

# AAUW COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

**January 12, 2017**

**Present:** Betsy Comly, Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Denise George, Cas Mason, Judy Prono, Mona Wecksung

**Meeting called to order:** 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes from previous council meeting were approved as corrected:** moved Mona, seconded Judy.

## **Facilitators' report:**

Marilyn:

- \* Thanks to Judy for her letter to newspapers in support of mil levy and school bond
- \* Pre-legislative Preview (Jan. 11) - Judy moderator; 10 branch members present
- \* Betsy received a thank you letter from Jeri Hertzman in reply to Betsy sending 30 year membership pin
- \* Human Trafficking Protest will take place 2-2:30, Feb. 5 2017, at the corner of Phillips 66 Station and Gutierrez Street in Pojoaque. It is a protest not a march to inform that human trafficking doesn't only happen in underdeveloped countries. Contact: Ann LaPage

## **Treasurer's report:** Mona

- \* 100.00 for Science Fair awards
- \* The letter that confirms the liability insurance check has cleared will be kept in President's notebook
- \* Convention expenses so far are \$563.75
- \* Mana del Norte has \$780 towards next year's AAUW scholarship
- \* The branch treasurer, Mona, files the complete treasurer's report

**Membership report:** 66 members

## **Programs:** Judy

- \* Tech Trek fundraiser Program, the un-tea party fund raiser invitation sheet is complete and will be sent out Feb 1.

- \* March international program: Judy is working with Nancy Scheer to find a speaker. Present possibilities include a Russia expert or a panel discussion involving Middle Eastern women.
- \* Equal Pay Day April 4, cocktails and convos at Unquarked; we need to identify a leader: Margo Batha may be willing to help
- \* April 21-23, AAUW-NM Spring Convention here.
- \* Spring Tea 5/6 or 5/13, BLC or Oppenheimer Center: Ginny White has suggested inviting Andrea Fellow Walters (who is in charge of education at the SF Opera) to speak; other possibilities are Anne Hillerman or Michael McGarrity (Linda MacMullen knows him). Consensus is to ask Ginny to invite Andrea Walters.
- \* June 9 5-7 pm voting party at Time Out Pizzeria.

**Publicity:** not right now

**AAUW Fund:** Nothing new

**College & University Rep:** The status of awarding the two AAUW-NM NCCWSL scholarships is unknown: at the winter LTM, Marilyn and Maryjane will follow up with Cassie Mars on whether there is a need and a qualified candidate, for the NCCWSL scholarship for which we have budgeted.

**Public Policy:**

1. Mil levy and school bond, vote.
2. Women's March on Washington in Santa Fe, 11am -12am followed by rally at SE side of Capitol Building House January 21,12-2pm on January 21.
3. Vote for school board only in White Rock (Denise is sending memo).
4. Feb. 6 AAUW at State Legislature: Lobby Corp members will meet at 8:30 in the Senate Room 326; state will staff AAUW table in Rotunda from 10-2 pm.
5. Charting the Course made its two-year campaign goal of raising \$1 million.
6. March 10 Women's History Day at Roundhouse

**State Programs:**

- \* State Convention update (4/21-23), meeting Jan. 17.
- Registration form needs to be in the next Road Runner, deadline Feb. 15.
- New Mexico Consortium is willing to do a tour
- \* Convention budget - total \$4200.00 vote to approve budget Judy moved and Mona seconded. Now will go to State convention for further approval at State LTM Feb. 5 where budget will be voted on again
- \* June 14-17 AAUW National Convention, Washington DC

\* June 18-24 Tech Trek at NM Tech

**New Business:**

\* Science Fair judging team: Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Comly (lead), Coop, Lindahl, Marzili, (Frederickson ?)

\* Mission in Action Award, new state award to be given every 2 years; deadline for submitting nominations is Friday Jan. 20. Since recipients do not have to AAUW members, Nina Thayer has proposed nominating Mana del Norte for its educational support of Hispanic Women in northern NM; however Mona felt that this would be premature as she has issues with how the scholarships were awarded this past fall that she needs to discuss/resolve with the group's president. Mona suggested The Women's International Study Center, but we don't have enough information at the moment to nominate it.

\* Council Nomination. Betsy and Marilyn need to contact Harriet (head of the nominating committee) in order to fill the positions on next year's Council as Maryjane and Judy will be ineligible to stay on the Council.

\* Bylaws: Need updating because of changes mandated from National. There will be a workshop at the February LTM meeting on needed changes.

**Hilltopics Deadline:** January 15

**Next Coordinating Council Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month Feb. 8

**Adjourn:** 9:03

Respectfully Submitted,

Cas Mason

**AAUW Council Meeting Minutes**  
February 8, 2017

**Present:** Betsy Comly, Cas Mason, Denise George, MaryAnn Lindahl, Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Judy Prono, Mona Wecksung.

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes from previous council meeting were accepted as corrected: Marilyn moved, Mona seconded. (The minutes need to be sent to everyone on the Council.)

### **Facilitators Report: (Betsy and Marilyn)**

#### *The LA County Science Fair.*

This was held on February 4. The judges in the AAUW team were Marilyn Doolen (team leader), Betsy Comly, Mary Ann Lindahl, Terry Marzili and Nancy Nunnelley. Out of 173 projects in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, our team awarded 2 x \$20.00 to school projects and 12 x \$5.00 to individuals. All the projects were imaginative, unique and visually well presented.

#### *Convention Planning.*

The State approved budget and registration fee (\$300 extra added for contingency).

Saturday Night Banquet is finalized. Non-alcoholic drinks can be ordered from the server, but individuals will need to order alcoholic drinks from the bar. The evening starts at 6:00 with dinner being served at 6:30. The table cloths will be black with beige napkins and the table decorations will be provided by Cottonwood.

It is not known yet whether there will be a speaker at the dinner. One possibility is Nancy Scheer who would talk about her attendance at the UN Convention on the Status of Women. Announcements for the State Convention will be made in the Roadrunner, our March Newsletter and also posted on our web site.

Details will be finalized at the task force meeting next Monday Feb. 13.

Mona is developing a computer spread sheet to record registration form information.

MaryAnn is in charge of name tags which will have first name, last name and which branch the member belongs to. Tags may be included

that indicate what the tag owner ordered for dinner and whether the owner has paid for planetarium show.

### **Treasurers Report: (Mona)**

*Judy Crocker's* donation (\$50) came early.

Mona went over treasurer's report

*Tech Trek.* Four checks have been received. Denise will put a reminder for contributions in our newsletter.

*Our AAUW Funds Account* has a balance of \$269.90. This mostly comes from the LANL's Los Vecinos Volunteer Program and is ultimately sent to AAUW (it is not part of our branch budget). We will have to decide whether to ask it to be applied to NM Tech Trek, an endowed fund, or given as an unrestricted donation. Usually we have announced such pass-through donations at the Spring Tea.

### **Membership Report: (Mary Ann)**

It is confirmed that our 2017 branch membership is 66 which includes 7 new members, according to the state membership report.

### **Programs: (Judy)**

Invitations for the Un-Tea Party fundraiser for Tech Trek were mailed February 2. We will wait until after the March Council Meeting to send donations received on to Catherine Greenspan, Tech Trek Treasurer.

*March 7, 7-8 pm, Mesa Public Library* conference rooms 2 & 3: "Our Woman in Havana," talk by Ambassador Vicki Huddleston on US-Cuba relations; we will make this talk a "Shape the Future" membership drive. Nancy Scheer will bring Vicki from Santa Fe. We need to inform SF and Albuquerque branches. Betsy and Marilyn, will send information for publicity to the Monitor and Daily Post and will distribute flyers two weeks before the lecture date.

Mona said she will tell Helena Riebe (with Women's International study Center in SF) about the talk.

*April 4 Equal Pay Day.* We will not continue to arrange an event because we have enough programs to be consistent with our bylaws (we need 6 events a year).

*April 21-23, AAUW-NM State Convention,* to be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Oppenheimer Condos.

*May 12, 4-6 pm, The Spring Tea* to be held at the BLC “Gathering Space”. After the business meeting, Andrea Fellows Walters will speak about her work as Education Director for the SF Opera. Marilyn will confirm we have “The Gathering Space” reserved.

*June 6/9? Voting party* for AAUW elections at Time Out Pizzeria (Denise puts all minutes on our branch web site in the members only section, so the secretary needs to send all the minutes to Denise.)

**Publicity: (Marilyn and Betsy)**

Marilyn and Betsy will work on (with Judy) for the 3/7 meeting “Our Woman in Havana.”

**AAUW Fund:** No chair

**College and University Representative: (Maryjane)**

Thanks for voting mil levy.

The NCWSSL State Scholarship recipient from UNMLA is Christine St. Vrain-Fischahs. Maryjane will invite her to the Spring Tea. The application date has been extended to March 15 because two more scholarships are available as the State and other branches have more money.

**Public Policy: (Judy)**

Judy encouraged all Council members to use the “2 Minute Activists” tool on AAUW web site. Write to your senator or congressman on whatever issue is under discussion. This is not restricted to AAUW members. She also summarized bills in the in the State Legislature that AAUW is supporting or opposing.

### **State and National Programs: (Judy)**

*March 10. Women's History Day* at the Roundhouse  
June 14-17, AAUW National Convention, Washington DC  
June 18-24, Tech Trek at NM Tech.

### **Old Business: (Mona)**

Following up from last month Mona learned that the head of the scholarship committee for Mana del Norte recused herself from voting. (Because relatives of hers were applying). The Mana del Norte branch in Albuquerque automatically gives scholarships to members of Los Hermanitas. Scholarship selection guidelines are going to be written. Mona will give them a copy of AAUW's Scholarship Policy, which spells out IRS requirements offered for scholarships by 501(c)(3) charities.

### **New Business: (Betsy)**

We need to look over bylaws before State Convention. Phyllis Ludi will send guidelines and reading material. She needs 5 issues to discuss. Phyllis will do the wording but needs a date when she can come and discuss the issues with us. She will send information to Betsy and Marilyn. Our bylaws do not jibe with NM Corporation Act. Judy sent Phyllis our bylaws in black (what we had in our original bylaws) and blue (mandated text from National). The changes needed in the bylaws must be sent to us by Phyllis so the changes can be completed before NM Convention and voted on at the Spring Tea. Betsy will contact Phyllis.

Hilltopics Deadline: Feb. 16 deadline.

Harriet Dodder needs a committee of 3-5 to work with her on nominations for next year's Coordinating Council. Only two are allowed from the present Coordinating Council.

Does Roz Newmeyer want to be on committee next year? This year she has had surgeries. Marilyn and Betsy will follow up with her.

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: March 8th

Adjourn (8:56pm)

Respectfully submitted

C. Mason

## **AAUW Council Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 2016

Present: Betsy Comly, Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Cas Mason, Mona Wecksung

Meeting Called to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes from previous council meeting: accepted as amended.

**Facilitators Report:** (Marilyn) Three thank you notes received from Science Fair.

(Betsy) Vicky Huddleston, on March 7, gave a talk entitled “Our Women in Havana”. It was our international meeting for the year and part of our membership campaign. It was a success with 53 people present.

**Treasurers Report:** (Mona) No statements from the Bank for February yet.

31 people sent \$2590.00 for Tech Trek. These checks will be sent to State.

**Membership Report:** (Mary Ann) No report



**Programs:** (Marilyn) provided by Judy.

April 21-23, AAUW State Convention to be held at the Holiday Inn and the Oppenheimer Condos in Los Alamos.

May 12, Spring Tea. After the business meeting, Andrea Fellows Walters will speak about her work as Education Director for the SF Opera.

June 6/6 or 6/8, 5-7pm at Time out Pizza – AAUW Voting Party

**Publicity:** (Marilyn and Betsy) for the March talk there was excellent response from LA Monitor and Daily Post.

Betsy put flyers around town.

**AAUW Fund:** (Marilyn) members have been notified of the annual giving campaign.

**College and University Rep.:** (Maryjane) Maryjane asked Christine St. Vrain-Fischals to come to the tea on May 12 and to talk about her NCCWSL award. She has agreed. We recommend to use NCCWSL branch money as a gift to Christine \$100.00

**Public Policy:** (Marilyn) Friday March 10 There will be a celebration of Women's History at Round House with a speech and reception. Helena asked us to inform the membership,

**Old Business:** no report

**State Programs:** (Marilyn) Task Force Committee meeting is next Wednesday March 15.

June 14-17, AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC

June 18-24, Tech Trek at NM Tech

**New Business:** (Marilyn)

1. The Branch is required, by law, to go through changes in our bylaws with help from Phyllis Ludy our (State by- laws liaison) The Council has

to vote by April 12 on these changes. New bylaws need to be sent to membership 2 weeks before May annual meeting.

2. Our branch is committed to five interviews for Tech Trek applicants. The deadline is April 2, summary reports by April 5. There are 4 interviews in Taos and 1 in Hernandez.

**Hill Topics Deadline:** March 17

**Nominating Committee:** (Betsy) News from Harriet Dodder who is chairman of nominating committee. The committee members were Linda McLellan, Else Hoffer, and Marilyn Minshall. The nominees who have agreed to serve are Bev Cooper, Margaret Gibson, and Carol Neal

**Next Coordinating Council Meeting:** Wednesday April 12

Adjourn (8:15pm)

Respectfully submitted:

Cas Mason

## Spring Tea Annual Meeting

Friday, May 12, 2017

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Gathering Space 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Introduction: 4:15** (Marilyn Doolen) Acknowledgments of the past year's activities and recognition of 24 members attending. Introduction of 3 guests-Margrethe Feldman, Mary Cummings, Christine St. Vrain followed.

**Council Members:** By acclamation the following slate was elected for the year 2017/18.

- Bev Cooper
- Marilyn Doolen (3rd term)
- Margaret Gibson
- Mary Ann Lindahl (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Carol Neal

Nominating Task Force Chair

- Harriet Dodder

Council members completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of term (2016-2018)

- Betsy Comly
- Denise George
- Cas Mason
- Mona Wecksung

Appointed members completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of term (2016-18)

- Historian: Marilyn Minshall
- STEM Chair: Helena Whyte

**Financial Report:** (Judy Prono) announced that a 2016/17 final financial report will be submitted by Mona Wecksung after the April State Convention financials are determined. Contributions to the MANA-del-Norte scholarship are appreciated. (We are \$300.00 short of the

\$1,000.00 budgeted amount.) Marilyn Thayer is the newest branch honorary life member (ie: 50 years)

**Bylaws Vote:** (Judy Prono) The revised branch bylaws were unanimously voted upon. (Judy Prono moved, Ginny White seconded) Necessary changes included compliance required by the NM State Law New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act, as well as new positioning of some of the previous branch provisions in order that the document be more workable. (Note: required vote is 2/3 majority vote of members voting after a quorum is attained)

**State Public Policy Update:** (Nina Thayer) Nina gave a brief summary of pending legislative business that AAUW is watching closely.

**Announcements:**

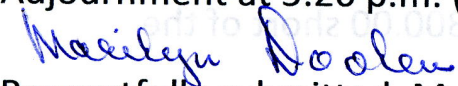
- Nina invited the members to an e-voting party at her home on Thursday May 18; 10 members indicated their interest. (The voting is for AAUW National candidates and proposed business changes.)

**Recognition of the 2016/17 Council officers** (Betsy Comly) Betsy recognized the achievements of all the officers and acknowledged the retirement of Judy Prono and Maryjane Giesler.

**Recognition of 6 AAUW-NM positions filled by Los Alamos branch members:** (Marilyn Doolen) They are Helena Whyte, Judy Prono, Maryjane Giesler, Nina Thayer, Nancy Scheer, and Natalie Markin.

**Presentation of NCCWSL awardee** Christine St. Vrain-Fischals; (introduction by Mary Jane Giesler.) Christine was given \$100.00 check from the branch.

Adjournment at 5:20 p.m. (Marilyn Doolen) A social time followed.

  
Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Doolen, Sec. pro-tem

AAUW Council Meeting Agenda  
June 5, 2017

Present: Betsy Comly, Marilyn Doolen, Denise George  
Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, Cas Mason, Judy Prono, Mona  
Wecksung, Marilyn Minshall, Nancy Nunnelley, Helena Whyte,  
Margaret Gibson, Beverley Cooper, Carol Neal

Prior to the meeting we all enjoyed a potluck supper at Marilyn  
Doolen's home and Gary took group photographs. The new members  
and retiring members were all present.

Meeting Called to order at 7:00.

**A. Minutes** from the April Council Meeting (Mona proposed and  
Denise seconded) and the May Council Meeting (Mary Ann proposed  
and Cas seconded) meetings were accepted as amended.

**B. Treasurer's Report: (Mona)**

1. \$857 collected as donations from the Convention has been sent to  
National for Educational Opportunities Fund for International  
Fellowships.
2. The balance from the Convention was \$191.85 which shows how  
well the budget had been assembled. Of this \$100 will be sent to  
State.
3. We just received \$200 from Los Vecinos (LANL) for volunteer  
work done by Helena Whyte. We will add it to the \$200 we voted  
to send to national's AAUW Fund at our April 12 meeting. (Judy  
moved and Mary Ann seconded)
4. Thank you notes need to be sent to Nancy Scheer, Judy Crocker  
and Marilyn Minshall for donations.
5. Since no Council member is attending the National Convention in  
Washington DC, consensus was to give the \$200 budgeted for  
convention expenses to Helena, who will attend as State Co-  
President.

### **C. Membership Report (Mary Ann)**

1. The State waives its dues for new members who join through national's Give a Grad a Gift program. The Council agreed to waive Branch dues for Helena's granddaughter, who will join our Branch through the program, and for any other new graduates in future years. (Judy proposed and Mary Ann seconded, passed unanimously.) The motion included adding the waiver of Branch dues to our Policies and Procedures.

2. We recruited one new member: Mary Cummings.

### **D. Convention Report (Betsy)**

It went smoothly because everyone helped and the planning was done way in advance. Special thanks to Doris Lodwig who helped Nancy Nunnelley with hospitality work all three days. We presented a cohesive and friendly image to our visitors.

### **E. New Council Positions (Marilyn)**

Co-Facilitators: Marilyn Doolen, Carol Neal

Secretary: Betsy Comly

Programs: Mary Ann Lindahl (Bev and Betsy will assist)

Co-Treasurer/Membership: Mona Wecksung, Margaret Gibson

Publicity: Bev Cooper

Public Policy: Mary Ann Lindahl

Newsletter/Webmaster: Denise George

College and University Rep: Cas Mason

International Affairs: Cas Mason

STEM Liaison: Helena Whyte

Historian: Marilyn Minshall

**F. Hilltopics (Denise)** Any information needs to get to Denise soon for the summer issue. She will include a call for volunteers to be Hospitality Co-Chairs.

Website password for members only section: hilltopics

**Next Coordinating Council Meeting:** Monday, August 28

Adjourn 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Cas Mason

Secretary

AAUW Council Meeting Minutes  
Aug. 28, 2017

Present: Marilyn Doolen, Carol Neal, Cas Mason, Mona Wecksung, Betsy Comly, Margaret Gibson, Bev Cooper

Bev said she had a stack of AAUW stationery.

Marilyn passed out officers list, and the picture of all of us at the June meeting.

Marilyn called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM, in the United Church Lounge.

Minutes from Council Meeting June 5, 2017 were submitted by Cas.

Accepted as submitted, proposed by Marilyn.

Minutes are sent out to Council members, after the presidents examine them.

Facilitators Report: Carol Neal and Marilyn Doolen

Marilyn passed out officers list

Carol reported that she received a thank you note from Aspen Libraries for our support of their libraries for the past 4 years. She also reported that Claudia Poglitsch, state membership chairman, wants us to send her our newsletter.

Treasurers Report, Mona Wecksung

Mona stated that, at some point, we may have to raise dues. For now, we have \$1600 in savings, and 43 paid members. Last year at this time, we had \$1800 in savings. Often, people pay dues at the Fall meeting. (Revised budget and financial statement attached). We expect \$460 to be brought in and sent out for the Fall luncheon.

Mona went over the proposed budget.

We questioned whether we should expect the state mini-grant of \$100, and what it would be used for. We will think of something. Carol will find the deadline date for applying for the mini grant. As for how we would spend the money, Cas said she heard a skit titled NoBelles, 3 ladies talking about women who did not receive the Nobel prize. Information can be found at [www.portaltheatre.com](http://www.portaltheatre.com). It would be like the Einstein talk. We would need to rent the Little Theater. We will look on the net and see if it is worth pursuing.

Regarding expenditures for facilities, we give \$100 to the United Church and \$100 to Bethlehem Lutheran. We settled on \$400 for facilities for 2017-18.

The membership expenditure of \$40 may go for name tags.

The hospitality expenditure of \$45 may go to replenish plates, napkins, etc.

The convention expenditure of \$200 may go to officers' expenses for regional meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The educational expenditure will remain at \$600 and will go toward a NCCWSL scholarship. We voted to accept the budget.

Mona will fill in the amount we need to take out of savings. She will send Council members a revised budget proposal and present it at our Fall luncheon.

Membership: Margaret Gibson

Margaret can now get into the membership program

Carol said there may be former members we need to call to reinvite to the Fall luncheon

Helena Whyte or Natalie Markin might know who those former members might be.

Membership might take that on.

Publicity: Bev Cooper

Bev will put info about the Fall meeting in the newspaper; anyone interested is invited.

AAUW fund

Marilyn and Carol received a list from national. We, as individuals, gave \$5120 in national fund donations in 2017.

Carol suggested we think about what is the next need so people will join AAUW.

We need to let people know we are a lobbying group for women's issues.

Should there be a publicity article to this effect?

Our branch has 6 or 7 members on the NM State board.

College and University rep: Cas Mason

Cas will meet with Marijane Giesler in October.

State Programs: Helena Whyte

Fall LTM Oct. 20-21, Silver City

State Convention, Carlsbad April 20-22, 2018

Tech Trek 2018, June 10-16

New Business:

Fall membership luncheon

Saturday, Sept. 23 11:00 – 2:00 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Helena will talk for 10 minutes on National Convention/Capitol Lobby Day, AAUW Tech Trek NM 2017 at New Mexico Tech and plans for Tech Trek NM 2018, and recommendations from the Title IX at 45 Report.

We plan for and expect about 30 people.

We will see if Nina Thayer will deal with the caterer and food. We will suggest Ruby K's to Nina.

Mona will do beverages, and get supplies from Nancy Nunnelley.

Regarding presenting information about the various study groups, Margaret will contact Karin Roberts (fiction book group), and Denise George (non-fiction).

Mona Wecksung will speak about Great Decisions.

Carol will ask Nina about out-and-about book group.

We will introduce guests.

Cost of the luncheon will be \$15, the same as last year. Checks should be made out to AAUW.

Mona will give the treasurers report.

Mona will invite the MANA recipient to speak.

Marilyn will invite the Tech Trek attendee from Hernandez, to have lunch with us and speak. Her mother will also be invited.

Marilyn will also invite the NCCWSL recipient, Christine Fiscious, to speak for 10 minutes.

Carol will set up tables.

Carol will bring flowers, at least for the serving table.

We can ask Rosemary Friedrichson or Marijane Giesler's husband, Greg, for availability of a key to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, so we can get in early on Saturday morning. Since the Hilltopics deadline is August 31, this coming Thursday, we will not be able to name the speakers for the Fall luncheon in the article.

Margaret will write the article for the newsletter and give it to Denise.

#### Hospitality

We will need a new hospitality chairman and nominating committee chairman.

#### Hilltopics

Newsletter deadline is August 31.

The Newsletter should acknowledge Harriet Dodder's death. Margaret will contact Denise regarding an article about Harriet. Carol will give the information about webinars to Denise.

#### Next coordinating council meeting

The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month is our Council meeting.

Adjourn (9:05 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Comly

## **Members Fall Luncheon**

**September 23, 2017**

Present: Members and guests for a total of 24

Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM.

Welcome: Carol Neal

Introduction of guests: Julie Risch, Yvette Wisehunt (Mana del Norte scholarship recipient) and her guest D.J. Medina. Another guest was Andrea Tuero, who received our Mana del Norte scholarship three years ago.

New members: Linda McCormick, Christine Castro

Introduction of branch officers (Carol Neal, Betsy Comly, Bev Cooper, Mary Ann Lindahl, Marilyn Doolen, Mona Wecksung, Margaret Gibson, Cas Mason, Denise George), and introduction of branch members on state board (Helene Whyte, Judy Prono, Natalie Markin, Nina Thayer).

### Announcements

Mary Ann Lindahl, Public Policy, encouraged people to go to the aauw website, to the “take action” button, and on to the “2-minute activist” button. She reminded us that the more people who click yes or no on an issue, the more action national can take.

Denise George informed us of the fund set up to honor AAUW member and former teacher Harriet Dodder, who died in August of this year. The money collected will be used by the LA. Schools librarians to buy books for the elementary school libraries, for 1 year. Make checks out to the L.A. Public Schools, or give cash to Denise (include your name and address, so you can get a receipt).

Denise also told us that Nancy Nunnelley, former Hospitality chairman, had hip replacement surgery two weeks ago, and is now home.

Carol Neal, co-facilitator, said we need some volunteers – hospitality chairman, nominations chairman, and people with ideas for programs.

Mona Wecksung, treasurer, presented the budget.

Mona moved to approve the budget. Natalie Markin moved to amend the budget by taking \$80 out of facilities rental, and putting the \$80 in the slot for League of Women Voters. Rosemary Frederickson seconded, and the amendment was passed. Mary Ann Lindahl moved to approve the budget as amended, Natalie seconded, and the motion was passed. Budget attached.

The meeting was paused at 12:00 noon for lunch.

After lunch, Mona Wecksung introduced our Mana del Norte scholarship recipient, Yvette Wisehunt, who just received her degree in nursing.

Interest group presentations were as follows:

Great decisions – Mona Wecksung

Out and about – Carol Neal

Fiction – Karin Roberts

Non-fiction – Margaret Gibson. Nov. 20, we will discuss Scalpel and the Silver Bear, and Jan. Steve Jobs.

Helena Whyte spoke on 4 subjects.

- 1) National Convention, held in June 2017, Washington D.C. The next national convention will be held in 3 years, to coincide with the 100 year anniversary of women's getting the vote. In 2018, national dues will be raised by \$10.00
- 2) Tech Trek. Tech Trek is no longer a national AAUW program, but a state program. Plans are already being made for the 2018 event, which will again be held in Socorro.
- 3) Title IX update
- 4) Need to pay attention to state science standards.

Carol thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Comly  
Secretary

AAUW Council Meeting November 27, 2017

Present: Marilyn Doolen, Carol Neal, Betsy Comly, Bev Cooper, Mary Ann Lindahl, Mona Wecksung

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by co-facilitator Marilyn Doolen.

Minutes were accepted as read.

Facilitators' report

Marilyn reported that \$3200 have been collected, to date, for the Harriet Dodder book fund. The hope is to raise \$5000, so that \$1000 can be given to each elementary school.

Marilyn shared that Natalie Markin sent us a thank you letter for our gift cards to her in honor of her retirement.

Carol Neal, co-facilitator, said that she sent a note to Nina Thayer that Marilyn Petschek, AAUW Los Alamos member who moved to Santa Fe several years ago, had died.

Carol reminded us that, with the resignation of Cas Mason as our University representative, we now have three positions that need to be filled – nominating chair, hospitality chair, and University rep.

#### Treasurer's report

Mona Wecksung reported that she sent in the payment for our liability insurance. Carol Neal has copies of our insurance verification.

Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

#### Programs

Mary Ann Lindahl reported that we are set at Rancho de Chimayo, and will have the room with the windows. People need to respond that they will be attending. If needed, Mary Ann will see that people get rides.

The fruit for LA Cares will be ordered. We plan on a \$500 donation. Sorting day is Thursday, December 7, Karin Roberts' home, 10:00 AM.

January 10 is the date for legislative preview, which we co-sponsor with the League of Women Voters. It will probably be held at Fuller Lodge. AAUW pays half the rent. Helena Whyte will be moderator.

The Science Fair will be held January 20, Saturday, at LAHS. We have budgeted \$150 for awards. Marilyn will be the lead for judges – Betsy, Carol, Marilyn, Mary Ann, Mona, and Bev will probably be judges.

February or March, Nancy Sheer will speak.

May is our tea.

We will also have an Equal Pay Day event.

#### Other ideas:

Mona has a friend who can speak on the World Bank.

It was reported that Nina Thayer suggested a talk on some aspect of the Valle Caldera.

#### Publicity

Tech Trek will give information to the newspapers on its activities and last year's attendees.

#### AAUW Fund

Letters requesting money will probably be sent.

#### College Representative

Cas Mason resigned from this position.

Next Fall (2018) or later, we hope to hold a Start Smart one-day workshop on the UNM-LA campus. This workshop helps to prepare students for interviews in the job market. We will start

work on this in the Spring. We will request a grant from AAUW-NM branch project fund. Maryjane Giesler, an instructor at UNM-LA, will work with us on coordinating this project. We will contact the UNM-LA diversity specialist and ask her to join us.

State Programs

January 29, 2018, is Legislative Day at the Roundhouse, Santa Fe.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Comly  
Secretary