Start Smart which is directed at college women at the junior and senior levels. It will teach them how to negotiate salaries to alleviate the problem of women working for less. The workshops cost \$600 for a 2-3 hour training. Nina thought getting the funds for such a training would not be a problem. She was going to approach Cedric Page of UNMLA to see if we could use their facilities for a workshop or, failing that, Northern New Mexico Community College.

Denise George has asked that February 18, 2011 be the bulletin deadline date.

The next council meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at 7:15 PM at Pat Mendius' home in White Rock as everyone was leery of Nina's driveway in winter. We adjourned at approximately 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Cooper, Secretary

Financial Status 2010-2011

as of Feb. 3, 2011

cash at beginning of month

**Revenues for branch**

	<b>Budgeted</b>	2010-2011 dues and donations rcvd before July	<b>July</b> \$2,926.23	<b>August</b> \$3,822.92	<b>September</b> \$3,379.62
Branch Dues	\$570.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$363.00	
Interest from Savings	\$5.00		\$0.69	\$0.70	\$0.41
	\$515.00				

**Total Budgeted Revenues for branch**

	\$1,190.00		\$0.69	\$573.70	\$0.41
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**Expenditures for branch**

**Officers:**

Historian	\$10.00				
Yearbook	\$10.00				
Newsletter	\$50.00				
Facility Rental	\$180.00			\$50.00	
Programs	\$230.00				
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00				
Membership	\$30.00				
Hospitality	\$15.00				
Treasurer	\$10.00				
President Fund	\$15.00				

**Sponsorships:**

Donation for LWV Voter Guide	\$150.00				\$150.00
Science Fair	\$75.00				
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00				
Conventions	\$220.00				

**Administrative:**

Post Office Box	\$45.00				
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00				

**Miscellaneous:** \$75.00

**Total Budgeted Expenditures**

	\$1,190.00		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
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pass through income: dues in

	\$896.00	\$235.00	\$164.00
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pass through expenses: dues out

	\$1,202.00	\$213.00
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**cash at end of the month for branch account**

	\$3,822.92	\$3,379.62	\$3,181.03
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Financial Status 2010-2011

		<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
as of Feb. 3, 2011			
cash at beginning of month		\$3,181.03	\$3,258.45
	<b>Budgeted</b>		
<b>Revenues for branch</b>			
Branch Dues	\$570.00	\$30.00	\$60.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$50.00	
Interest from Savings	\$5.00	\$0.42	\$0.40
AAUW NM Grant	\$515.00	\$150.00	
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues for branch</b>	<b>\$1,190.00</b>	<b>\$230.42</b>	<b>\$60.40</b>
<b>Expenditures for branch</b>			
<b>Officers:</b>			
Historian	\$10.00		
Yearbook	\$10.00		
Newsletter	\$50.00		
Facility Rental	\$180.00		\$30.00
Programs	\$230.00		
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00		
Membership	\$30.00		
Hospitality	\$15.00		
Treasurer	\$10.00		
President Fund	\$15.00		
<b>Sponsorships:</b>			
Donation for LWV			
Voter Guide	\$150.00		
Science Fair	\$75.00		
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00		
Conventions	\$220.00		
<b>Administrative:</b>			
Post Office Box	\$45.00		\$44.00
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00	\$10.00	
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>		
donation for reception mbc and ppc honored		\$50.00	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,190.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$74.00</b>
pass through income:			
dues in		\$164.00	\$71.00
pass through expenses: dues out		\$257.00	\$71.00

<b>cash at end of the month</b>	\$3,258.4	\$3,244.8
For AAUW Branch	5	5

Financial Status 2010-2011

		December	January	February	Totals	Remaining
as of Feb. 3, 2011						
cash at beginning of month		\$3,244.85	\$3,174.55	\$2,999.97		
<b>Revenues for branch</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>					
Branch Dues	\$570.00				\$570.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00				\$488.00	(\$388.00)
Interest	\$5.00	\$0.40	\$0.42		\$3.44	\$1.56
from Savings	\$515.00				\$0.00	\$515.00
AAUW NM Grant					\$150.00	(\$150.00)
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues for branch</b>	<b>\$1,190.00</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>	<b>\$0.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$866.44</b>	<b>\$323.56</b>
<b>Expenditures for branch</b>					\$0.00	\$0.00
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Officers:</b>					\$0.00	\$0.00
Historian	\$10.00				\$0.00	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$10.00				\$0.00	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$50.00				\$0.00	\$50.00
Facility Rental	\$180.00				\$80.00	\$100.00
Programs	\$230.00	\$70.70	\$100.00		\$170.70	\$59.30
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00				\$0.00	\$15.00
Membership	\$30.00				\$0.00	\$30.00
Hospitality	\$15.00				\$0.00	\$15.00
Treasurer	\$10.00				\$0.00	\$10.00
President Fund	\$15.00				\$0.00	\$15.00
<b>Sponsorships:</b>					\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation for LWV						
Voter Guide	\$150.00				\$150.00	\$0.00
Science Fair	\$75.00		\$75.00		\$75.00	\$0.00
Women in						
Science(EYH)	\$50.00				\$0.00	\$50.00
Conventions	\$220.00				\$0.00	\$220.00
<b>Administrative:</b>					\$0.00	\$0.00
Post Office Box	\$45.00				\$44.00	\$1.00
NM Corporation						
Report	\$10.00				\$10.00	\$0.00
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
donation for reception						
mbc and ppc honored					\$50.00	(\$50.00)
					\$0.00	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,190.00</b>	<b>\$70.70</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$579.70</b>	<b>\$610.30</b>
pass through income:						
dues in						
pass through						
expenses: dues out						

**cash at end of the  
month  
for branch account**

**\$3,174.5  
5**

**\$2,999.9  
7**

			<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>Auto Renew CD Feb. 3, 2011</b>			\$1,721.07	\$1,721.07	1721.07
Interest from CD					
CD value at end of month			\$1,721.07	\$1,721.07	\$1,721.07
<b>AAUW FUNDS ACCOUNT</b>					
As of Feb. 3, 2011					
			<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>Cash on Hand Beginning of Month</b>			\$448.41	\$448.51	\$448.60
<b>for AAUW FUNDS</b>					
<b>Revenues for AAUW FUNDS:</b>					
interest			\$0.10	\$0.09	\$0.05
<b>Total Revenues for AAUW FUNDS:</b>			\$0.10	\$0.09	\$0.05
<b>Expenses for AAUW FUNDS:</b>					
AAUW FUNDS					
<b>Total Expenses AAUW FUNDS</b>			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Cash on Hand End of Month</b>			\$448.51	\$448.60	\$448.65
<b>for AAUW FUNDS</b>					



	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Auto Renew CD Feb. 3, 2011</b>	\$1,721.07	\$1,752.33
Interest from CD	\$31.26	
CD value at end of month	\$1,752.33	\$1,752.33

**AAUW FUNDS ACCOUNT**  
As of Feb. 3, 2011

	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Cash on Hand Beginning of Month for AAUW FUNDS</b>	\$448.65	\$448.71
<b>Revenues for AAUW FUNDS:</b>		
interest	\$0.06	\$0.06

<b>Total Revenues for AAUW FUNDS:</b>	\$0.06	\$0.06
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**Expenses for AAUW FUNDS:**  
AAUW FUNDS

<b>Total Expenses AAUW FUNDS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Cash on Hand End of Month for AAUW FUNDS</b>	\$448.71	\$448.77

	<b>Decemb er</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Auto Renew CD Feb. 3, 2011</b>	\$1,752.3	\$1,752.3	\$1,752.3
Interest from CD	3	3	3
CD value at end of month	\$1,752.3	\$1,752.3	
	3	3	

**AAUW FUNDS ACCOUNT**  
As of Feb. 3, 2011

	<b>Decemb er</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Cash on Hand Beginning of Month for AAUW FUNDS</b>	\$448.77	\$448.77	\$448.82
<b>Revenues for AAUW FUNDS:</b>			
interest	\$0.06	\$0.05	

**Total Revenues for AAUW FUNDS:** \$0.06 \$0.05

**Expenses for AAUW FUNDS:**  
AAUW FUNDS

**Total Expenses AAUW FUNDS** \$0.00 \$0.00  
**Cash on Hand End of Month for AAUW FUNDS** \$448.83 \$448.82

AAUW Minutes from March 14, 2011 Council Meeting

**Those present:** Beverly Cooper, Denise George, Natalie Markin, Pat Mendius (hostess), Susan Oldham, Nina Thayer, Alahna Weller, Helena Whyte and Rozelle Wright.

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Natalie Markin at 7:35 P.M.

**Old Business:**

The minutes were accepted as written.

Denise George said that she needed to know the AAUW Fund Award recipients for '07, 08, 09 and 10.

Pam Davey needed someone to help her on the awards committee and Cas Mason from our branch has offered to help her with those responsibilities.

Alahna Weller revisited the Historical Society stationary issue and we decided we did not use the stationary anymore, so the museum is free to use the materials in whatever way they wish. We will use leftover stationary to give as gifts.

We discussed which church to use for events because of finances and other issues (like getting locked out of programs). We will use different churches for different events.

**Membership:**

We have 65 members at the moment at AAUW including one new member---Betsy Comly. One has paid early for next year.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Numbers will be appended. Rozelle said that the program Quicken was not working at the bank, hindering her efforts. We put out an additional \$142 for Fuller Lodge rental for the candidate forum that we co-sponsored with LWV.

We need to come up with some items for a silent auction for state convention. We came up with two items at the meeting: a Michelle Stump item and another object d'art.

At our Mah Jong Night we will ask for free will donations to AAUW-Funds, formerly known as EF (pay whatever you wish).

**Public Policy:**

There were five more days of the legislative session. Only two bills have passed so far. We thanked Nina Thayer for her hard work on this committee.

**Program:**

Dorothy Shaner will be International Relations Chair. She had some program suggestions. 1. An African geologist to speak about hominids and the Lucy discovery. 2. Bev Cooper (and husband) present pictures of their trip to the Amazon (in Ecuador) or Marilyn Lissowski to give a program about her experiences in a Palestinian refugee camp. We would read a book to go along with this program. Another possibility is to have a program with a friend of this year's speaker Tuba (who discussed Turkey) along with another woman from Portugal who works at LANB.

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) which AAUW used to be involved with was taken over by LANL and we seem to be no longer involved.

The Mah Jong Night will be held at TOTH Church at 7:30 PM. Mona Wechsung, the primary instructor for that, wants a flip chart to use.

Our tea will be held at BETH from 4:30-6 PM. Poet Laureate Joan Logghe will present her poetry.

Let's Read Math for the summer will take place on June 29 at 7 PM at WRBL (library) and at MPL (library) on July 18 at 7 PM.

On March 24, 2011, AAUW will feature Deanise Marta for Women's History Month. We will take her (and husband) to dinner at 5:30 PM if they would like.

We decided to add more funds for the science fair, for facilities and to offer \$220 for anyone attending convention. There are some members who might attend.

Disc E Night at UNMLA got 400 students and 250 volunteers. They used "How Big is a Foot?" and "Grandfather Tang's Story" with tangrams.

We briefly discussed Start Smart—a program to get women to learn to negotiate their salaries to start at a suitable amount comparable to men.

**Nominating Committee:**

Susan Oldham, Angela Coop and Harriet Dodder are involved this year. Natalie, Bev, Rozelle, and Dorothy (Shaner) are staying on the council. Helena and Alahna are going off. Denise George (not official board member) will continue doing the bulletin unless someone else would like to do it. Nina may stay on the council. We need suggestions for new people to fill positions.

**New Business:**

We will submit for an Ingenious Award because of our Mah Jong Event. Helena will write it up. Denise George asked for March 24 to be the newsletter deadline. There will be a logo contest for the newsletter. Entries should be submitted by July 31, 2011.

The next council meeting will be at Pat Mendius' home on April 11 at 7:15 PM.

**Facilitator's Report:**

Natalie reported on two AAUW action items. We support family planning and healthy women.

We would like those receiving student loans to have the goal of being gainfully employed.

Breaking Through Barriers: AAUW has been named as a top rated non profit..

We adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Cooper, Secretary

**AAUW Minutes from April 11, 2011 Council Meeting**

**Those present:** Beverly Cooper, Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl, Natalie Markin, Pat Mendius (hostess) Dorothy Shaner, Nina Thayer, Alahna Weller, Helena Whyte and Rozelle Wright.

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Natalie Markin at 7:30 P.M.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Natalie Markin announced that our state representative Jeanette Wallace died and that she was an AAUW member. She asked Bev Cooper as secretary to send a card on behalf of AAUW (done).

**Old Business:**

Helena Whyte reported a revival of the Portales AAUW as five people have paid their dues.

Our Mah Jong Night will proceed without Mona Wechsung who is busy with family matters. Nan Brown from Santa Fe will help teach along with Helena Whyte.

Nina would like to nominate Rosmarie Frederickson to be a Living Treasure as we would like to promote AAUW members to have recognition for what they contribute to the community every few years.

Our Mah Jong Night will be nominated for the Marjorie Bell Chambers Ingenious Award which is a state award.

Our branch has to contribute to a silent auction for State Convention. We have some items to contribute to benefit the AAUW Fund.

**.Membership:**

Alahna reported one new member: Jean Moses. We now have 66 members. People who are life members pay local and state dues only on a yearly basis. It was suggested to put a membership form in the newsletter to encourage enrollment.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rozelle said she would pay the bills for the churches whose facilities we used such as BETH for some programs and TOTH for Mah Jong Night.

The Mah Jong Night will be a free will offering and used as a fundraiser for AAUW Funds.

**Public Policy:**

Nina Thayer summarized for us some AAUW policy recommendations: 1. Support small schools; 2. Ethics reform which was not passed. It will be tried again. 3. Committee on the status of women has been abolished by line item veto. There will be a short term person to take charge of it until June when it disappears. Nina will express our chagrin at its dissolution.

**Publicity:**

.Mary Ann Lindahl agreed to continue on as publicity chair another year.

**Program:**

Dorothy Shaner will be International Relations Chair and mentioned possible programs such as Bev Cooper (and husband) showing pictures from their Amazon travels or a friend of a local woman along with others from Germany and Italy who could give a program in a panel format.

**Nominating Committee:**

Susan Oldham, Angela Coop could not get any new members to agree to serve on the council for next year. Some board members are remaining (enough to suffice, but three more are desired).

**Spring Tea:**

The Spring Tea will be held from 4:30-6 PM at BETH. We discussed who would bring what. Denise offered to bring a silver set, tablecloths and nut bread. Alahna will bring vases and flowers. Dorothy will bring a punch bowl and punch. Nina is bringing egg salad and cuke sandwiches. Natalie will bring cheese and crackers. Rozelle offered to bring brownies. Helena and Bev will bring nuts. Mary Ann will introduce our speaker---Joan Logghe, Poet Laureate of Santa Fe. There will be a short meeting before the tea.

**Bulletin:**

There will be a contest to name the AAUW bulletin. The prize is one year's branch dues. Submit names to Denise by August 15. Winner will be announced at the Fall Luncheon.

Denise would like bulletin items by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

It was decided to honor Angela Coop, Beverly Cooper, Susan Oldham and Rozelle Wright for an AAUW Fund award for what they have contributed to our local branch.

There is an impact grant from national AAUW to 10 states for \$1000 each. They would like us to help register voters and keep a data base reflecting the results while trying to encourage AAUW issues. We will apply for the grant.

The next council meeting will be at Mary Ann Lindahl's home and it will be Old Board-New Board Joint Potluck on May 23, 2011. It was suggested to have a White Elephant Fundraiser. We adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Cooper, Secretary

AAUW Minutes from May 23, 2011 Joint Council Meeting (partial minutes)

**Those present:** Beverly Cooper, Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl, Natalie Markin, Pat Mendius, Marilyn Minshall, Judy Prono, Dorothy Shaner, Nina Thayer, Alahna Weller, Helena Whyte and Rozelle Wright.

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Natalie Markin after our potluck dinner. Bev Cooper took partial minutes as many of us had to leave for our Great Decisions discussion group (also part of AAUW) which could not be rescheduled.

**Old Business:**

The items for the silent auction at the state meeting generated a lot of revenue.

Helena Whyte reminded us that two library programs involving Let's Read Math are coming up in Los Alamos and White Rock Branch. June 29<sup>th</sup> will be WR and July 18<sup>th</sup> will be Los Alamos, both at 7 PM. She asked for volunteers to help. Alahna volunteered for WR and Nina for Los Alamos.

We reminded council that we are looking for creative names and a logo for our local newsletter and we need to have submissions by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The winners will be announced at the Fall Luncheon.

**Public Policy:**

Nina Thayer said she will use her position to give senators or congressmen “nudges” to respond to AAUW’s agenda when needed.

**Membership:**

There was a short review of members who renewed and who did not.

**Treasurer:**

There was no treasurer’s report. Rozelle will do an end of year report.

**Publicity:**

.Mary Ann Lindahl agreed to continue on as publicity chair another year.

**Program:**

We discussed a possible program for the International Meeting headed by Dorothy Shaner. Bev Cooper had an idea for a possible meeting about Rotarians in Guatemala who work with local Rotarians to provide clean water to villages. Bev heard of a lady in Espanola Rotary who brought an excellent program to the local Rotary Club and she was going to see if it could be brought to our branch. It will be late February or early March hopefully at the Methodist Church.

**New Business:**

We received two emails from National AAUW who wanted people to volunteer for positions available at national for college partnerships and membership committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Cooper, Secretary

AAUW Minutes from August 4, 2011 Council Meeting

**Those present:** Beverly Cooper, Mary Ann Lindahl, Natalie Markin, Pat Mendius, Judy Prono, and Helena Whyte (non-voting).

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Natalie Markin at 7:32 PM.

**Old Business:**

Bev Cooper read the partial minutes from the last meeting (she had left early for another AAUW meeting: Great Decisions). Mary Ann Lindahl took the remaining minutes which she will forward to us. The partial minutes were approved as read.

Denise George will continue to maintain our chapter web page but has passed off the state web page to Lina Germann who has experience with doing web work. We should give Denise information that we want to appear on the web page.

AAUW New Mexico’s “Women Across Borders” symposium at Spring Convention 2010 won an honorable mention for “Breaking Through Barriers”. Many thanks to Nina Thayer and Ted Cooley of the Albuquerque Branch for their hard work on this effort. Ted had the idea for the event.

Helena Whyte has updated our by-laws and now the state is updating its’ Policies and Procedures. The state by-laws were updated last year.

We received \$150 from LANS honoring volunteers Cas Mason and Helena Whyte. As required by LANS, these funds were deposited to our AAUW Funds account.

We are having a contest for names for the bulletin. The winner receives a free one year AAUW membership. The names are listed on our newsletter. We will vote on this matter at the Fall Brunch.

Let’s Read Math at the library went well. Helena Whyte, Natalie Markin and Nina Thayer presented “Spaghetti and Meatballs for All” at Mesa Public Library. The White Rock program was preempted by the evacuation due to the Las Conchas Fire.

**Treasurer:**

Although Rozelle was not present, she sent out a report on our expenditures past and future, this year being based on 59 paid members. I will append her reports. She will send out 15 renewal notices to people who have not renewed yet. Did anyone sponsor Anita Barela for this year?

Rozelle suggested that Start Smart should be a line item in the budget under Science Fair as a grant from AAUW. Money would be taken from savings. At our meeting, we found a savings item in the booklet we publish for League of Women Voters which will not be coming out this year because there will be no elections coming up. We will divert those funds to Start Smart.

Helena suggested that we get our paperwork in to national AAUW to get a free membership that we can award to someone. We qualified for one this year because of our membership numbers, but it did not happen. We could award someone who could not afford to belong or who would take an active role in our branch.

This year, Rozelle will be both membership chair and treasurer.

**Publicity:**

Mary Ann Lindahl agreed to continue on as publicity chair another year. She will use the Monitor for publicity and the web page. Natalie will ask Denise to put our policies and procedures on the web page so all can access them.

**Public Policy:** Nina Thayer was not in attendance, but sent her information and ideas for programs. There was an AAUW class action suit against Wal Mart by women who claimed they were not given promotions or education to learn more advanced skills to gain promotions and that men were given these opportunities. The Supreme Court refused to hear the case, but AAUW is going to try again with a smaller, more cohesive group of women.

We are promoting the Start Smart program that tells women to ask for higher salaries when they start work so they do not continue to fall behind all of their working lives. The STEM program encourages women to go into tech and science fields so that they can have higher salaries. UNMLA will support 2 events for Start Smart this coming year. AAUW-NM Co President Shelley Rossbach has been trained on how to present these workshops and will be leading our effort with UNM-LA. AAUW-NM will budget \$300.00 and we will budget \$150 to help finance this effort. We were going to look into whether old EF funds could be used but have to document it with tax document 501c3. Phi Beta Kappa organization will be asked to help organize and advise these Start Smart Events.

Nina would like each branch to have a program about women in NM History to celebrate the state centennial. Perhaps there is an appropriate Chautauqua program for this. Additionally, she would like to have a December holiday event. We could have someone from the Espanola shelter speak and make donations to that shelter at the program. Another possibility is a program about the Las Conchas Fire with 2 women on the Valles Caldera Management Team to speak about the damage and restoration. Natalie will see if the latter could be a program for the October branch meeting.

**Program:** There will be an international program headed by Dorothy Donnelly-Shaner which will involve a presentation by Deborah Simon who has gone to Guatemala to help with clean water by providing wells for small villages. She is an Espanola Rotarian. Bev Cooper had heard that she provided an excellent program. That will happen on February 21, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The speaker will be introduced by Rotarian Thurman Talley.

Other future programs will be: Sept. 10: Fall Pot Luck Brunch at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 11:00 AM-1:30 PM. Helena Whyte will speak about National Convention which was held in DC from June 16-19.

January will be a shared program with League of Women Voters.

February, as discussed, will feature an international program.

In May, there will be our Spring Tea.

**New Business:**

Nina Thayer is organizing a new group: Out and About to have outings for women on Wednesdays and Saturdays to view interesting events and exhibitions in the area. The first one will feature a visit to the NM History Museum which is sponsoring Home Lands: "How Women

Made the West". The group will meet at 8:45 AM in the United Church parking lot to carpool to Santa Fe and will have lunch at the La Fonda Hotel (La Plazuela). Call Nina if you are interested.

We agreed to hold the AAUW-NM Summer Leadership meeting in Los Alamos in late July or early August. It would involve some home stays. About 35 people are expected.

State programs: Fall workshop in October 12-15 in Rio Rancho.

Deadline for the Fall Roadrunner is August 14, 2011.

The next national convention is in New Orleans from June 9-12, 2013.

Natalie has forward to us an email regarding AAUW Membership Matters.

Denise George wants the bulletin deadline to be August 15, 2011.

We proposed the next council meeting to be on October 6, 2011 at Pat Mendijs' home at 7:15 PM.

The council meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Cooper, Secretary



Draft Budget fiscal year 2010-2011

**Revenues for branch**

Branch Dues	\$590.00
Donations	\$200.00
Interest	\$5.00

Assuming 59 members who are required to pay local dues

from Savings	\$515.00
<b>Total Revenues for branch</b>	<b>\$1,310.00</b>

**Expenditures for branch**  
**Officers:**

Historian	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$50.00
Facility Rental	\$300.00
Programs	\$230.00
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00
Membership	\$30.00
Hospitality	\$15.00
Treasurer	\$10.00
President Fund	\$15.00

**Sponsorships:**

Donation for LWV Voter Guide	\$150.00
Science Fair	\$125.00

Conventions	\$220.00
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**Administrative:**

Post Office Box	\$45.00
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00

**Miscellaneous:**

	\$75.00
<b>Total Expenditures for branch</b>	<b>\$1,310.00</b>

Financial Status  
for fiscal year 2010-2011

		Totals	Remaining
	<b>Budgeted</b>		
<b>Revenues for branch</b>			
Branch Dues	\$570.00	\$570.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$591.00	(\$491.00)
Interest	\$5.00	\$5.40	(\$0.40)
from Savings	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$515.00
AAUW NM Grant		\$150.00	(\$150.00)
		\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,190.00		
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues for branch</b>	0	\$1,316.40	
<b>Expenditures for branch</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Officers:</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00
Historian	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$50.00	\$35.50	\$14.50
Facility Rental	\$180.00	\$276.75	(\$96.75)
Programs	\$230.00	\$198.33	\$31.67
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Membership	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Hospitality	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Treasurer	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
President Fund	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
<b>Sponsorships:</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation for LWV Voter Guide	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Science Fair	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Conventions	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$0.00
<b>Administrative:</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00
Post Office Box	\$45.00	\$44.00	\$1.00
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
		\$0.00	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	\$1,190.00		
	0	\$1,009.58	\$180.42
pass through income: dues in			
pass through expenses: dues out			
Branch Dues 2011/2012		\$330.00	
<b>cash at end of the month for branch account</b>			

Financial Status 2010-2011

as of June 30,2011		2010-2011 dues	July \$2,926.23	August \$3,822.92	September \$3,379.62
cash at beginning of month		and donations rcvd before July			
<b>Revenues for branch</b>	<b>Budgete d</b>				
Branch Dues (for 2010/2011)	\$570.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$363.00	
Interest from Savings	\$5.00 \$515.00		\$0.69	\$0.70	\$0.41
	\$1,190.00				
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues for branch</b>	0	\$345.00	\$0.69	\$573.70	\$0.41
<b>Expenditures for branch</b>					
<b>Officers:</b>					
Historian	\$10.00				
Yearbook	\$10.00				
Newsletter	\$50.00				
Facility Rental	\$180.00			\$50.00	
Programs	\$230.00				
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00				
Membership	\$30.00				
Hospitality	\$15.00				
Treasurer	\$10.00				
President Fund	\$15.00				
<b>Sponsorships:</b>					
Donation for LWV Voter Guide	\$150.00				\$150.00
Science Fair	\$75.00				
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00				
Conventions	\$220.00				
<b>Administrative:</b>					
Post Office Box	\$45.00				
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00				
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	\$75.00				
	\$1,190.00				
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	0		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
pass through income: dues in			\$896.00	\$235.00	\$164.00
pass through expenses: dues out				\$1,202.00	\$213.00
dues for 2011/2012				0	
			\$3,822.92	\$3,379.62	
<b>cash at end of the month</b>			2	2	\$3,181.03

Financial Status 2010-2011

as of June 30,2011 cash at beginning of month		<b>October</b> \$3,181.0 3	<b>Novemb er</b> \$3,258.4 5	<b>Decemb er</b> \$3,244.8 5
<b>Revenues for branch</b>	<b>Budgete d</b>			
Branch Dues (2010/2011)	\$570.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	
Donations	\$100.00	\$50.00		
Interest from Savings	\$5.00 \$515.00	\$0.42	\$0.40	\$0.42
AAUW NM Grant		\$150.00		
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues for branch</b>	\$1,190.0 0	\$230.42	\$60.40	\$0.42
<b>Expenditures for branch</b>				
<b>Officers:</b>				
Historian	\$10.00			
Yearbook	\$10.00			
Newsletter	\$50.00			
Facility Rental	\$180.00		\$30.00	
Programs	\$230.00			\$70.70
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00			
Membership	\$30.00			
Hospitality	\$15.00			
Treasurer	\$10.00			
President Fund	\$15.00			
<b>Sponsorships:</b>				
Donation for LWV				
Voter Guide	\$150.00			
Science Fair	\$75.00			
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00			
Conventions	\$220.00			
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Post Office Box	\$45.00		\$44.00	
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00	\$10.00		
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	\$75.00			
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	\$1,190.0 0	\$10.00	\$74.00	\$70.70
pass through income: dues in		\$164.00	\$71.00	
pass through expenses: dues out		\$257.00	\$71.00	

**cash at end of the  
month  
for branch account**

\$3,308.4  
5

\$3,244.8  
5

\$3,174.5  
7

Financial Status 2010-2011  
as of June 30,2011

		<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
cash at beginning of month		\$3,174.57	\$2,999.97	\$3,000.55	\$2,886.94
	<b>Budgeted</b>				
<b>Revenues for branch</b>					
Branch Dues (2010/2011)	\$570.00				
Donations	\$100.00			\$28.00	
Interest	\$5.00	\$0.40	\$0.33	\$0.39	\$0.37
from Savings	\$515.00				
AAUW NM Grant					
	\$1,190.00				
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues for branch</b>	0	\$0.40	\$0.33	\$28.39	\$0.37
<b>Expenditures for branch</b>					
<b>Officers:</b>					
Historian	\$10.00				
Yearbook	\$10.00				
Newsletter	\$50.00				
Facility Rental	\$180.00		\$141.75		\$55.00
Programs	\$230.00	\$100.00			\$27.63
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00				
Membership	\$30.00				
Hospitality	\$15.00				
Treasurer	\$10.00				
President Fund	\$15.00				
<b>Sponsorships:</b>					
Donation for LWV Voter Guide	\$150.00				
Science Fair	\$75.00	\$75.00			
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00				
Conventions	\$220.00				
<b>Administrative:</b>					
Post Office Box	\$45.00				
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00				
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	\$75.00				
	\$1,190.00				
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	0	\$175.00	\$141.75	\$0.00	\$82.63
pass through income: dues in			\$142.00	\$22.00	\$377.00
pass through expenses: dues out				\$164.00	\$213.00
Branch Dues 2011/2012					\$70.00
		\$2,999.97	\$3,000.55	\$2,886.94	\$3,038.68
<b>cash at end of the month for branch account</b>		7	5	4	8

Financial Status 2010-2011  
as of June 30,2011

		<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
cash at beginning of month		\$3,038.68	\$2,928.68		
	<b>Budgeted</b>				
<b>Revenues for branch</b>					
Branch Dues	\$570.00			\$570.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$591.00	(\$491.00)
Interest	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$0.37	\$5.40	(\$0.40)
from Savings	\$515.00			\$0.00	\$515.00
AAUW NM Grant				\$150.00	(\$150.00)
				\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,190.00				
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues for branch</b>	0	\$25.50	\$50.37	\$1,316.40	
<b>Expenditures for branch</b>				\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Officers:</b>				\$0.00	\$0.00
Historian	\$10.00			\$0.00	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$10.00			\$0.00	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$50.00	\$35.50		\$35.50	\$14.50
Facility Rental	\$180.00			\$276.75	(\$96.75)
Programs	\$230.00			\$198.33	\$31.67
EF Fund Raising	\$15.00			\$0.00	\$15.00
Membership	\$30.00			\$0.00	\$30.00
Hospitality	\$15.00			\$0.00	\$15.00
Treasurer	\$10.00			\$0.00	\$10.00
President Fund	\$15.00			\$0.00	\$15.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Sponsorships:</b>				\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation for LWV Voter Guide	\$150.00			\$150.00	\$0.00
Science Fair	\$75.00			\$75.00	\$0.00
Women in Science(EYH)	\$50.00			\$0.00	\$50.00
Conventions	\$220.00	\$220.00		\$220.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Administrative:</b>				\$0.00	\$0.00
Post Office Box	\$45.00			\$44.00	\$1.00
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00			\$10.00	\$0.00
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	\$75.00			\$0.00	\$75.00
				\$0.00	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	\$1,190.00	\$255.50		\$1,009.58	\$180.42
	0	\$1,721.00			
pass through income: dues in		0	\$81.00		
pass through expenses: dues out		\$1,601.00			
		0			
Branch Dues 2011/2012			\$260.00	\$330.00	
		\$2,928.68	\$3,320.05		
<b>cash at end of the month for branch account</b>		8	5		

**Those present:** Beverly Cooper, Dorothy Donnelly-Shaner, Maryjane Giesler, Natalie Markin, Pat Mendius, Judy Prono, Nina Thayer and Rozelle Wright

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Natalie Markin at 7:28 PM. We welcomed Maryjane Giesler to the council as the College and University Relations Representative.

**Old Business:**

There will be a Fall workshop at West Mesa Branch (Rio Ranch area) at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Rio Rancho. The hotel used will be the Hilton Gardens also in Rio Rancho. Natalie, Helena and Nina will attend. Registration is \$20 and, although the date to register is passed, they will still accept additional people. Let Helena or Natalie know if you wish to attend.

The secretary's minutes were accepted as written and sent out to council members.

We received notification that our Living Treasure nominee Rosemarie Frederickson's name was received for consideration.

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer Rozelle Wright is still waiting for a check from Wendy Brunish. We will then have a total of 59 paid members.

Our budget as voted on by the branch at the Fall Brunch will hold up and leave us with sufficient funds for the year. The budget document is appended separately from these minutes as they are in landscape format.

Judy Prono and Jill Forman won the branch bulletin contest and received \$5 each toward their dues. Judy donated her amount to the branch and Jill will be contacted to see what she wishes to do and also if her name for the bulletin was supposed to be one or two words joined together. Rozelle reported that we received money from LANL for volunteer activity of previous employees Helena Whyte and Cas Mason. Natalie found documentation to prove that we were a non-profit and, therefore, donations to us were tax deductible which is what LANL required. These funds are put into our funds account (not our branch account).

**AAUW Funds Report:**

Judy Prono has been trying to organize a movie to benefit our AAUW Funds, but the movie she had been planning to show---Miss Representation---proved to be very expensive to rent. It shows how mainstream media represents women in a bad light with provocative interviews. Judy said she would think on the fundraising issue and try to come up with another idea. Natalie suggested jewelry sales, silent auction etc.

**International Relations Report:**

Dorothy Donnelly-Shaner reported that we are waiting for the February program and she would call later to remind the speakers of their commitment.

**Publicity:**

Mary Ann Lindahl was absent but she will look into possible Chautauqua programs for the Spring. We especially want something about New Mexico history for the centennial.

**Public Policy:**

Nina attended an event that discussed immigration policies and discussed whether illegals should obtain driver's licenses etc. She thought the topic was too political and controversial for what we should be dealing with. She will give Denise George (bulletin editor) information about this meeting with a disclaimer that our branch is not taking a stand on the topic either pro or con.

**Bulletin:**

Denise has asked for the bulletin deadline to be October 17<sup>th</sup> for news articles.

**Upcoming Programs:**

On October 24, 2011 at 7:30 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, there will be two speakers: Marlo Rogers from the Valles Caldera National Preserve discussing the effects of the Las Conchas Fire (she is a fire specialist) and Kim De Valle talking about recreational opportunities (she is a recreation specialist).

We discussed having a branch November 2011 program and we received a canned program Cocktails and Convos from AAUW Breaking Through Barriers but decided that we did not have enough time at this late date to organize a program involving so much detail and effort. It was



partly to recognize the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAUW and November was declared National AAUW month. The point of the program was to encourage young women particularly to sign up to vote. Nina Thayer suggested that next year we could make an effort to sign up voters, perhaps at UNMLA.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday), we will have a brunch at Rancho de Chimayo with a speaker from the Crises Center of Northern New Mexico if both the restaurant and a Crises Center speaker can be arranged for that date. Nina met with the two administrators of the center which deals with domestic violence and sexual harassment. They printed a pamphlet which is distributed to schools and helps open dialogue about the topic and the terrible effects such behavior has on children. The center is having some houses available for 90 day use by women and children who need to get out of an abusive situation. After that time, they have to move out, but the center is also having 4-8 apartments made available for longer usage before these victims can once again come into mainstream society. These accommodations have need for items such as linens, sheets etc. (new) to furnish these units. We of AAUW will help provide these things by either bringing them to the event at the rancho or by taking them to Los Alamos National Bank where Natalie will see that they are donated to the center. Nina will see if she can call the center to develop a list of needed items that would give us guidance as to what to bring.

National Convention will be in New Orleans from June 9-12, 2013.

### **New Business:**

There will be a \$tart \$mart workshop at UNM-LA on November 4, 2011 from 9-12. Maryjane, Nina and Natalie are involved. Nina got the ball rolling by speaking to the president of UNM-LA, but will not participate in the workshop as she will be out of the country. Shelley Rossbach, the AAUW-NM Co-President will be one of the presenters. They will ask Jane Sherwood who does our reception duties if she could help with refreshments at this event. The purpose of this workshop is to role play and to teach young women who are negotiating job salaries, especially early in their careers, to make sure that they negotiate salaries that are comparable to those that men are receiving for like work. There will be 30 students, 10 advisors and 10 observers from Albuquerque who wish to see how such an event is carried out.

There was a motion presented and seconded that a bank account to be used by AAUW-NM Funds Chair Mary Browne be continued for two additional years. This account is connected to our Los Alamos Branch but may only be used for AAUW Branch Funds. Mary is having trouble opening a new account and needs to continue having the privilege of using the account we already have set up for this purpose only. Rosmarie Frederickson, the previous AAUW-NM Funds Co-Chair will add Mary and maybe Ruth Benjamins of Las Cruces, the AAUW-NM Finance Chair as we need two names for this account. These people will be encouraged to continue pursuing another account not connected with our branch as soon as possible.

Nina and Rozelle have agreed to go to the Historical Society, where AAUW had archived information stored, in order to search for the original 50 c-3 documents that the branch used to set up the branch AAUW-EF account (now called AAUW-Funds) many years ago. This account is a different account than the one that AAUW-NM will use as its AAUW Funds account.

We have agreed to host the 2012 AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting (officers, branch presidents) this summer. It will encompass about 25-30 people. We need to provide coffee and light snacks. We gave the team a few dates to choose from: July 21 or 28 or August 4, 2012. This is just a one day (Saturday) event. We could use Bethlehem Lutheran Church (our first choice if it is available) or UNMLA. The participants pay for lunch, but we arrange it.

Only one person showed up for the Gourmet Food Group planning meeting, so it is not going to be started at this point.

Nina will talk to bulletin editor Denise George about improving the website--- that is to make sure all AAUW websites are more standardized. This material to standardize websites is available at a very reasonable price. Nina will determine with Denise whether or not this would be helpful to her.

Our next council meeting is on November 14, 2011 at Pat Mendius' home at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Cooper, Secretary

### **AAUW Minutes from November 9, 2011 Council Meeting**

**Members present:** Natalie Markin, Maryjane Giesler, Nina Thayer, Dorothy Donnelly-Shaner, Pat Mendius, Helena Whyte, Rozelle Wright, Judy Prono, and Denise George.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Facilitator Natalie Markin. The minutes from the Oct. 6 meeting were accepted as amended by Natalie, who will send her New Business corrections to Bev for incorporation.

**Facilitator's report:** A new AAUW research report has been released: "Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School." It has been mentioned in both the Albuquerque Journal and SF New Mexican and is available on national's website. Nina Thayer suggested that we might want to send print copies of the report to both LAMS and LAHS; she will check on the cost of doing so. Natalie noted that long-time AAUW member Elizabeth Aiello had passed away on October 16; she will ask Bev to send a sympathy card to the family from our branch.

**Membership/Treasurer's report:** Our current membership drive is complete; we have 64 members, including 7 life members and 4 dual members. We have \$60 coming to us in branch dues from national. Expenditures for October were for our post office box and for filing our NM Corp report with the PRC. Denise George asked if the branch had received funds from LANL covering her volunteer hours; Rozelle will look into whose work was covered by the \$150 check received last July.

**AAUW Funds:** Judy noted that the latest Fund Facts newsletter recommended money raffles as an effective fundraiser. Raffle tickets are sold for various cash awards, with awards usually set to pay out 30% of the money collected. However, consensus was against holding lottery-like fundraisers. Alternate suggestions included holding an un-Bake Sale or un-Tea Party to simply request member donations, perhaps next spring. Natalie suggested asking for donations now in memory of Elizabeth Aiello. It was moved, seconded, and passed to send a special e-mail request to branch members for individual donations to AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) as a way of remembering Elizabeth's many years of AAUW service. Judy will draft the request and run it by Council members for review; Denise will then e-mail/mail it to branch members. Donations will be requested by Dec. 30.

**International Relations:** Dorothy reported that she had heard from Deborah Simon (aka Sparky), who confirmed that she would speak to us in February about Rotary's work in Guatemala to develop potable water systems and build classrooms, both of which facilitate enhancing educational opportunities for girls. Dorothy will follow up with Deborah to get more information on the nature of her presentation.

**Publicity:** No report given as Mary Ann Lindahl could not attend.

**Public Policy:** Discussion focused on the upcoming January 11 Legislative Preview with the League of Women Voters at Fuller Lodge. Helena Whyte noted that the League is looking for someone to moderate the meeting. They want to focus on voter education and the issue of requiring picture IDs to vote. However, they're also looking for other topics. Denise suggested discussing how to reorganize the PRC (State Public Regulation Commission) and noted that Think New Mexico is interested in this issue. Nina will suggest to the League that it invite Fred Nathan of Think NM to the meeting.

**College & University Relations:** Maryjane reported that the \$tart \$mart workshop at UNM-LA on Nov. 4 was a success. Attendees included 6-8 students, 4-5 faculty members, and several AAUW members: Maryjane and Natalie from Los Alamos; Shelley Rossbach, presenter, from Santa Fe; Karyl Lyne from Las Vegas; Silvia Fink from Albuquerque; and Sue Bracksieck from Portales. Mary Ann Lindahl coordinated the refreshments provided by branch members. Students especially enjoyed the role playing, where they took turns being the job

interviewer and interviewee, and they received booklets with workshop materials. UNM-LA wants to hold another workshop in the spring; Maryjane is interested in training to become a presenter but scheduling a meeting with the trainer from national may be problematic. Questions were raised on who paid for the workshop. Nina indicated that AAUW-NM had agreed to pay \$300 and our branch budgeted \$150 for the workshop, but Maryjane thought that UNM-LA had paid the \$450 fee as well as bought a 3-year license to conduct future workshops. She will follow up with UNM-LA director Cedric Page on these finances. Natalie suggested that if they hold a spring workshop, they should poll students to find the best time to hold it and have a sign-up sheet for it in order to know how many to expect.

### **Upcoming Programs**

Dec. 3, 2011 Brunch at Rancho De Chimayo, 11:30 am; members bring gifts for the Crisis Center of NNM

Jan. 11, 2012 Legislative Preview with League of Women Voters at Fuller Lodge

Feb. 12, 2012 International Program: presentation by Deborah Simon on work being done by the Rotary and United by Friendship in Guatemala; 7:30 pm, Bethlehem Luther Church

March 2012 Program on NM history to celebrate state centennial?

April 2012 Equal Pay Day is April 17

May 2012 Spring Tea: need to set date and venue

**Old Business:** The spelling of the News Bulletin's new name was discussed: Hill Topics vs Hilltopics. Jill Forman and Judy Prono, who shared the prize of one-year's local dues for coming up with the name, have donated that money to AAUW Funds. The Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been reserved all day on July 21, 2012 for us to host the AAUW-NM Summer Leadership Team Meeting. The date was approved by the AAUW-NM board. Gloria Cordova has volunteered to help Mona Wecksung with fundraising for the Mana Del Norte Scholarship. Nina and Rozelle have not yet been able to examine branch archives for paperwork documenting our 501(3)(c) status.

**New Business:** A poll of members in attendance showed that Nina and Rozelle plan to leave the Council next year and that Natalie wants to find someone she can work with to become the new facilitator. Natalie will query Bev and Mary Ann on their Council status. So as Nominating Chair, Helena will be looking for at least three new Council members; suggestions should be sent to her home e-mail (mozden08@aol.com).

Natalie divided the branch membership list among Council members, asking us to call for RSVPs for the Rancho de Chimayo brunch. Nina needs a head count by Nov. 30. We should also remind members that we're collecting "shower" gifts for the Crisis Center of NNM as part of this brunch; our last newsletter includes an extensive list of suggested gifts.

Rosmarie Frederickson will fill out the paperwork and get judges for the Science Fair; we have allocated \$125 to the fair in this year's budget.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Grace Barker Wilson Award is Feb. 15, 2011. Thelma Hahn was suggested as a possible nominee. Rozelle will ask Carol Thomas if she would be willing to complete the nomination paperwork for Thelma, which must be submitted to Cas Mason.

**News Bulletin Deadline:** Dec. 10 for the January issue.

Our **next Council meeting** will be Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:15 pm at Pat Mendius' home.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Prono