

# AAUW Minutes from February 19, 2015, Coordinating Council Meeting

**Members Present:** Marilyn Doolen, Nina Thayer, Jill Forman, Mona Wecksung, Maryjane Giesler, and Ginny White

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by Co-Facilitator Marilyn Doolen. Minutes from the Coordinating Council meeting held January 15, 2015, were approved as presented (motion by Nina Thayer with second by Mona Wecksung).

**Facilitators' Report:** Judy Prono submitted a written "Highlights from the Winter LTM and AAUW Day at the Roundhouse" and Marilyn a written "Los Alamos Science Fair Judging: The AAUW Tradition Continues." Both are attached.

Attending the recent Winter LTM were Judy Prono, Nina Thayer, and Maryjane Giesler. Nina has chaired a state task force to revise the awards given. She reported that the Leadership Team approved the following updated awards: AAUW-New Mexico Ingenious Ideas (to be given annually, one branch will receive \$75); the old Grace Barker Wilson award was divided into two new awards: AAUW-New Mexico Legacy of Leadership given in even-numbered years and AAUW-New Mexico Mission in Action given in odd-numbered years. The former is intended to honor a member with a sustained record of service within AAUW and will be awarded for the first time at the convention in 2016. The latter will be given to an individual or group, AAUW member or not, to recognize a program, activity or project that best exemplifies AAUW's mission and will be awarded for the first time at convention in 2017. Nina asked council members to come prepared to discuss our branch's Ingenious Ideas submission at our March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mona distributed a financial report for January 2015, showing that the checking account balance as of 1/31/15 is \$1,945.91. The AAUW Funds Account is \$435.85. The CD stands at \$1,798.49. Total assets add up to \$4,180.25. As reported at our January meeting and again tonight, the NM Corporation Report was filed on time.

**Membership Report:** No report.

**Tech Trek:** Marilyn asked for an update on the branch members' contributions. Mona reported to date we have \$495. Nina asked for suggestions to raise the additional \$505 for the \$1000 matching funds. The strategy is to attend every interest group meeting between now and April 1, to bring up the need, and to collect the checks.

Helena sent an email with the following news: 180 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls were nominated for the July 2015 Tech Trek at NMHU (as compared with 250 last year). The next step is for the girls to complete an application which is due March 6. About one-third of nominees completed an application last year. The goal is to have funding for 48 girls to attend. Los Alamos Middle School nominated four girls. McCurdy Charter School in Espanola also nominated four girls. If these girls complete the application, we will need interviewers for parents and girls between March 6 and April 1.

**Nominating Committee:** Mary Ann Lindahl has agreed to be nominated for council. Rosmarie Frederickson is still looking for a nominations chair.

**College & University Representative:** Maryjane is working to recruit a NCCSWL candidate. Marilyn suggested contacting Sheri Lopez, the UNM-LA student who helped in judging the science fair.

**New Business:** Nina proposed that we discuss a branch dues increase from \$10 to \$14 per year to be implemented in the 2016/2017 fiscal year. We are currently paying \$71 total (branch, state, and national) and this increase would raise the total to \$75. Mona thinks a dues increase is premature at this point since we have sufficient money right now. Nina wants everyone aware of the lead time required by the bylaws to make a change in dues. Jill brought up the need to recruit younger women; Nina thinks we have a better opportunity to recruit those newly retired (ages 55-70) who have the funds, the time, and the passion for our issues. The consensus was to discuss this issue further when the new budget is prepared this summer.

### **Program Report:**

Our March program will be the Ice Cream Social/Membership Drive at Oppenheimer Place Patio Room from 2-4 pm on Saturday, 3/14. Karyl Lyne and Helena Whyte will speak on the benefits of AAUW membership, Judy Prono on the "Shape the Future" membership campaign, and various members on interest groups. Christine Cloyd will help with refreshments along with Judy, Jill, and Marilyn.

Thursday, April 9 at Winter Farmers Market at Fuller Lodge – Jill and Nina are working to organize a tabling event for Equal Pay Day (actual date 4/14). This will be the second year for this event. Jill will check on the library lobby as an alternate or additional site.

Friday, April 17 – Joint Meeting with Santa Fe Branch - Noon luncheon at Drury Hotel on the Fair Pay for Women Act. We need to get information out to the membership that this precedes convention as a separate event.

April 17-19 – AAUW-NM Spring Convention

7 pm, April 30 – International Affairs Meeting at Mesa Library conference rooms (two). Mona is coordinating this event. Lynn Sanchez of Life Link, Santa Fe, will speak on human trafficking; she will have a colleague with her. Mona is inviting them to dinner. Marilyn is handling publicity.

2-4 pm, Friday, May 15 – Spring Tea at The Gathering Space at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We are still looking for an organizer; Marilyn will ask Kyle Wheeler if she would be willing. Maryjane and Nina are willing to be presenters.

Late May or June – Joint council meeting (preference for late May or between June 6-25 and not during national convention)

**Mana del Norte Scholarship:** Mona checked with Mana to make sure that they are in compliance with the new AAUW funds guidelines. Nina suggested that the branch make a donation beyond what is contributed by the members. This donation campaign will be held in April, not at the March membership social.

**Public Policy:** None.

**Announcements:** Judy wanted everyone to see the article on Lobby Day. Nina also brought an op-ed piece from the *New Mexican* regarding a bill proposed for a website to compare medical procedure prices. This bill is supported by Think New Mexico.

**Hilltopics Deadline:** March *Hilltopics* is already out as Denise was going out of town

**Next Coordinating Council Meeting:** 7:15 pm, Thursday, March 19, United Church ; future meetings will be Thursday, April 16, and Thursday, May 7

**AAUW Dates to Remember:**

April 17-19, 2015 – Spring Convention, Drury Hotel in Santa Fe

June 18-21, 2015 – AAUW National Convention in San Diego

July – Tech Trek summer camp at Highlands University

**Community Dates:**

March 15, 4 pm – Cuarteto Latinoamericano & Daniel Binelli, LACA Concert

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia G. White

## **AAUW Minutes from March 19, 2015, Coordinating Council Meeting**

**Members Present:** Marilyn Doolen, Jill Forman, Maryjane Giesler, Nina Thayer, and Judy Prono.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Co-Facilitator Judy Prono. The minutes from the Coordinating Council meeting of February 19, 2015 were approved with the following corrections: Natalie Markin's name was added as having attended the Winter LTM meeting, and the discussion about a branch dues increase should be listed as Old Business. Maryjane Giesler moved to accept the minutes as amended, Nina Thayer seconded, and it passed unanimously.

**Facilitator's Report:** Judy Prono

\*Trek Tech: \$2410.00 was raised by Los Alamos Branch. This includes the

\$1,000 matching funds. Judy has sent the checks to Mary Rita Chapman, AAUW State Treasurer and fundraising chair for the camp.

\* Interviews for summer camp: Four seventh grade girls were nominated from the Los Alamos schools. Malea Joyce and Sarah Crotzer applied and will be interviewed on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Prono, Nina Thayer, and Marilyn Doolen, in a team of two, who will score the interviews and send the results to Mary Rita Chapman. The girls will be notified in mid-April. [Note: later instructions from Cheri Burch, AAUW-NM STEM chair, were to provide just one evaluation for each girl to her and not to score the essays, which will be done by the selection committee.]

\*Nominating Committee Report: Harriet Dodder has agreed to be nominated for Nominating Chair for a two-year term.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy reported that \$.01 interest was earned in this last month and \$400 from the AAUW Funds account was sent to AAUW for Tech Trek.

**Membership:** The *AAUW February 1 Count for Fiscal Year, 2015*, shows the LA Branch count at 67 members; we added 9 new members. On March 14, 2015 at the membership drive ice cream social, 3 new members joined-Heather Burke, Esta Albright, and Liz Bennett.

Jill Forman will coordinate on April 9<sup>th</sup> (the Equal Pay Day Tabling Event at the LA Farmers' market) a display to sign up new members who can take advantage of the \$46.50 dues offer (half price on national dues). Because we gained 2 new members in the Shape the Future campaign on March 14, the branch will receive one free national membership, which must be used by June 30, 2015. Suggested recipients for the membership were Barbara Calef (President of L.A. League of Women Voters), Bonnie Gordon (Co-editor of the LA Daily Post), and Elizabeth Rademacher (staff at UNM-La). Before offering the membership, Council will have to decide whether to pay for state and Branch dues for the recipient.

**Program Report:** Nina and Judy

\*Equal Pay Day: Nina has received the *Simple Truth* brochures and AAUW posters to be used at the table on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Nina stressed those working at the table that day should be very familiar with the brochure. The posters will be very helpful to display information about the NM Fair Pay for Women Act forum or the gender pay gap stalemate. To date Jill Forman, Marilyn Doolen, and Christine Cloyd have volunteered to help Nina with setting up the table displays and staffing the table. It is hopeful that more members will volunteer.

\* Nina talked about following up on national suggestions for taking Equal Pay Day activities to the next level. One possibility is to ask Los Alamos County Council to proclaim April 14<sup>th</sup> Equal Pay Day in the county. Judy noted that she had looked at the proclamation form AAUW provides but was concerned that we do not have enough time to pursue it. Instead, she proposed writing an op-ed which would highlight recent AAUW statistics that show little progress has been made over the last decade in closing the gender pay gap. Consensus was that she should send it to the LA Daily Post.

**Spring Convention in Santa Fe is April 17-19.** As of this date, Nina Thayer, Maryjane Giesler, Judy Prono , and Helena Whyte plan to attend.

\*April 30- International Affairs Meeting at Mesa Library conference rooms; 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lynn Sanchez of Life Link, Santa Fe will speak on human trafficking. Mona will coordinate. Marilyn will coordinate all publicity. Nina suggested that we get publicity to local organizations such as LWV, MANA del Norte, Friends of the Library, and the LA Cares Board.

\*May 15<sup>th</sup> Spring Tea members meeting; Marilyn will preside. In lieu of a travelogue program, a guest speaker will be asked to speak on identity theft. Nina will contact the Securities Division of the NM Regulation and Licensing Department. This meeting will be well publicized as it is hoped that the topic will generate public interest. The program will begin after a short year-end business meeting.

\*Nina has initiated two Out‘N About events, one in April and one in May.

**College and University Report:** Maryjane Giesler

Sheri Lopez, a recommended scholarship candidate for the NCCWSL convention in June, responded that she applied, but will have to withdraw because the convention conflicts with a summer internship at Cornell. Judy noted that as of March 14, Karyl Lyne had received no scholarship applications.

**AAUW Funds Report:** none

**Public Policy:** Judy

Judy encouraged Council members to use the *Two-minute activist* tool online to urge our Congressional members (Udall, Heinrich, and Lujan) to sign up as co-sponsors for the Paycheck Fairness Act. AAUW is pushing to get as many co-sponsors as possible for the act when it is reintroduced in the coming weeks.

**Old Business:** Nina will follow through on an update on the second distribution from the JNBM funding earmarked for the 5 elementary school libraries. It was suggested that the school librarians be contacted as well as the School Foundation office.

**\*New Business:**

In reponse to the AAUW-NM Ingenious Ideas Award call from the State Awards Committee, Judy submitted a nomination from our Branch describing our collaboration with the Los Alamos County Library to host the traveling exhibit “Dust, Drought, And Dreams Gone Dry.” This satisfies the award criteria of “successful new branch activity or new collaboration (within the past 3 years).

\*National Convention is June 18-21, in San Diego. We have budgeted \$200.00 for attendees to help defray convention costs. Since Branch co-facilitators will not be able to attend, Maryjane Giesler moved that the money be split among LA branch members who will attend and are not eligible for any AAUW-NM funding support. Jill seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Consensus was that we will divide the money among those who have registered to attend by May 15; so far two members (Nina Thayer & Nancy Scheer) plan to attend. Recipients will report back on convention activities either at a branch meeting or in our newsletter.

**Hilltopics:** The deadline is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Articles to be submitted should be the following: Tech Trek funding campaign amount, Equal Pay Day Tabling April 9 Fair Pay for Women Act program at the joint meeting with Santa Fe Branch April 17, a pre-convention event; April and May Out 'N Abouts; April 30<sup>th</sup> International Affairs branch meeting; NM Spring Convention April 17-19.

**Next Coordinating Council Meeting:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Graves Hall (United Church), 7 pm

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Doolen, Secretary, pro-tem

## **Minutes July 16 AAUW meeting**

Meeting started at 7:25PM at the United Church

Members Present: Nina Thayer, Judy Prono, Mona Wechsung, Mary Ann Lindahl and Natalie Markham.

Secretary's report: Minutes from May 28 were accepted as presented. Motion by Nina seconded by Mona.

Facilitator's Report:

1. National election garnered 12% voter turnout; amendment to drop university degree requirement did not pass(55% no, 41% yes): all other amendments passed
2. Branch donations slightly exceeded \$1000 goal for MANA del Norte scholarship.
3. Entered Branch Officer list for 2015/2016 in AAUW database (handout)
4. Hospitality Chair Judy will ask Alahna Wellers and Christine Cloyd if they would accept the job. Mona volunteered if neither agrees.

New Business:

1. Nina will put together a Relay for Life team in Gloria Cordova's name. The Relay will be on Friday, August 21 and August 22 at Ashley Pond. The team members will collect money hoping to get to \$1000. Hopefully Gloria will be able to attend. The team will have a table with cookies in baggie to sell for donations. Donations will be made to 'American Cancer Society' with Team Gloria in the memo line. Natalie made a motion and Mona seconded that she could advertise to the Branch in the Newsletter.

Treasurers Report

1. Mona described the Financial Report for 4th Quarter. (attached) She then described the Proposed budget for 2015-2016. The question was concerned about the AAUW Mini Grant of \$100. We will wait to see what we need before using that. Suggestions were fielded and budget was changed. Natalie made a motion to accept the revised budget and Mona seconded. The budget will go before the Branch for a vote.
2. No need to raise dues at the point. We plan to wait until the balance in the bank account drops to \$1000. Consensus

Membership

1. We had 73 members last year and only 37 have renewed. We will put a notice in newsletter to pay dues. Natalie will send out reminders to those who haven't paid. Then we will call to remind them to pay dues.
2. Elizabeth Rademacher has accepted the free membership.

## Program report

1. Jill reserved BLC for September 12, 10:30-2:30 PM for the Fall luncheon. Talks by LA Tech Trek attendees, NCCWSL attendee from Highlands, and maybe elementary Librarians on JNBM purchases will be the program. We will ask Ruby K's to provide the food for \$15/person.
2. We will co-sponsor with LWV a talk by Dr. Emile Nakleh on ISIS and US Mideast Policy on September 17. We want to be more than a silent partner with LWV. We want to think of a way to be more involved. Judy will ask that we will have a membership table and help with refreshments. She will see what we can do to have bigger part.
3. Nina presented a list of Program ideas. We will continue to work on these and see where they will fit into our upcoming programs.

## State Programs:

1. Summer LTM will be online meeting Saturday July 25@9:30 AM.
2. Fall workshop and LATM will be in Portales (ENMU student Affiliate group) Since there are many conflicts with Oct. 17, they may change the date to Oct. 24.

## Public Policy:

1. Judy ordered five copies of "Solving the Equation" for the Branch.
2. LAF conference call will be on Thursday, July 23 @ 8 PM ET. It will be the 2015 Supreme Court Wrap-Up and will discuss how the rulings impact women. Sign up online to participate.

## New business:

1. LANL requested for Branch participation in its Annual Student Symposium on 8/4. We feel we don't have the experience to be able make awards to the students since they study such specific topics.

Hilltopics Deadline: June 20, 2015. Dues reminder, 2 September meetings,

Next Coordinating Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 18. 7:15 PM at the United Church.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08.

# **Minutes August 18, 2015 AAUW Council meeting**

Meeting started at 7:23PM

Members Present: Nina Thayer, Judy Prono, Mona Wechsung, Mary Ann Lindahl, Natalie Markin, Maryjane Giesler, Marilyn Doolen, Margo Batha, Harriet Dodder, Helena Whyte

Secretary's report: Minutes from July 16 were accepted as presented.

## Facilitator's Report

1. We received mandatory bylaw revisions from National. They are due in 2016. No vote is needed. Most of the changes seem to be for the State Organizations. Natalie has offered to help with this project.
2. The Hospitality Chair is still open. Nina will ask Nancy Nunnely. A suggestion was to look for co-chairs, perhaps asking a new member to help with Hospitality.
3. Summer LTM update: State dues are waived for free national memberships through Shape the Future. Nina is helping Elsa to join when she can get a saving through the program.
4. Forty-seven attended Tech Trek at NM Highlands Univ.

## Treasurers Report

1. Financial Update: Proposed Budget and Financial Report are attached. Deadline for Mini Grant application is October 1. The Lab is giving half of the amount per hour that they had been awarding for retirees' volunteer hours. We have not received any Lab funds so far this year.
2. Report from Mary Rita Chapman's conference call for branch treasurers. Mona learned that the Branch needs to retain 7 years of financial information. Mona proposed that the treasurer each year should hold

seven years of information for the Branch. AAUW has guidelines on what to save and what to do with the information. Judy will report on them at our next meeting.

3. The IRS has 2007 and 2009 information for our branch posted. National who is to report our status to the IRS may not have done that. Mona will follow up with National.
4. About 8 years ago AAUW-NM encouraged the Branches to incorporate. The Los Alamos branch has been incorporated much longer than that. The issue is liability insurance. Incorporating helps mitigate some of the issues related to liability. The venues that we use for programs do have liability insurance. We feel we are adequately covered and do not need to incur the cost of liability insurance. Nina mentioned that Nancy Scheer explored this issue for AAUW-NM about 8 years ago and perhaps we should check with her regarding this topic
5. We could get a debit card to handle expenses conveniently. Mona and Natalie will see if that is feasible. Judy will check old minutes to learn why we decided not to get a debit card two or three years ago.
6. When the Branch gives money to a scholarship fund, the name of the recipient must not be known ahead of time. In the past we have donated funds to Mana Del Norte and once a candidate was picked, we promised to continue annual support of that candidate, if their grades merited that support. Per the IRS if the candidate's name is known ahead of time, the donated is not tax deductible. Therefore in the future we will ask Mana Del Norte to stipulate that we will select someone for a one year scholarship and the person will have to reapply annually along with other candidates. The candidate with the best qualifications will be awarded the scholarship.
7. Mona will ask Rozelle Wright to audit Treasurer's records for the past year.

#### Membership

1. As of now we have 39 members and 2 honorary members, Harriet Dodder and Pat Harlow. Natalie has been contacted Goria Wolfer, a retired teacher who lives in Velarde, who wants to join our branch and Natalie will help her with her membership. After our Fall Luncheon, Natalie will email dues reminders to members who have not renewed.

#### Program report

1. Fall Luncheon will be Sat. September 12 from 11 to 2 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
2. Marilyn will contact the interest groups to have information available at the Luncheon.
3. We will expect to feed 30 people at the Luncheon and Judy has spoken to Ruby Ks. We will charge \$15 each. Jill should check about getting in and locking up at the end. We should get there at 10:15 AM. Mary Ann will do the Iced Tea and Marilyn Doolen will do the Punch. We need to see what we have for plates, cups, napkins and tablecloths. Natalie and Judy will clean up. Nina needs to get the AAUW banners to Judy. Helena will get a video projector for the Tech Trek video. Natalie will get flowers for the tables. Helena will talk about the National Convention. We also may have a video on the Fair Pay Act.
4. We will co-sponsor with LWV a meeting on Thursday, Sept 17, 7-8 PM at Fuller Lodge. At the start of that meeting AAUW will have a few moments to recruit new member by talking about the AAUW Shape the Future Campaign. Nina and Margo offered to help with refreshments. Dr. Nakleh will speak on ISIS and US Mideast Policy.
5. October/November: We could have Melissa Romero from LANB give a talk on identity theft. Natalie will ask if Melissa will do that on November 7 for a meeting that will be open to the public. We will check to see if the White Rock Library will be available.
6. Mary Ann will check with Rancho De Chimayo for a larger room for our Luncheon on December 5. At a future council meeting we will discuss the type of donation and to whom that donation should be made at our annual holiday luncheon and giving event. Two possibilities that were mentioned are the donation of fruit baskets to LA Cares as we have done in the past and the other is a donation to an organization that works with people who have been the victims of human trafficking.

#### Publicity:

1. Margo suggested that we provide news releases to our local news media about Tech Trek and how the JNBM funds are being used. Helena will send her information on Tech Trek to submit immediately; she will write about the JNBM impact on local elementary libraries after our Fall Luncheon.



AAUW Fund Report: Nothing yet.

State Programs:

1. We may consider using the State Grant to help with the Fundraiser The Nina is working on to raise funds for National. One possibility is a performance by Willard Sims as Albert Einstein. Application for the grant is due on Oct. 1.
2. Oct 24: Fall workshop and LTM in Portales. Several members are planning to go.

Public Policy

3. Judy has 5 copies of "Solving the Equation" for use by the members of the Branch.

Old Business:

1. The Cancer walk has 23 members walking and Nina has collected checks. We will have a table and beads and leis to wear while walking. The Team Gloria will be well represented. Gloria Cordova is planning to come for the Survivors Walk.
2. Review Policies and Procedures review are ongoing.

New Business: None

Hilltopics Deadline: August 25: Topics include Fall Luncheon, the talk we're sponsoring with LWV, Relay for Life Update, and dues reminder.

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: October 1 at 7:00 PM at the United Church. Marilyn and Mona will do refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

## **Fall Luncheon Minutes—Sept. 12, 2015 (corrected)**

**Business meeting:**

1. Judy Prono called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM and asked for the introduction of guests. Elsa Reimer is the guest of Maryjane Giesler. Also new member Elizabeth Rademaker and Terry Marzili received AAUW pins. Judy then introduced the Coordinating Council and non-Council members. She introduced Nancy Nunnely who has volunteered to be the new Hospitality Chairman.
2. 2015/2016 Budget proposal — Natalie Markin explained the budget information to the members. She explained that actual expenses usually fall short of budgeted ones because officers rarely use the AAUW money for expenses. Helena Whyte made a motion to accept the budget and Marilyn Minshall seconded. The budget was passed.
3. Announcements
  - a. Judy asked for Hospitality volunteers for the year. She passed around a sign-up sheet for members to use to volunteer.
  - b. Natalie announced that we have 43 paid members so far and asked members to renew their memberships. The dues for the year are \$71: \$49 go to National, \$12 go to State and \$10 go to AAUW Los Alamos.
  - c. Judy announced that the LWV/AAUW talk will be held on Sept. 17 at 7 pm @ Fuller Lodge. It is entitled, "ISIS, the Middle East, and US Policy" and will be a talk by Dr. Emil Nakhleh. We will have a "Shape the Future" membership drive at the talk to encourage attendees to join AAUW.
4. Interest Group presentations
  - a. Out 'n About — Maryjane Giesler presented information on the group's October hike to see Petroglyphs on Mesa Prieta. Nina Thayer is the leader of the group and can be reached at the email



address: [gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com) . The next event will be an Art Tour of the Round House in Santa Fe. The event has not been scheduled since we are waiting for word from the Art director.

- b. The Fiction Book Group — Karin Roberts described the process of picking books for the group to read and that the group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in the evenings and the Tuesday after the first Monday in the afternoon.
- c. Nonfiction Book Group — Rozelle Wright announced that the Nonfiction group meets every other month. On Monday, October 19, the group will be discussing, “Being Mortal.” The next book that will be discussed on January 11 is “The Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher.”
- d. Great Decisions — Denise George showed the publication the group uses to discuss current worldwide policy issues. The daytime group is lead by Carroll Thomas and meets at the Mesa Public Library on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays starting in January. There is an evening group led by Helena Whyte. They have not finalized the meeting times and locations.
- e. Title IX Group — Helena Whyte chooses girls athletic events for the members to attend to support girls’ athletics. She will post the times of home games to attend. She also stated the schools are required to have a Title IX School Coordinator to make sure each school is in compliance. Colleges/universities need also to push for more thorough investigations of sexual abuse that is committed by student athletes. More campuses are being investigated for their response to such claims.

5. Highlights from National AAUW convention in San Diego — Helena Whyte shared some of the subjects that were emphasized at the conventions. Karyl Lyne and Helena attended the State President workshop. More States are also going to having co-presidents instead of one president. Fifteen AAUW-NM members attended. New Mexico was in the top ten states for per capita donations to AAUW funds. Three affiliates from NM attended and flooded social media with pictures of their experiences. Helena stated the diversity is always on display at National conventions.

6. Update on NM Fair Pay for Women Act — Helena Whyte stated the New Mexico has passed a Fair Pay for Women Act. Any business with more than four employees must have equal pay for equal jobs. California has also passed an Equal Pay for Women Act. Also by Executive Order, Federal agencies or contractors can not retaliate against those who share salary information or as for equal pay.

The business meeting was adjourned just before noon.. The attendees enjoyed lunch. A list of attendees is attached to these minutes.

## **Program**

- 1. Tech Trek Highlights: Sarah Crotzer and Malea Joyce, LAMS 8th graders, gave a presentation of the activities that they did at the 2015 Tech Trek they attended at Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM. They brought some of the things they made and explained the schedule at the camp. They expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to attend the event.
- 2. JNBM Update: Julie Goen and Jeff Lloyd, Pinon and Aspen School librarians, brought books that they had purchased for the school libraries with the Jean Nereson Books Memorial donations. The librarians showed how the classroom teachers would use the books and how the books enrich the current inventory at the libraries. They were very grateful for the JNBM donations. The elementary libraries have each received two stipends of \$1000 and will receive 2 more in the next two years.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Lindahl

# Coordinating Council Meeting 10/01/2015

Members present: Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Jill Forman, Natalie Markin, Mona Wecksung, Judy Prono, and Mary Ann Lindahl

Judy called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm.

Corrections were made to the Coordinating Council meeting August 18, 2015 and the Fall Luncheon Meeting minutes and they were approved. Natalie made the motion and Maryjane seconded.

## Facilitator's Report:

1. 2015 Update on gender pay gap: NM now ranks 31st in the nation, with women's median pay at 78% of men's. The report will be included with the minutes.
2. NM has regressed about four per cent in pay equity from last year.
3. Judy ordered 25 copies of "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap" report for the Branch.
4. Judy revisited the subject of keeping the records of the Branch. Mona thinks we should keep 7 years of the treasurer's books. In the information from National there is no mention of throwing anything away. Mary Ann will call Ginny to get all the past minutes and correspondence that she has. Marilyn Doolen collects news articles to give to branch Historian Marilyn Minshall who assembles the scrapbook. Between our website and officer notebooks, we appear to be meeting the records retention requirements.

## Treasurers Report

1. We have about \$2000. The report is included in the minutes.
2. We paid Ruby K's \$436 for catering the Fall luncheon and collected \$457 from attendees.
3. We received \$275 from LANL for volunteer time of Branch members who are Lab retirees, which puts our AAUW Funds account at \$382.86.
4. IRS website records indicate that we filed only twice (2004 & 2007) our tax exemption 990-N form for a non-profit organization. But we have annually asked National to file this form for us. In response to Mona's inquiry about the discrepancy, we have received confirmation that National submitted a 990-N for 2014. Rozelle was asked to audit the books. She would like an assistant. Mona will ask Denise to help her.
5. LWV asked to help with the cost of the Fuller Lodge rental. We had agreed to split it and pay half which is \$63.75. We were asked to pay half of the advertising cost. A motion was made and seconded to pay \$50 toward the advertising to the LWV. Jill made the motion to give them \$50 and it was seconded by Marilyn. The motion did not pass. Mona made the motion that we give the LWV \$100 toward rent and advertising. Seconded by Natalie. The motion passed with one abstention. Judy will call Becky Shankland and Rosmarie Frederickson to let them know about the \$100, and advise them that in future collaborations, AAUW Council needs to be advised of the projected expenses in order to budget accordingly.
6. Judy reported that back in December 2012 we dropped the idea of getting a debit card because it was decided that we didn't need one. Those who need to reserve hotel rooms can ask for reimbursement from the Branch. The card would have to be reissued whenever financial officers changed and that would cause a problem.

## Membership:

1. We have 43 paid members and 5 honorary life members. We had two new members join, Joyce Unruh and Elsa Riemer, at our most recent Shape the Future membership drive. Natalie has sent notices to 23 people who have not renewed. At our next Council meeting we will arrange to call those who have still not renewed. We will get one free membership from Shape the Future for the two new members who have joined. We had some discussion about who should get the free membership, but we tabled the decision for later.

## Program Report:

1. For November 7 program Melissa Romero of LANB will talk on preventing identity theft. White Rock Library requires an organization to sign up a month before the event. We will need a projector, screen and computer. We will reserve from 10:30AM to 1:00PM. Natalie will get information to Marilyn Doolen when the date is set. Marilyn will publicize the event.
2. Mary Ann will check with Rancho de Chimayo for December 5 for 35 people. Marilyn will talk to Denise George and Karin Roberts about coordinating another fruit drive for LA Cares.
3. In January we will co-sponsor the Legislative Preview at Fuller Lodge and will provide refreshments.

4. Nina has been working to have us host "Einstein: A Stage Portrait" as a fundraiser for Tech Trek. The Little Theater might be available for use on February 13 and 14. John Gustafson will ask the Theater board on October 6. The LALT charges \$60-\$90 to do two performances (evening and matinee) and we will need to do publicity. We don't know what Tom Schuch will charge for putting on the show. We might apply for Branch Projects Grant to cover theater rental since the application deadline has been moved out to Oct. 8. We could apply for the grant without specifying a date for the show, and if we can't schedule it, we could return the grant to State. Natalie made a motion to apply for the grant. Mary Ann seconded. The motion passed. Judy and Marilyn will collaborate on the application. Nina's goal is to raise \$2000.00
5. Nina had followed up with Becky Shankland about touring the Nature Center on a Tuesday evening from 6:30-8 PM in February or March and listening to a talk by one or two staff members.

#### Publicity:

Marilyn responded to an email from Bonnie Schranz, State Media Relations Chair, requesting information about our local newspapers and radio station in order to publicize AAUW news. As council Publicity chair, Marilyn asked Bonnie that she be copied on all articles sent by Bonnie. Bonnie agreed to do that.

#### AAUW Fund:

No Report

College and University Rep: No report

#### State Programs:

1. October 24: Fall workshop and LTM in Portales (ENMU Student affiliate group)
2. June 19-25: Tech Trek camp at New Mexico Tech, Socorro.
3. July 14-17: Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Albuquerque's Old Town.

#### Old Business

4. Policies and Procedures were reviewed by Marilyn and Judy. Nothing has to be changed at this time. Bylaws Read that "Member whose dues remain unpaid after July 31 shall be dropped from membership." National bylaws do not say that they have to be dropped. Our Policies & Procedures say that payment by Sep. 30 ensures member's name is included in Branch Yearbook. Consensus was that our policies make more sense than our bylaws. We will address amending the latter at our Spring Tea business meeting.
5. MANA Del Norte Scholarship: MANA Del Norte received IRS guidelines for the process to award scholarships. In short, scholarships must be competed each year, and Andrea Tuero, our scholarship recipient last year, did not get a scholarship this year. We do not know at this time who received the scholarship that we have sponsored. Mona will follow up and put a MANA update in our next newsletter.

New Business : None

Hilltopics Deadline is October 16. Next Council Meeting: November 12 at United Church at 7:00 PM. Meeting is adjourned at 9:24 pm. Marilyn will contact the United Church secretary to reserve the lounge.

## **AAUW Council meeting 11/12/2015 at the United Church**

Those Present: Mary Ann Lindahl, Judy Prono, Marilyn Doolen, Harriet Dodder, Nina Thayer, Mona Wecksung, Natalie Markin, and Jill Forman

Marilyn called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

The Oct. 1 Council minutes were approved with two changes: Mona corrected #3 of the Treasurer's report, noting that our AAUW Funds balance is \$310.86; in #4 in the Facilitator's report, she noted that it is the IRS rule that we should keep 7 years of treasurer's reports.

#### **Facilitator's report**

AAUW members can get an AAUW discount card for use at Office Max/Office Depot locations. Judy passed out a copy of the Branch Project Grant Proposal that she sent to AAUW-NM, asking for \$200 to help offset costs for our fundraiser for the 2016 Tech Trek camp in Socorro. State approved a grant of \$100 at the Fall LTM; we have already received the check.

Judy received a list of 32 schools in northwestern NM to contact about email addresses for 7th grade math and science teachers and/or administrative staff. AAUW-NM wants to reach more middle school teachers this year with information about nominating 7th grade girls for Tech Trek. Denise, Judy, Marilyn and Nina have been calling the schools to obtain contact information, which Judy will collate and send to Mary Rita Chapman.

Judy also noted that a state goal announced at the Fall LTM was to make sure that all NM schools are aware of the basics for following Title IX requirements and that each school has a Title IX coordinator. Branches will be asked to help in contacting schools across the state about Title IX.

### **Treasurers report**

Mona confirmed that national acknowledged receiving our Group Tax Exemption Form. Our CD matured (earning \$5.40 in interest) and it has been renewed for a year. So far this fiscal year, we've received dues from 13 members who have renewed. At the end of October, the balance in our checking account is \$1886.06. The Financial report is included with the minutes. Mona will send The Los Alamos League of Women Voters a check for \$86.25 to cover half of the Fuller Lodge rental costs for the Legislative Preview in January.

### **Membership Report**

Natalie reviewed the list of members who have not renewed their memberships. She said that after taking off those who are not in town or not interested in renewing, we need to call 16 members to encourage them to pay their dues. So far 52 members and 4 new members have paid dues.

### **Branch Programs**

. Mary Ann will be the contact for members to make their reservations. Deadline is December 3 for reservations. We agreed on the \$16.50 menu; members need to pay in cash or with a check. We will collect money to buy fresh fruit for LA Cares. Denise, Harriet and Mary Ann will order the fruit. Karin has volunteered her house for the sorting and bagging the fruit. Members will be asked to bring medium and large holiday gift bags to the luncheon.

**Program:** Our MANA del Norte scholarship recipient is in school in Socorro and will not attend. Ginny White volunteered to contact Neil Heighberger from Renesan Institute to speak to us about the lifelong learning program he runs at St. John's Methodist Church in Santa Fe. He will be asked to speak for 15 minutes with a short Q and A afterward. We will pay for his and his wife's lunch.

**January 7, 2016 Legislative Preview with League of Women Voters.** We do the refreshments and they do the publicity. Judy will ask Nancy Nunnelley to follow up with branch volunteers.

**January 23, 2016 Science Fair Judging.** Marilyn will put information in the newsletter to encourage volunteers to be on the judging team. We have \$150 in the budget for the prizes and it is at the discretion of the team judges to divide it up.

**Feb. 13 & 14, 2016 Einstein Program.** This will be a fundraiser for Tech Trek New Mexico and will fulfill our contribution to AAUW for unrestricted funds. We have booked the Little Theatre for the play "Einstein: A Stage Portrait," which will be performed by Tom Schuch of SPOLI Productions, Albuquerque. We have \$100 from the State to put toward production expenses. Nina has asked 2 members to serve on the fundraiser committee. Judy Prono and Marilyn Doolen will be ex-officio members. Our goal is to make \$2500. Tickets will not be tax deductible. We hope to offer a nice dessert to the guests. Tom's expenses will be \$500. Nina will contact Tom to ask about the structure of the program and information for press releases and ads. The committee will meet in December and also in January and February.

We need tickets in time to sell at the Legislative Preview, where we will inform attendees of the program.

**Tech Trek:** The goal this year is 60 attendees, and the Camp Director is Cheri Burch. AAUW-NM has received \$10,000 from National and \$10,000 from the State Public Education Department.. The goal is to raise another \$30,000.

**AAUW Fund:** Nina had a handout for the Fund. One Mission, One Fund. National has reorganized its fundraising to focus on receiving more unrestricted funding.

**Public Policy:** Helena suggests that we watch "The Hunting Ground," which will be shown on CNN Dec 19 at 7 and 10 PM. It is a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses.

**College and Univ Rep:** Judy noted that we may have a NCCWSL scholarship applicant this year from UNM-LA. She has talked to Kaylen Pocaterra, a freshman at UNM-LA, about the conference and has encouraged her to apply. Cassie Marrs is the new chair for the state's NCCWSL scholarship committee.

Natalie received a certificate from Let's Read Math to our branch as an award for running the program here in Los Alamos.

**State Programs**

Jan. 31--LTM in Santa Fe

Feb. 1--Legislative Day at the Roundhouse

June 19-25--Tech Trek at NM Tech

July 15-17--Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Albuquerque

Hilltopics Deadline: November 17.

Coordinating Council meetings: Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, & April 14, all at United Church, 7 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM