

## 2022 AAUW-NM Coordinating Council Minutes

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### 2022 January 16

Due to concern of Delta variant COVID numbers, this meeting was conducted over Zoom. Denise George hosted the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Carol Neal and came to order at 2:04.

Present:

Denise George, Carol Neal, Marilyn Doolen, Margaret Gibson, Maryjane Giesler, Judy Prono, Bev Cooper

\*Minutes of the previous council meeting of November 16 2021 were accepted as corrected and will be filed.

#### \*Facilitators's Reports:

**Judy Prono** reported that she attended the January AAUW National Webinar and will write a brief summary of the presentation which she will send to Denise for publication in the branch Newsletter. She noted that 68,000 letters were submitted to legislators over the past year on issues important to AAUW through the "2 Minute Activist" app on the AAUW Website.

Also reported, there will be two amendments presented to the membership related to length of voting window and time for vetting of candidates, and there will be no vote on educational requirements for membership.

There will be a Webinar on January 20 from 2-3:30 on *Women's Power Gap in Elite Universities*"

**Carol Neal** reported that the January 23<sup>rd</sup> LTM (Leadership Team Meeting) will be virtual. If you would like to attend contact Lynn Heffron ([lgheffron@gmail.com](mailto:lgheffron@gmail.com))

Carol will contact Nina Thayer about how to help people in the Colorado towns whose homes were destroyed by fire. Nina's daughter, Tamra, lives in one of those towns, but her home is intact. One suggestion was donating children's books.

\*Treasurer's Report: **Margaret Gibson** reported that she paid for the rental of the post office box and for insurance. She recommended that we keep the post office box rental as the treasurer's address changes. The November financial report was accepted for filing. The December report will be presented later.

\*Membership Report: **Margaret Gibson** reported there is a question regarding Cindy Rooney's membership. Carol Neal and Margaret are dealing with the issue.

\*5-star program: **Margaret Gibson** will continue to file accomplishments with National. Carol Neal remarked that Dr. Steinhaus spoke at our Legislative Preview; Judy noted this satisfies one 5\* requirement as he is an appointee of the Governor.

\*AAUW Funds: no report

\*College and University Rep Report: NCCWSL will be virtual this year. Denise moved and Margaret seconded that: *The Council proposes to cover early bird registration fees to a maximum of \$125/per person for two UNM-LA female students to attend NCCWSL and report back to the branch their experiences at the virtual conference.* Judy and **Maryjane Giesler** (our university rep) will watch for registration forms and will factor in state scholarship intentions. The branch will not require essays of the attendees.

Maryjane reported that our scholarship recipient is willing to attend our next in-person meeting so we can all meet her.

\*Public Policy Report: **Judy Prono** said the state has good information on following bills. She will write a brief paragraph on how to access the information for inclusion in the Newsletter.

\*DEI Report: **Marilyn Doolen** shared with the Council an article from the Christian Science Monitor about an outstanding Navajo woman. She will send an excerpt to Denise to include in the Newsletter.

\*Historian Report: No report

\*State Programs: No report

\*Communications and Website Report: no report

\*Future Programs: responsibility of the council. Zoom or in-person meetings will be decided as conditions permit.

- February: Study Group Sampler.
- March: Women's History Month: TBD
- April 2: We have an invitation to join the Santa Fe branch for a luncheon meeting featuring Pamyla Herndon as the speaker.
- \*Suggestions:
- DEI program available from AAUW national Understanding Unconscious Bias (videos and script). Better if can meet in-person.
- Margaret suggested [friendsofhistorynm.org/lecture-series/](http://friendsofhistorynm.org/lecture-series/). *Currently there are no upcoming lectures scheduled. Previous lectures are available on Facebook and YouTube. One of these lectures that looked interesting is called Pueblo Indian Sovereignty, which deals with the way Pueblo Indians have sought to preserve tribal sovereignty as it relates to issues of land and water from the Spanish colonial period to the present day. The pueblos discussed include Pojoaque, Nambe, Tesuque, Isleta, and Ysleta (in Texas).* Italicized text was not discussed at our meeting, but I am including it here as a resource to the branch.
- Bev Cooper has been diligently following up leads for speakers and will continue. She mentioned that someone at the United Church might be a source.

\*New Business:

**Carol Neal** will contact Helena Whyte to ask if we should do our Un-Tea for Tech Trek this year.

**Denise George** and **Mary Ann Lindahl** will purchase fruit for the LA Cares February distribution and will donate the remaining funds to LA Cares to meet their greatest needs. A final report will be submitted in February.

\*Meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm.

\*Next meeting Tuesday, February 15, 2:00pm via Zoom.

## AAUW Los Alamos Financial Report -November 2021

	November	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Account Balance 10/31/2021</b>	<b>\$4,575.27</b>		
<b>Account Balance 11/30/2021</b>	<b>\$4,381.31</b>		

**Revenues:**

Branch Dues	-\$60.00	\$262.00	\$1,000.00
Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.04	\$0.16	\$0.36
From Savings			\$0.00
Fall Luncheon		\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$123.64
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-\$59.96</b>	<b>\$262.16</b>	<b>\$1,124.00</b>

**Expenditures:**

Officers:			
Historian		\$10.00	
Yearbook		\$10.00	
Newsletter		\$10.00	
Facility Rental		\$100.00	
Programs		\$100.00	
EF Fund Raising		\$0.00	
Membership		\$10.00	
Hospitality		\$45.00	
Treasurer		\$10.00	
President Fund		\$15.00	
Sponsorships:			
Science Fair		\$200.00	
Conventions		\$100.00	
League Women Voters		\$200.00	
Administrative:			
Post Office Box	\$134.00	\$106.00	
NM Corporation Report		\$12.00	
AHT Insurance	\$0.00	\$196.00	
Miscellaneous			
Fall Luncheon		\$0.00	
Other Miscellaneous		\$0.00	Gtst Needs
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$134.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,124.00</b>

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**2022 February 15**

Due to concern of Omicron variant COVID numbers, this meeting was conducted over Zoom. Denise George hosted the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Carol Neal and came to order at 2:04.

Present:

Denise George, Carol Neal, Marilyn Doolen, Margaret Gibson, Maryjane Giesler, Judy Prono, Bev Cooper

\*Minutes of the previous council meeting of January 13, 2022 were accepted as corrected and will be filed.

\*Facilitators's Reports:

**Judy Prono** is looking for readers for Tech Trek essays from March 7 through March 20.

There is no new information from National relating to NCCWSL.

Jean Patrick confirmed that the Santa Fe branch Equal Pay Day event will be held on April 2 at Santa Fe Bar and Grill. Pamyla Hernden will be the speaker. Los Alamos branch members will be invited to attend.

**Carol Neal** reported that our un-tea for Tech Trek will not be needed this year. However, donations are always welcome.

Carol is working with Nina Thayer about donating children's books to the elementary schools impacted by a recent fire. A committee to select books will be established, and Carol is looking for a committee chair.

There is no state AAUW speaker's bureau.

The council should be looking for council members for the 2022-2023 year; council members are encouraged to mention this need at study group meetings.

**\*Treasurer's Report:** **Margaret Gibson** filed the annual required corporation report with NM State.

**\*Membership Report:** **Margaret Gibson** reported the question regarding Cindy Rooney's membership remains unsolved. Maryjane volunteered to attempt to find out if UNM-LA intended to procure a University membership in AAUW.

**\*5-star program:** **Margaret Gibson** reported which 5\* achievements she has filed. Many are waiting to be approved.

**Denise George** moved and seconded and ? approved that the branch donate \$50 of branch funds to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund in honor of AAUW 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This will satisfy another 5\* requirement.

**\*AAUW Funds:** no report (see above)

**\*College and University Rep Report:** Judy and **Maryjane Giesler** (our university rep) will watch for registration form for NCCWSL. Mary Jane has several candidates in mind.

**\*Public Policy Report:** **Judy Prono** said due to the short 30 day session, there has been little need to alert membership to contact legislators to support bills. The predatory lending bill is on the governor's desk.

**\*DEI Report:** No report

**\*Historian Report:** No report

**\*State Programs:** No report

**\*Communications and Website Report:** no report

**\*Future Programs:** responsibility of the council. Zoom or in-person meetings will be decided as conditions permit.

- March: Women's History Month: **Bev Cooper** has arranged for a Navajo woman (the aunt of Kateri Morris) to speak to the branch about *Growing Up Navajo*. This will be a Zoom meeting on a Thursday in March at 7 pm. We will invite Santa Fe branch members to attend and will advertise the event in the local papers.
- April 2: We have an invitation to join the Santa Fe branch for a luncheon meeting featuring Pamyla Herndon as the speaker.
- \*Suggestions:

- DEI program available from AAUW national Understanding Unconscious Bias (videos and script). Better if can meet in-person.
- Margaret suggested [friendsofhistorynm.org/lecture-series/](http://friendsofhistorynm.org/lecture-series/). *Currently there are no upcoming lectures scheduled. Previous lectures are available on Facebook and YouTube. One of these lectures that looked interesting is called Pueblo Indian Sovereignty, which deals with the way Pueblo Indians have sought to preserve tribal sovereignty as it relates to issues of land and water from the Spanish colonial period to the present day. The pueblos discussed include Pojoaque, Nambe, Tesuque, Isleta, and Ysleta (in Texas).* Italicized text was not discussed at our meeting, but I am including it here as a resource to the branch.

**\*New Business:**

**Denise George** will put an alert in the Newsletter about the need for scholarship money for next year.

\*Meeting was adjourned at 3:08pm.

\*Next meeting Tuesday, March 29, 2:00pm via Zoom.

**AAUW Los Alamos**  
**Financial Report -November 2021**

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<b>Account Balance 10/31/2021</b>	<b>\$4,575.27</b>		
<b>Account Balance 11/30/2021</b>	<b>\$4,381.31</b>		
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Branch Dues	-\$60.00	\$202.00	\$1,000.00
Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.04	\$0.20	\$0.36
From Savings			\$0.00
Fall Luncheon		\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$123.64
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-\$59.96</b>	<b>\$202.20</b>	<b>\$1,124.00</b>

**Expenditures:**

Officers:

Historian	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$10.00
Facility Rental	\$100.00
Programs	\$100.00
EF Fund Raising	\$0.00
Membership	\$10.00
Hospitality	\$45.00
Treasurer	\$10.00
President Fund	\$15.00

Sponsorships:

Science Fair	\$200.00
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Conventions		\$100.00
League Women Voters		\$200.00
Administrative:		
Post Office Box	\$134.00	\$106.00
NM Corporation Report		\$12.00
AHT Insurance	\$0.00	\$196.00
Miscellaneous		
Fall Luncheon		\$0.00
Other Miscellaneous		\$0.00 Gtst Needs
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$134.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
		<b>\$1,124.00</b>

Notes: \$100 for Cindy Rooney's dues charged to credit card, \$20 returned to us as our dues = (-\$80)

\$20 is our credit for Sue Watts' dues

Total dues = (-\$60)

## AAUW Los Alamos Financial Report - December 2021

	December	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Account Balance 11/30/2021</b>	<b>\$4,381.31</b>		
<b>Account Balance 12/30/2021</b>	<b>\$4,281.35</b>		
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Branch Dues	\$100.00	\$302.00	\$1,000.00
Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.04	\$0.24	\$0.36
From Savings			\$0.00
Fall Luncheon		\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$123.64
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$100.04</b>	<b>\$302.24</b>	<b>\$1,124.00</b>

### Expenditures:

Officers:	
Historian	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$10.00
Facility Rental	\$100.00
Programs	\$100.00
EF Fund Raising	\$0.00
Membership	\$10.00
Hospitality	\$45.00
Treasurer	\$10.00
President Fund	\$15.00
Sponsorships:	
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Conventions	\$100.00
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Administrative:	

Post Office Box			\$106.00
NM Corporation Report			\$12.00
AHT Insurance	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$196.00
Miscellaneous			
Fall Luncheon			\$0.00
Other Miscellaneous			\$0.00 Gtst Needs
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$1,124.00</b>

NOTE: Money for Sue Watts' dues was sent to National in November, but I did not deposit her \$100 check for total dues until December.

### **AAUW Los Alamos** **Financial Report - January 2022**

	December	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Account Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$4,281.35</b>		
<b>Account Balance 01/31/2022</b>	<b>\$4,069.44</b>		

**Revenues:**

Branch Dues		\$302.00	\$1,000.00
Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.04	\$0.28	\$0.36
From Savings			\$0.00
Fall Luncheon		\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$123.64
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$0.04</b>	<b>\$302.28</b>	<b>\$1,124.00</b>

**Expenditures:**

Officers:			
Historian			\$10.00
Yearbook			\$10.00
Newsletter			\$10.00
Facility Rental			\$100.00
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$211.95</b>	<b>\$411.95</b>	<b>\$1,124.00</b>

NOTE: Karen Henderson requested the Science Fair Money in \$10.00 bills, so I wrote a check to my husband for \$200 so he could pick up \$10 bills from the bank.

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## 2022 March 29

Due to concern of Omicron variant COVID numbers, this meeting was conducted over Zoom. Margaret Gibson hosted the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Carol Neal and came to order at 2:10.

Present:

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

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**\*Facilitators's Reports:**

**Carol Neal** will ask NM State officers to offer a dedication for Patricia Harlow at the State Convention that will be held June 3,4,5 in Socorro.

**Judy Prono** reported that essay readers and applicant interviewers for Tech Trek camp completed their tasks. Discussion followed; interviewers reported that all their candidates (from Taos and the Espanola area) were qualified and demonstrated maturity and a desire to learn from the camp experience.

**Helena Whyte** related that the selection committee is hard at work, and that a maximum of 50 girls will be selected. We learned that national designed the interview questions and that we cannot make any changes. Judy Prono revised the essay evaluation criteria with approval from Helena and the Tech Trek board.

**Judy Prono** on behalf of the entire council thanked Bev Cooper and Mary Ann Lindahl for arranging the Navajo Culture program with Kateri Morris and Lee Rodgers, and thanked Bev and her husband Martin for providing the photographs as thank you gifts. Discussion followed in which council members expressed their delight in gaining new insights into Navajo culture.

**\*Treasurer's Report:** **Margaret Gibson** submitted the monthly finance report which recorded a few cents interest as the only activity.

**\*Membership Report:** **Margaret Gibson** reported that we have 51 members.

**\*5-star program:** **Margaret Gibson** reported that the 5\* achievements she has filed are awaiting approval.

**\*AAUW Funds:** **Carol Neal** is attempting to navigate the AAUW National web site to determine the total annual contribution from members of our branch,

**\*College and University Rep Report:** **Maryjane Giesler** reported that she has found no UNM-LA student interested in attending the virtual NCCWSL. This is likely due to Zoom overload.

The branch has agreed to cease attempting to disentangle the confusion in UNM-LA membership in AAUW vs the personal membership of Cindy Rooney for this year. Maryjane will pursue approaching the correct person with the correct forms to have UNM-LA join AAUW next year.

**\*Public Policy Report:** **Judy Prono** said the summary of the 2021 session in the April newsletter written by Meredith Machen hit the high and low points of the session.

**\*DEI Report:** **Marilyn Doolen** thanked the branch for producing that Navajo culture program and remarked on the link to the article on Navajo women that she had shared.

**\*Historian Report:** **Marilyn Doolen** will collect science fair thank you notes from Margaret Gibson for the branch scrapbook. **Denise George** would like photos of a few for the newsletter.

**\*State Programs:** No report

**\*Branch Leadership:** We discussed who is still eligible to serve on the Coordinating Council next year. It appears that only Denise will "term out," though she is willing to stay on as the appointed website guru. Judy and Denise will review past Coordinating Council lists posted on our branch website and determine how many vacancies we will have. Judy will write up a call for volunteers to serve for the May newsletter.

**\*Communications and Website Report:** Denise set April 25 as the deadline for submitting newsletter info.

**\*Fire Book project:** **Carol Neal** reported that the committee purchased 100 copies of Teralene Foxx's book The Forest and the Fire for \$1 each. There are 7 elementary schools in the burned area. The committee would like to give one copy of Foxx's book to each classroom in the 7 schools. The librarians at the schools were asked what other book to give; they suggested either Caldecott or Newberry award winners. The committee would like to ask for donations to purchase books at the spring tea and to offer for purchase to our members extra copies of the Foxx book for \$12 as an additional way to raise money. Carol will invite Terry Foxx to the tea. Carol also offered to write a few motivational paragraphs for the May newsletter that would remind our members of how much assistance Los Alamos received after our fire.

**\*May Tea:** May 20, 4:00 – 5:30, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Meeting Space. **Mary Ann Lindahl** will call the church to reserve the room. **Maryjane Giesler** will ask our scholarship winner to attend and to speak to us. The Fire Book committee will bring refreshments.

**\*Future Programs:** responsibility of the council. Zoom or in-person meetings will be decided as conditions permit.

- \*Suggestions:
- DEI program available from AAUW national Understanding Unconscious Bias (videos and script). Better if can meet in-person.
- Margaret suggested [friendsofhistorynm.org/lecture-series/](http://friendsofhistorynm.org/lecture-series/). *There are now lectures scheduled. Previous lectures are available on Facebook and YouTube. One of these lectures that looked interesting is called Pueblo Indian Sovereignty, which deals with the way Pueblo Indians have sought to preserve tribal sovereignty as it relates to issues of land and water from the Spanish colonial period to the present day. The pueblos discussed include Pojoaque, Nambe, Tesuque, Isleta, and Ysleta (in*

*Texas).* Italicized text was not discussed at our meeting, but I am including it here as a resource to the branch.

\*Meeting was adjourned at 3:46pm.

\*Next meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2:00pm via Zoom.

\*Helena could not rejoin the meeting after the Zoom hiatus. She asked that I add this addendum to the minutes:

*"I am recruiting female college students to be dorm Counselors at Tech Trek NM June 19-25, 2022 in Socorro. They must also attend in person training June 18.*

*They must live in the dorm*

*They will be tested for covid before training starts.*

*They must be fully vaccinated for MMR and Covid-19 (including booster).*

Contact me for application at my e-mail or cell 505-690-7824".

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2022 April 19

Due to concern of Omicron variant COVID numbers, this meeting was conducted over Zoom. Denise George hosted the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Carol Neal and came to order at 2:10.

Present:

Denise George, Carol Neal, Margaret Gibson, Maryjane Giesler, Judy Prono, Helena Whyte, Alahna Weller, Mary Ann Lindahl and Marilyn Doolen

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\*Facilitators's Reports:

**Carol Neal** Will arrange a Memorial for Pat Harlow for the next LTM. We have over \$400 in UNM-LA AAUW account for our scholarship fund.

**Judy Prono:** National's new website requires new passwords for members to sign in. She has been exploring the new site and cannot find information about personal or branch donations to AAUW Funds. Terminology has changed, e.g. branches are affiliates; Judy finds the site very confusing, and not transparent; some videos are useful but others not! Judy was able to export the roster which reports our branch has 55 members including Pat Harlow.

\*Treasurer's Report: **Margaret Gibson** reported the branch received 3 cents interest and spent \$50 to Greatest Needs Fund + \$1 for the processing fee.

\*Membership Report: **Alahna Weller** had no luck getting into the national site. **Mary Ann Lindahl** contacted Nancy Nunnelley about rejoining.

\*5-star program: **Margaret Gibson** reported the branch received a star for advancement (for member retention and donations to EF). This achievement will be posted on National's website. Margaret will send Denise a list

of the 5\* requirements and our achievements to date. It's possible that including some articles that were published in our newsletter on our website will count toward some 5\* category.

**Carol** will send **Margaret** our succession plan.

Goal: Advancement **completed** we receive a star; the following were completed average donation \$30/member to Greatest Needs Fund  
retain 80% of membership  
branch donation to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund

Goal: Public Policy & Research

**completed**: annual meeting with legislators

**completed**: appointed public policy chair

not completed: promote Action Network on our website (this may be done if it is on our website and we can enter the website) or enter Action Network sign up event name and

date

Goal: Governance & Sustainability

not completed: need strategic plan aligned with national and state and a succession plan (we had one last year - Carol will look for the one she did)

**completed**: appointed Diversity Officer Goal: Communications and External Relations

Goal: Programs: Hold 4 mission-based programs that align with the AAUW strategic plan (2 of these programs should be held in conjunction with another branch)

Submitted Navajo program (awaiting confirmation) \*AAUW Funds: **Carol Neal** – no report

\*College and University Rep Report: **Maryjane Giesler** has invited our scholarship winner, Carra Webster, and will invite Carra's mother to the spring tea.

Maryjane was told that there was no money in our scholarship fund; this conflicts with Carol's information; Carol will send a copy of the spreadsheet she received from Gayle Burns to Maryjane. The spreadsheet lists all donations by name and date and lists all disbursements to scholarship recipients. Marilyn has a photo of Carra if needed for advertising the spring tea.

\*Public Policy Report: **Judy Prono** -- no report.

\*DEI Report: **Marilyn Doolen** summarized a NYT article about the recently enacted NM law that allows free college tuition to state schools including tribal colleges for all resident students. Denise will publish a summary in our newsletter.

\*Historian Report: **Marilyn Doolen** – no report.

\*State Programs: No report

\*Tech Treka: **Helena Whyte** reported that selections have been made. Interviewing for staff continues and Dorm Moms and Assistant Teachers are needed. Past Tech Trek graduates are signing up as junior counselors.

National offers a virtual STEM ED for Girls program, taking place in June and July. Zoom information meeting about the program April 20. Check the national website for more information.

\*Branch Organization: Denise terms out. Alahna and Maryjane are willing to run for a new two-year term. Carol, Margaret, Judy and Marilyn and Beverly will be serving the second year of a two-year term. So we have two slots to fill. Denise will continue as newsletter editor and as web master as appointed, but cannot serve as secretary. Election of officers will be held at the Spring Tea Meeting.

\*Fire Book project: **Carol Neal** reported that the committee is still working on the project. Denise mentioned the possibility of including Ruidoso schools in the books distribution.

\*May Tea: May 20, 4:00 – 5:30, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Gathering Space. **Mary Ann Lindahl** has called the church to reserve the room. **Maryjane Giesler** has asked our scholarship winner to attend and to speak to us. The Fire Book committee will bring finger food; council will supply drinks. **Carol** will write a newsletter article explaining the details of soliciting donations for the two fund raising activities. Carol and Denise will bring flowers. Maryjane's husband has key if we need it. Council should arrive at 3:15.

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- \*Suggestions:

- DEI program available from AAUW national Understanding Unconscious Bias (videos and script). Better if can meet in-person.
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\*Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

\*Next meeting will be the joint council meeting Thursday, May 26, 1:15pm. Bring food to share to Mary Ann's, 210 San Juan.

## 2022 May 20 Spring Tea and Branch Meeting

The meeting was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Gathering Space, the gathering began at 4. The business meeting was chaired by Carol Neal and came to order at 4:30.

### Members Present:

Denise George, Carol Neal, Maryjane Giesler, Judy Prono, Alahna Weller, Mary Ann Lindahl, Linda McLellan, Jane Sherwood, Bev Cooper, and Nina Thayer

Our guest scholarship recipient, Carra Webster and her mother also attended.

Carra expressed her appreciation for the scholarship, and explained her decision to return to school after raising her children and how she decided on a career change to pursue nursing. She received an Opportunity Scholarship which covered tuition, and the branch scholarship covered books and other expenses. She detailed how the funds are distributed to the student and the requirement to keep track of how they are spent.

**\*STEM report:** As Helena Whyte our STEM leader was out-of-town, Judy Prono presented the Tech Trek report. Dorm renovations at New Mexico Tech will allow 60 campers to attend after all, which means that all qualified applicants will be accepted this year.

**\* Interest groups:**

- a. The summer book for The Book Group is *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley.
- b. The next two books for the Non-Fiction Group are :
  - The Last Queen* by Clive Irving
  - Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- c. "Out 'n About" activities suggestions requested.  
Mary Ann Lindahl has arrangements for a visit to Jemez Pueblo that can be used.
- d. Great Decisions group has completed discussions for 2022.

**\*Fire Book project:** **Carol Neal** reported that the committee is still working on the project. Donations were solicited. Much discussion ensued about reprinting *The Forest and the Fire* for distribution to New Mexico schools impacted by the 2022 fires.

Members were encouraged to pay their dues.

Members were encouraged to contribute to the branch scholarship for non-traditional female students at UNM-LA.

**\*Election of officers**

Nina Thayer moved that the slate of council members be accepted; Linda McLellan seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the slate:

Alahna Weller  
Maryjane Giesler  
Mary Ann Lindahl

Members returning to the Coordinating Council for the second year of their 2-year term are:

Carol Neal  
Margaret Gibson  
Judy Prono  
Marilyn Doolen  
Beverly Cooper

Appointed positions are: Newsletter Editor and Webmaster -- Denise George

STEM -- Helena Whyte

Hospitality – Nina Thayer has volunteered to take this position for one year.

\*Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

\*Next meeting will be the joint council meeting Thursday, May 26, 1:15pm. Bring food to share to Mary Ann's, 210 San Juan.

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Minutes of AAUW Los Alamos Coordinating Council Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2022

This meeting was held in-person at the home of Mary Ann Lindahl, at 1:15pm.

Coordinating Council Members present were from both the Council of 2021-2022 and the Council for 2022-2023. This meeting was a luncheon with only a very short business meeting.

Members in attendance: Mary Ann Lindahl, Denise George, Maryjane Giesler, Carol Neal, Bev Cooper, The business meeting was called to order by Carol Neal

The only item of official business was the choosing which member of the 2022-2023 Coordinating Council would serve in each of the positions on the Coordinating Council. The results of that discussion are in the table presented here:

**Coordinating Council 2022-2023**

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Bev Cooper	Publicity	505-672-9696	<a href="mailto:bcooper@cybermesa.com">bcooper@cybermesa.com</a>
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<b>Appointed positions</b>			
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<b>Open</b>	Nominating		

There was also discussion of the appointed positions. Nina Thayer's offer to serve as Hospitality Chair for one year was accepted. The appointed positions are listed in the table above.

The Council then chose September 17, 2022 as the time of the Fall Luncheon. The girls from this area who attended Tech Trek 2022 will be asked to speak at the Fall Luncheon.

The next Coordinating Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 2 pm.

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2022 August 23

Meeting was held on Zoom.

Present: Denise George, Margaret Gibson, Carol Neal, Judy Prono, Maryjane Giesler, Alahna Weller, Bev Cooper, Mary Ann Lindahl

Meeting was called to order by Carol Neal at 2:06 P.M.

There were no minutes from the May 26 meeting, which consisted of lunch and choosing officer positions. The officers serving for the next year are Carol Neal: co-facilitator, Judy Prono: co-facilitator and public policy, Maryjane Giesler: University coordinator, Alahna Weller: membership, Bev Cooper: publicity, Mary Ann Lindahl: treasurer, Margaret Gibson: secretary, and Denise George: newsletter editor and webmaster. It was reported that Nina Thayer had agreed to serve as the hospitality chair for one year.

Mary Ann Lindahl, treasurer, reported that the balance as of June 30 was \$4,206.60. She had not yet procured the bank statement for July from the post office box.

The fall luncheon will be held on September 17. Mary Ann Lindahl will check to make sure the Baptist Church is available for the lunch and that Ruby K will agree to be the caterer. The girls from Espanola who attended Tech Trek and their mothers will be invited to the lunch. Carol Neal will check with Helena Whyte to see if there is a video from the Tech Trek camp that can be shown. Judy Pro no suggested that we invite the Los Alamos middle school teachers to the lunch since we had no nominations from Los Alamos this year and they

should be made aware of the Tech Trek camp. Our members will be invited to attend the luncheon; the cost will be \$15. The budget for next year will be presented at the luncheon.

Carol Neal gave her Facilitator Report. She stated that she was missing the minutes for October 35, 2021.

Denise said she would check her records. Carol was still working on a Fire Book committee meeting.

Judy Prono attended the state executive meeting. The next state meeting will be April 14-16 2023. Judy McGuire wants an updated membership list for her state correspondence. Alahna will check the membership discrepancies and make sure that National has the proper list, particularly noting the death of Pat Harlow and Nancy Scheer and the honorary life membership of Marilyn Thayer. Judy noted that Helena Whyte updated Tech Trek camp statistics; there were 55 campers registered, then the number went down to 52. Their field trip was rained out; as a substitute, they visited the geology museum at New Mexico Tech. The Rocky Mountain regional conference was held online this year. New Mexico is responsible for the 2024 meeting. It is possible that regional divisions in AAUW will be reinstated. The Fall LTM will be held October 7-9 in Gallup. AAUW-NM will contribute \$500 from state funds to Research & Polling to review changing the New Mexico Legislature to a non-citizen legislature. There was some discussion of the new national database. People are having trouble accessing it. There is a need for an accurate number for membership. Members wondered why National AAUW had changed a perfectly good database to a hard-to-access and hard-to-use database.

There was a discussion of members misplaced or missing. Board members present confirmed that Terry Beery and Cas Mason did not renew this year.

The discussion of the 5-star program included the fact that our submissions are still pending. Margaret expressed that if the 5-star program was carried through for another year that she was not going to be responsible for submitting our entries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Gibson, Secretary

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### **AAUW Coordinating Council Meeting September 21, 2022**

Attendees: Denise George, Margaret Gibson, Judy Prono, Marilyn Doolen, Carol Neal, Maryjane Giesler, Bev Cooper

There was a discussion of the scholarship winner because Jody Benson of Mana del Norte wanted to contact her. Marilyn Doolen said she would contact Jody.

Meeting was called to order at 2:08 P.M.

The minutes from the spring luncheon were approved.

The minutes from the meeting w

here positions were chosen were approved.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on August were approved

#### **Facilitator's Report, Carol Neal**

The LTM will be the first weekend in October. Carol will attend on Zoom. The meeting will be held in Gallup on Friday, October 7, from 3-6 P.M. If you want a Zoom invitation, contact Lynn Heffron.

#### **Facilitator's Report, Judy Prono**

No comments except following up at National on poor communications. Have had no responses from Connect, 5-star program, database mess, or links for local websites.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Mary Ann Lindahl**

Mary Ann has had many issues dealing with the bank. Apparently, the change from Los Alamos National Bank to Enterprise Bank resulted in them requiring more documents from us to change treasurers. She also had trouble logging into the National AAUW website because she had forgotten to pay her dues.

#### **Membership Report, Alahna Weller**

We discussed ideas to recruit new members. It was suggested we might hand out pamphlets at craft fairs or Farmer's market. All the brochures we have from National are very old, so it was suggested that Alahna ask for new ones. Pamphlets could also be placed at the Chamber of Commerce and the Library. An insert with our local activities could be included.

**5-star Program, Judy Prono and Margaret Gibson**

We achieved 1 star this year. Submissions were made on time in all the categories, but at the end of the program all our submissions were "still pending".

**College and University Rep, Maryjane Giesler**

Apparently at least two scholarship applications were submitted to UNM-LA, but Maryjane hasn't received them yet, so we don't know how good they are. One member of the scholarship committee, Mona Wecksung, is in Arizona caring for a sick son. We discussed replacing her with another member, but it was determined that was not necessary. The question was raised if we should become an AAUW university partner? It was determined probably not, because 1) no information was available on the AAUW website, 2) we have a large Hispanic grant, and 3) it takes a lot of work.

**Public Policy, Judy Prono**

There will be a constitutional amendment on the ballot this year allocating more land grant money for early childhood education. We would like to make members aware of this vote. The Albuquerque Journal had an editorial opposing this amendment. Denise will look up the editorial and contact Nina Thayer about it. Nina will be presenting information about this amendment at the fall lunch.

**Diversion, Equity, and Inclusion, Marilyn Doolen**

Read article from Economist which said that most beneficiaries of DE&I policies were white men.

**Historian, Marilyn Doolen**

Nothing to report

**Publicity, Bev Cooper**

Articles on the fall t appeared in both the Los Alamos Daily Post and the Los Alamos Reporter

**Old Business, Carol Neal**

Luncheon: Mary Ann Lindahl said all hospitality details were taken care of for the fall lunch. No masks will be required since we will be mostly eating. Mary Ann will collect money for the lunch at the luncheon, Alahna will bring the name tags, Denise will speak about the interest groups, Mary Ann will present the budget (which will be the same as this year's), Denise is bringing salad, the cost of the lunch provided by Ruby K's will be \$15, Nina Thayer will present at the lunch information on the constitutional amendment referred to under Public Policy.

New Business:

League of Women Voters forums will be held in fall.

Project grants deadline is October 1. There were no comments on this item.

Winter Roadrunner deadline is November 15. It was suggested that we should say something about the food distribution (specifically, Christmas fruit gifts) that we sponsor every year.

Program Suggestions for next year:

Contact Little Studio on the Mesa (she does ceramics and pottery crafts)

For food bags, maybe make snowmen, gingerbread men, or snowflakes.

Cookie exchange

New director of Self Help could speak.

Helena, who arrived late, said the County Council candidate forum would be on Zoom at 6:30-8:30 P.M. on September 29 and October 3.

The national member database has been a problem at National and they informed their website contractor that it has to do a better job. It is still being worked on.

The next board meeting will be held October 20 at 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 P.M.

An informal discussion was held by email following the meeting, where everyone present (which was a majority of board members) agreed to give \$100 to the League of Women Voters to support their brochure on the upcoming election. (\$200 is allocated to LWV in our budget, but they never asked us for the money, which they have done in the past.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Gibson, Secretary

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#### **AAUW Minutes from Lunch Meeting on September 24, 2022**

Guests attending: Aubrey Rodriguez, who attended Tech Trek this summer and her mother, Leila Herrera  
Members attending: Adda Moldt, Jane Sherwood, Margaret Gibson, Denise George, Alahna Weller, Mailyn Thayer, Helena Whyte, Mary Ann Lindahl, Maryjane Giesler, Nina Thayer, Judy Crocker, Carol Neal, Rozelle Wright

Aubrey told us about the highlights of her Tech Trek experience. The geology field trip was rained out, so the girls looked for fossils at the Sevilleta Visitor's Center. She found a rat skull, saw animal hides (learned about taxidermy), located animals on a map. On film from a night camera, the girls saw a mountain lion drinking from the same water bowl as an elk. The girls made DNA necklaces (using their own DNA as a model) and experienced a hologram. The food was good, and the beds were bad (opinion of campers and staff members). It was very hot. Activities Aubrey especially enjoyed were geocaching (counselors had clues on their phones), the Game of Life (learning financial literacy – budgeting, girls given pretend jobs – hers was mechanical engineer, so that was a good job, but she still needed to take out a loan if she bought an expensive car. She said this was a fine choice for her in the game, because her ambition is to be a mechanical engineer.

The slide show that Helena brought did not work, so slides were sent out later to members.

AAUW business meeting began at 1:20.

Balance in the checking account is \$4307.72.

There have been problems with renewing memberships at National, so the deadline for removal if you haven't paid your dues was extended to November 30.

The budget, identical to last year's, was passed unanimously after Nina Thayer made sure that we were supporting the League of Women Voters in the budget. The League of Women Voters is allocated \$200 from AAUW, supporting their printing of voter materials for elections. (Some confusion previously arose because LWV never asked us for money this year, but the board voted to send them \$100 to help with the printing of election materials). Mary Ann Lindahl will be delivering the contribution to the League after she was told to whom it should be delivered.

Denise George gave a brief review of interest groups, including Fiction book group (all books are on local website), Non-fiction book group, and Great Decisions. We also have a group called Out & About for which anybody can suggest a place to go and a date.

Maryjane spoke about the UNM-LA Scholarship; she thanked members for being so generous in supporting the scholarship. She also gave thanks to Mona Wecksung for her previous help with the selection committee; Mona is at present unable to participate. The committee hopes to announce the scholarship winner(s) in the near future.

Nina Thayer spoke about Constitutional Amendment 1, which is being voted on in the upcoming election. This amendment would take more land grant money to support early childhood election. Nina passed out information both for and against the amendment. The state AAUW has not yet taken a stand but will discuss it at the upcoming Legislative Team Meeting.

Nina Thayer spoke about the Fire Book Project, which raised money to buy Terry Foxx's book on recovering from a fire.

90 books will be delivered to the three elementary schools in Colorado that were affected by fires. The Caldecott and Newberry Medal books will also be delivered to these schools. The Fire Book Committee will discuss donating to the eastern New Mexico elementary schools affected by the Calf's Canyon/Hermit's Peak Fire.

Helena Whyte discussed problems with National and with National's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Margaret Gibson, Secretary

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## **2022 October 20**

### **AAUW Coordinating Council Meeting October 20, 2022**

Present: Margaret Gibson, Denise George, Carol Neal, Marilyn Doolen, Judy Prono, Maryjane Giesler, Alahna Weller, Bev Cooper, Nina Thayer

Meeting was called to order at 2:08

Minutes from previous meeting were accepted as corrected. Denise asked that corrected minutes be sent to her since she puts them in the newsletter.

#### **Facilitator's Report – Carol Neal**

Fall AAUW-NM LTM Meeting was held in Gallup. Carol attended by Zoom.

There are still some state board vacancies, including historian. Searching for AAUW Funds Chair was tabled. Some people are needed to serve on the grants committee. The state will be providing \$500 to support an ECPR (emotional CPR) program (this is a national program). The funding will be used to train counselors, especially women faculty, on college campuses to deal with students needing support.

The Fire Book Committee has a design they want to use for bookplates. Nina Thayer has ordered bookplates. Terri Foxx still wants to sign all the books even though she is moving. The committee is taking suggestions from the school librarians as to what other books should be ordered.

The deadline for the Roadrunner (state newsletter) is November 15. News on the Fire Book project and the scholarship winner has been sent to LTM.

#### **Facilitator's Report – Judy Prono**

Judy said communications with National AAUW are not so good. There is an actual person in the office now, named Tiffany, who is in charge of carrying out Gloria Blackwell's plans. \$6 million in fellowships was granted this year. NCWSSL will be in person this year. Judy questioned if we could use the 2-minute activist as a recruiting tool, but she didn't find much information. There was little feedback on the 5-star program; the Connect staff is not sufficient in numbers to answer questions. Katrina Sun Breeze said the 5-star program will be back in some form.

### **Membership Report – Alahna Weller**

We discussed having a booth at a craft fair; Mary Ann Lindahl's sorority is having one soon. Both Judy Prono and Alahna Weller offered to sit at a booth with information. Judy couldn't find any brochures from National; Nina Thayer found some on Shop AAUW (not on AAUW's website). There was some question about who has the banner that says AAUW, in order to advertise the booth. People said they would look to see if they had it.

### **Treasurer's Report – Mary Ann Lindahl**

Bank Balance, 8/31/2022: \$4497.72; Expenses: League of Women Voters: \$100; Income: Dues: \$625, Lunch: \$230; Interest: \$0.12; Bank Balance, 9/30/2022: \$5252.84.

### **5-star Program**

We have been recognized as receiving one star. All of our other submissions are still pending.

### **College & University Rep: Maryjane Giesler**

Our scholarship this year was awarded to Sara Louise Lujan, who is in her 5<sup>th</sup> semester at UNM-LA, studying business management. She has a daughter in high school. She previously studied at Northern New Mexico College. Maryjane explained to Jenny Duran at UNM-LA that we really needed more scholarship applications next year. Maryjane went to a conference on Diversity and Inclusion and learned about Spanish students at school. UNM-LA has a Title V Hispanic grant to promote Hispanic students. It was suggested that maybe Maryjane could speak about it at a general AAUW meeting. UC-Riverside has 12,000 Hispanic students.

### **Judy Prono – Public Policy**

Important issues for the state this year are improving educational achievement, creating smaller schools (better achievements for underperformers) – 75% of New Mexico's students are underperformers. We don't know about any bills yet.

### **Publicity – Bev Cooper**

Both director and assistant director of Self Help have agreed to speak to us. The board suggested that she try for March as a possible date.

### **Program for November Meeting – decorate bags for Self Help food distribution**

Maryjane brought some craft suggestions that she thought were easier to make than the bows we made last year. Denise will look into supplies for the decorations. It was suggested that we also have cookies at this meeting, which will be held on November 14. Denise will contact Mary Ann Lindahl about contacting the Bethlehem Lutheran Church to see if we could meet there.

There was a discussion about having our traditional lunch at Rancho de Chimayo. It was suggested that we haven't had that many people show up for any meetings, and COVID is still a problem. It was suggested it might be possible to do a luncheon there as an Out and About activity, perhaps in February. Nina Thayer is organizing an Out & About program in November to attend the Georgia O'Keefe exhibition in Albuquerque along with a lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Gibson  
Secretary

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**2022 November 9**

**Minutes of AAUW Los Alamos Coordinating Council Meeting November 9, 2022**

**Present:** Denise George, Margaret Gibson, Carol Neal, Judy Prono, Mary Ann Lindahl, Bev Cooper, Nina Thayer, Maryjane Giesler, Helena Whyte

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and following changes were requested: Under Maryjane's report about UNM-LA, change Spanish to Hispanic, last sentence in Judy's report says "ia" instead of "is". The minutes will be filed as corrected.

**Facilitator's Report – Carol**

"Fire Book" Committee report – bookplates were printed, Terri Foxx will sign, and Nina will take books to Colorado next week.

**Facilitator's Report – Judy**

At craft fair that Judy attended, she signed up four new members and seven people signed up for the 2-minute activist. These new members paid half price National and State dues, and full price local dues. Maryjane, Alahna, Carol, and Judy staffed the booth during the fair. Denise requested that Mary Ann send the names of the new members to her. Judy responded to a request from Jean Patrick in Santa Fe about how our council is set up and sent her an explanation.

**5-star program – Judy**

Judy Prono reported that AAUW had posted a new 5-star program on the website; it does not appear to have changed much.

**Treasurer's Report – Mary Ann**

There was no treasurer's report

**Membership Report – Alahna Weller**

Alahna was not present.

**College & University Rep: Maryjane Giesler**

At our last board meeting, we had asked Maryjane to look into having someone from UNM-LA speak to us about HACU, a Title V grant that UNM-LA has to support Hispanic students. This grant also provides help for non-Hispanic students, particularly as it pertains to federally sponsored government internships. UNM-LA asked if we would like to have Anne Jarrett speak in March or April; we agreed that she should be asked to speak in April 2023 and give both an overview and specifics on the Title V grant. Fourteen faculty attended the San Diego conference.

**Public Policy – Judy Prono**

Legislative Preview will be held at Fuller Lodge on January 5; Judy suggested Margo Batha as a moderator. Christine Chandler and Bobby Gonzales will both be there. At the time of our meeting, it was unknown if Leo Jaramillo would be present.

**Diversion, Equity and Inclusion – Marilyn Doolen**

No report

**Historian – Marilyn Doolen**

No report

**State Programs – Helena Whyte**

On January 29, at the Hotel Santa Fe the state leadership will be getting ready for the State Legislative Session. Cost is about \$45-\$65/person for breakfast, lunch, and snack. There is a special rate per night. Monday, January 30, will be AALUW-NM's Advocacy Day at the Roundhouse, when members meet with their senators and representatives to discuss legislation important to AAUW. There is a shuttle that takes you to the

legislature. Don't know if state AAUW pays any part of food bill. The state convention will be held April 14-16 in Albuquerque.

Nina Thayer reported on the recent Out&About. Four individuals went to the O'Keefe exhibit in Albuquerque. There were many watercolors from her early days. Participants also had lunch at the site. All who attended reported enjoying themselves. We hope to get more participation at our next Out&About.

We finalized plans for decorating food bags for the holiday distribution to Self Help. We will be meeting on November 14 in the Gibson Room (that's the downstairs room) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Council members should bring 2 dozen cookies to share. Carol Neal and Denise George will both bring examples and materials for the food bag decorations.

Bev says Self-Help will do program for March or April. We asked her to ask them to do a program in March. Judy Prono said that someone will speak at the November 19 Santa Fe meeting on women's reproductive rights.

Next scheduled meeting: Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Gibson, Secretary