

AAUW Council Minutes 02-26-18

PRESENT: Marilyn Doolen, Bev Cooper, Betsy Comly, Denise George, Margaret Gibson, Mary Ann Lindahl, Carol Neal

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Co-facilitator Marilyn Doolen called the meeting to order at the United Church lounge at 7:02 PM.

#### MINUTES

The minutes were approved as corrected.

#### FACILITATOR REPORTS

Marilyn Doolen informed us we are sending a sympathy card to Alahna Weller. She also said that Nina Thayer will be having her knee replacement March 14, in Albuquerque.

Carol Neal reported that the out-and-about group will be visiting the fiber arts center in Espanola on March 15, Thursday.

#### TREASURER REPORT

No report, as Mona Wecksung was not present.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Margaret Gibson reported that "untea" requests for money for NM Tech Trek were sent to all our members, minus 4. Helena Whyte will know how much was ultimately donated by our branch members.

Margaret said that **all new** membership dues collected after March 15 apply to the following year. Next year's dues will be \$59.00 to national (\$56.00 tax deductible), \$18.00 to state, and \$10.00 to our branch, for a total of \$87.00. The Shape the Future membership campaign includes a \$24.50, not \$59.00, payment to national, if received before March 15.

#### PROGRAMS

Mary Ann Lindahl reported that Nancy Scheer and **Lynn** Heffron will speak on the UN Commission on the State of Women on March 21, Wednesday, at the LA Methodist Church, or March 22, Thursday, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (downstairs). Margaret Gibson will contact LA Methodist, and Marilyn Doolen will contact Bethlehem Lutheran. Our first choice is Wednesday, March 21.

On May 4, Friday, we will hold our annual tea at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Our speaker will be Andrea Fellows-Walter, of the Santa Fe Opera.

April 10, Tuesday, is Equal Pay Day. That day, or maybe April 9, Monday, we will have information about AAUW in the Open Space at UNM-LA, from 11 – 1. We will include membership information.

Maryjane Giesler will be involved. Mary Ann Lindahl will follow through.

Mary Ann Lindahl is still trying to contact Phyllis Trujillo, who will speak in April or June on the effect of the people of Northern New Mexico on the Manhattan Project.

#### PUBLICITY

When details of events are firm, Bev Cooper will be contacted.

#### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REP

Maryjane Giesler will take on this responsibility.

Carol Neal and Marilyn Doolen met with Dr. Cindy Rooney, director of UNM-LA. UNM-LA will become an affiliate of AAUW. Cost will be \$125 or \$175. Also, Dr. Rooney will join AAUW. Carol and Marilyn reminded **Dr. Rooney** that Sylvia Aguirre was our NCCWSL scholar. **Dr. Rooney wondered** if Start Smart could be a community education class.

#### PUBLIC POLICY

Helena Whyte attended STEM Day Feb. 10, in Santa Fe.

#### STATE

The state meeting this year will be April 20-11, in Carlsbad. The registration form is in the Roadrunner. Carol Neal, Marilyn Doolen, Denise George, and Judy Prono, and **Helena Whyte hope to attend.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

The United Church has general liability insurance; therefore, when we meet there, we have liability insurance.

At our next meeting, we will discuss our liability insurance policy.

We still need a nominating chair and a hospitality chair.

## POLICY AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

We discussed many possible changes to our Policy and Procedures.

Denise George will send out revised Policy and Procedures, and we will vote by e-mail. The revisions will be included in the minutes.

## NEW BUSINESS

May 4 Spring Tea

Tech Trek. To date, we have one candidate from Los Alamos, one from Taos, and one from Raton. Volunteer interviewers are Marilyn Doolen, and Betsy Comly, plus Carol Neal, if she is in town. Volunteer readers of applications are Marilyn Thayer, Bev Cooper, Mary Ann Lindahl, Margaret Gibson, Denise George, Carol Neal. These efforts take place in March.

## NEWSLETTER

Deadline for Newsletter articles is February 27.

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 26. **A quorum is five or more attendees.**

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Comly  
Secretary

## MINUTES OF LOS ALAMOS AAUW COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 23, 2018

PRESENT: Marilyn Doolen, Mona Wecksung, Carol Neal, Betsy Comly, Margaret Gibson, Bev Cooper, Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Co-Facilitator Marilyn Doolen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

## MINUTES

Mary Ann Lindahl moved, and Denise seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

We discussed an honorarium for Helena Whyte, member of our branch, and president at the state level for 4 years. We decided that at the tea we would recognize her and give her a commemorative certificate (to be made by Mary Ann Lindahl), plus the flowers from the tea.

Untea campaign for Tech Trek: 34 members donated a total of \$4139.00 (\$1650.00 in Feb. \$2255 in March).

Mona moved, and Carol seconded, that we give a check for \$100.00 to our NCCWSL awardee Sylvia Aguirre. Motion passed unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mona Wecksung gave the treasurer's report. It will be filed for audit.

We have a CD of \$1,814.76, an AAUW Fund account of \$70.92, and an operating checking account of \$1120.12.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman Margaret Gibson reported that we have a new member, Nellie Case. Margaret will speak at our Spring Tea, May 4, and state that new members can pay ½ the national dues if they join on May 4.

## NOMINATING REPORT

Marilyn Doolen reported that Alahna Weller is willing to be elected as a voting member of Council.

Marilyn will send the slate and list of appointmentees to Denise, for the Newsletter.

## PROGRAMS

Spring Tea, May 4, Friday, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 4-6 PM

Mary Ann Lindahl will take charge. She will bring teas and napkins.

Mona will bring punch.

Betsy and Margaret will bring cookies.

Marilyn and Bev will bring finger sandwiches.

Carol will bring fruit.

Bev will bring vegetables.

Denise will bring her beautiful silver coffee pot.

Carol and Mary Ann have vases and table cloths.

We will all check our lilacs and see if some are in bloom on May 4.

Marilyn will see that we get into the building, at about 3 PM.

Marilyn will introduce speaker Andrea Fellows Walters. We will offer Andrea dinner.

Nina Thayer will be given an opportunity to speak for 5 minutes max on voter registration.

Publicity – Bev has done publicity for the tea, and will put info on facebook

Nina Thayer received an award at the state meeting for the legacy of leadership. Bev and Marilyn will do publicity in our local newspapers for this award. It will be 2 paragraphs long, with a photo. We can also put a longer version of the article on our webpage.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

Madelyn Crotzer, who will attend Tech Trek this Summer, will probably be a speaker at our Fall meeting. Mary Ann Lindahl will try to have the author of the book about the contributions of the women of Northern New Mexico to the Manhattan project speak at our Fall meeting.

#### COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY REP

Maryjane Geisler is willing to be an elected voting member of Council.

#### LTM MEETING

Our branch will probably hold the LTM meeting in October.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the Roadrunner, the state newsletter, Denise George will be the designated person to receive the link to the Roadrunner, and will pass that link on to our members through our Hilltopics newsletter. (The Roadrunner comes out 4 times a year).

Carol will write a letter to Katherine Greenspan. She will state that we request a link to, not the whole report of, the Roadrunner.

#### PUBLIC POLICY

Co-Facilitator Carol Neal reported the following, which she learned at the state meeting last week:

There will be an electronic vote on three National amendment proposals in June.

Amendment 1: National Board members would have staggered terms.

Amendment 2: Non-AAUW members could be elected to the national board

Amendment 3: The college degree requirement for membership would be eliminated.

#### HILLTOPICS

Deadline is April 25.

Hilltopics will include notice of Spring Tea, dues, 3 National amendments proposal.

Various people will send info to Denise:

Mona – Mana del Norte

Marilyn – slate, and info about Nina, short bio on Karen Henderson

#### SUMMER MEETING

The joint meeting and meal for outgoing and incoming council and appointees will be held at the Doolen home in May or June – date to be chosen by Marilyn. Chicken enchiladas will be our main dish, with other food brought by present board members.

We may choose to have daytime meetings, for the board, and for our monthly programs.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 PM, Marilyn adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Comly  
Secretary

#### MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2018 JOINT COUNCIL AAUW MEETING

PRESENT: Marilyn Doolen, Betsy Comly, Denise George, Alahna Weller, Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, Margaret Gibson, Bev Cooper, Marilyn Minchell, Carol Neal, Mona Wecksung

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Co-Facilitator Marilyn Doolen called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

#### MINUTES

Mary Ann moved, and Mona seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

#### SPRING TEA

Marilyn Doolen passed around the attendance sheet for the May 4 Spring Tea.

#### FALL LUNCHEON

The date for the 2018 Fall luncheon is Sept. 15, Saturday. We will ask our Tech Trek camper to speak at the luncheon. We will also ask Sylvia Aguirre, our NCWSSL awardee, plus the MANA awardee to speak. We will request that Bethlehem Lutheran Church reserve the downstairs room for us. Mary Ann will make plans, and collect RSVP's. We will buy wraps from Ruby K's, and make our own salad.

#### MANA

Mona will send out an e-mail to those who donated to MANA before. The amount currently in the MANA fund is \$835.00. We need \$1000.00.

#### NEWSLETTER

Denise will put out the newsletter in August.

#### BOARD POSITIONS 2018-2019

Margaret Gibson - treasurer and membership chairman

Mary Ann Lindahl - programs and hospitality chairman; she will have help, especially from Nancy Nunnelley

Marilyn Minchell - historian; she would appreciate newspaper articles related to AAUW-Los Alamos

Maryjane Giesler - branch college and university representative

Bev Cooper - publicity

Denise George - newsletter

Carol Neal - co-facilitator

Alahna Weller - co-facilitator

Marilyn Doolen - secretary

#### PROGRAMS

Mary Ann is the point person; we will, however, work on programs as a group.

#### PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES

1) Mary Ann will find the author of the book on the efforts of the people of Northern New Mexico during the Manhattan Project.

2) Mary Jane said that Kristy Nadler of UNM-LA received a \$35,000 grant to promote discussion on sexual harassment. Cynthia Goldblatt, and a police officer might also be present at a talk, to maybe be held at UNM-LA.

(Program 1 or 2 may be used for our October meeting. More planning will be done for our October event).

- 3) Nancy Steeper, author of The Gatekeeper, a book about Dorothy McKibben, is a possible speaker.
- 4) Paint party
- 5) Our first MANA recipient, now an attorney who lives in Albuquerque, is a possible speaker.
- 6) Untea
- 7) The LANL historian has indicated that he would like to speak to us.
- 8) Marie Johnson, state AAUW diversity chair, would like to speak to us.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

Our monthly Council meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month, at 2:00 PM.  
Next Council meeting will be held at the home of Denise George on September 6.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 2:30, the meeting was adjourned.

#### START SMART

Cindy Rooney of UNM-LA is now an AAUW member, and we have mentioned Start Smart to her. Start Smart is a 2 1/2 hour workshop on how to negotiate a salary, especially for a new graduate. If we decide to provide a Start Smart workshop, we will need to publicize it, and have the advisers push it. Carol will contact Sylvia Fink, who put on this program at UNM main campus. Carol will discuss with Sylvia licensing fees.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Denise proposed we keep Nellie Case on our mailing list, and that the branch invite her to our meetings as a guest for the coming year, after which she can choose to either join our branch or not join. All agreed.

#### BUDGET

Margaret will work on the budget, and give her findings to Carol and Alahna.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Comly  
Secretary

### September 6, 2018 AAUW Council Minutes

#### **Present**

Bev Cooper, Marilyn Doolen, Denise George, Margaret Gibson, Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, Carol Neal, Alahna Weller, Helena Whyte

The meeting was called to order by co-facilitator Carol Neal at 2:06 p.m.

#### **Minutes**

Denise George moved and Mary Ann Lindahl seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

#### **Facilitator's Report**

Carol reported that Sonya Berg needs a co-chair for the State Public Policy position, State AAUW needs a Nomination chair, and applications are now being accepted for National board positions.

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

The following motion was made by Denise George and Maryjane Giesler seconded that the names of Mona Wecksung and Marilyn Doolen be removed from the three LANB accounts, and the name of Carol Neal be added. The motion passed unanimously. There will be 3 signees: Carol Neal, Alahna Weller, Margaret Gibson.

Nina Thayer requests that the Legal Advocacy Fund donations collected at the Reel Deal Theater showing of the RBG movie on August 30<sup>th</sup> not be sent to LAF until after the Fall luncheon, allowing members to continue to donate.

A discussion followed finalizing the proposed FY2018-2019 Los Alamos branch budget which will be presented for approval at the Fall luncheon scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Membership Report**

Margaret Gibson reported that less than 10 branch members have not yet paid. After the Fall luncheon, any who have not responded will receive a personal call.

### **Program Report**

Mary Ann reported the following: the membership Fall luncheon will be Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Gibson Hall, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RSVPs to Mary Ann will be encouraged. The charge is \$15.00. The menu will be a Ruby K catered buffet: chicken salad, assorted fresh wraps, and a fruit plate. A garden salad will be donated by Denise and light dessert faire (cookies, finger foods) will be donated by Margaret, Maryjane, Marilyn, Alahna and Carol. The business meeting will include: a membership vote on the proposed budget, a short summary of the branch interest groups (2 fiction book groups, 1 non-fiction book group, 2 Great Decisions study groups, and Out 'n About events. The program hopefully will be the 2018 Tech Trek camper Madelyn Crotzer and the Tech Trek junior counsellor Malea Joyce, and a current summary of the 2018 Tech Trek camp in Socorro, NM.

Maryjane Giesler reported the suggested date for the branch membership meeting open to the public is October 25<sup>th</sup> in the Jeanette Wallace room, building 5 on the UNM-LA campus, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Kristy Nadler has received a significant grant (PI, OVW Grants to Reduce Sexual Assaults, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking) and will include a panel of five in her presentation.

### **Stem Report**

Helena Whyte reported that the 2019 Tech Trek camp will be June 9-15, 2019. The projection is to have either 2 camps of 48 girls or 1 camp of 60 girls. The 2018 camp had \$67,000 available which allowed 65 girls to attend, with seed money for 2019.

### **AAUW Funds**

Carol Neal reported that the Legal Advocacy Fund fundraiser, initially proposed by Nina Thayer (Public Policy chair) was favorably voted upon by Council. Several members attended and volunteered

to be AAUW representatives in the lobby to movie goers. It was an outstanding success, resulting in a sizeable contribution to LAF.

All NM branches have been asked by Beverly Chambers to consider a state-wide fundraiser event with 10% of the proceeds earmarked for Tech Trek. Discussion followed with the conclusion that further study is needed.

### **College Representative**

Maryjane Giesler was pleased to announce that Cindy Rooney at UNM-LA has agreed that the Los Alamos college branch can be a partner. Details will be pursued. Also, there continues to be interest in initiating a Start Smart/Work Smart workshop on campus. There is need to do further investigation about the details, perhaps contacting the Socorro branch which is trying to get a 3-yr. license.

### **Public Policy**

The branch co-sponsored, with the League of Women Voters, a public forum on Early Childhood Education, scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> at Graves Hall (United Church). 11 branch members volunteered to attend, or be table facilitators or recorders.

### **State Programs**

The Fall LTM (Leadership Team Meeting) is scheduled for October 19 and 20, at the Historic Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, NM. An early registration and hotel reservation is encouraged.

### **New Business**

Lisa Zuhn would like interested AAUW volunteers to help with the October 20<sup>th</sup> Girls Discovery Workshop at UNM-LA. Unfortunately, it conflicts with the LTM weekend.

The deadline for a Branch Project Grant application to State is October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was determined that an application is appropriate, and it will be later determined which project it will be for.

### **Action Items for further study by Council**

The State Diversity Chair Marie Johnson would like to visit the Los Alamos branch.

A future agenda item should be a serious consideration of the necessity of raising branch dues.

The State AAUW Board would like Council to consider doing a GTM (Go-to-meeting) training session.

The LA League of Women Voters treasurer has inquired about participating in a volunteer exchange review of each of the two groups' financial books. This is not intended to be an official audit, but instead a compatible support for each treasurer.

LWV has offered to send its newsletter publications to be included in our branch newsletters. It was the consensus of Council that if the subjects are compatible and specific to the AAUW mission statement, it might be appropriate.

The following positions need to be filled: Nominating Chair, Public Policy Chair, International Affairs Chair, AAUW Funds Chair, Bylaws Chair, Diversity Chair.

**Newsletter and Website Report** Denise reported that the current deadline for the October issue is September 8, at 11:00 a.m. Also, the officer list and membership list will be on the Website.

**Adjournment** was 4:10 p.m. The **October Council** meeting is October 4, 2018, at Carol Neal's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Doolen, Secretary

AAUW-LA Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 4, 2018

Carol Neal's home, 3451 Urban

Present: Council members: Carol Neal, Denise George, Alahna Weller, Maryjane Giesler, Beverly Cooper; Guests: Mona Wecksung, Nina Thayer

Meeting called to order at 2:15 pm

Alahna Weller moved, Denise George seconded, to accept September minutes as amended. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Facilitator's Report: Carol Neal applied to State AAUW for a Branch Project Grant to be applied to (1) LAF fundraiser (the RBG movie) (2) Legislative Preview expenses (3) seed money for Smart Start. We do not know yet if we will receive the requested funds.

Treasurer's Report:

\* Margaret Gibson reported in absentia that \$1346 was sent to LAF (Legal Advocacy Funds) from the proceeds of the RBG movie event.

\* She also reported that she and the League of Women Voters have examined each other's books. A discrepancy was discovered that is likely due to the dues pass through to National AAUW. The discrepancy is under investigation by Margaret.

\* Terry Marzilli has volunteered to be a back-up treasurer after February.

\* Alahna Weller needs to become an authorized signer on the LANB (Los Alamos National Bank) accounts.

Membership Report Margaret Gibson reported in absentia that she has attempted to contact all members who have not renewed. Several have promised checks but none have yet arrived. She has not been able to contact Mary Burns, Linda McCormick, Jo Moore and Millie Saxman. Council members who know the above listed people agreed to remind them to pay their dues. They will report to Margaret the results of their efforts.

Program Report:

\* Maryjane Giesler has the October 25, 7-9 pm, program, a panel discussion chaired by Kristy Nadler on *Sexual Assaults and Violence against Women in the Community*, well in hand. The venue is the Jeanette Wallace Room, Bldg 5, UNM-LA. Mona Wecksung will bring punch. Carol Neal will solicit members to bring cookies. Denise George will try to contact Kristy for information about content and names and areas of expertise of participants to be used for publicity and forward the information to Bev.

\* There will be no November program.

\* The December 1<sup>st</sup> program will be a holiday lunch at Rancho de Chimayo, and the fruit project for LA Cares. Alahna Weller will contact Rancho de Chimayo to reserve space.

Denise George will contact Karin Roberts and Mary Ann Lindahl to ask if they would like to be on the organizing committee for the fruit project.

\* February will be the un-tea fundraiser for Tech Trek. The position of chair for this event is open. The branch decided not to participate in a state-wide fundraiser project proposed by Beverly Chambers.

\* A proposed March or April program will be a legislative wrap-up presented by our State Representative.

College and University Report:

\* To implement Start Smart we need to find out how Socorro accomplished their program. Carol Neal will try to find out at the LTM meeting in Las Vegas.

\* Carol Neal will check with Cindy Rooney to find out if UNM-LA has joined AAUW.

State Programs: Carol Neal and Nina Thayer will attend the LTM in Las Vegas.

Old Business

Carol Neal will ask Marilyn Doolen if a thank you note was written to Madelyn Crotzer.

New Business

- Nina Thayer and Christine Cloyd set up a voter registration table at Aspen Ridge on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They did address changes and helped with absentee ballot requests. It is noted that member Patricia Harlow has moved to Aspen Ridge and her address should be changed.
- State AAUW is circulating a petition to rescind the anti-abortion law that is on the New Mexico books.
- State AAUW is supporting Amendment II. Nina Thayer will write a letter in support from our branch.
- Nina Thayer will sponsor an Out 'n About event on Nov 12, Jemez Pueblo Feast Day.

- Mona Wecksung will lead the morning Great Decisions group which will become the afternoon group as the time of the meetings is moving to Thursday 1-3 pm.
- Mona Wecksung brought up many concerns with governance and nepotism in the MANA del Norte scholarship program. Discussion of options for other scholarships ensued. Maryjane Giesler agreed to check with UNM-LA about the UNM-LA Foundation; we would like to specify criteria for the scholarship recipient. Denise George moved and Alahna Weller seconded that our branch continue for one more year to support the MANA del Norte scholarship program while exploring alternatives such as UNM-LA Foundation. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The council decided that the branch needs to raise branch dues. Discussion deferred to a later meeting.
- Carol Neal will ask if Marilyn Doolen has a suggestion of someone who has been on Marilyn's science fair judging committee and who might be willing to take over the chair for this year's event.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2:00 pm at Carol Neal's

Adjournment at 5:05 pm