

AAUW Whatcom November 2022 Board Meeting

Nov 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. to ? a.m., (via Zoom)

Call To Order: Judi Edwards, President; Kathy Cole, Linda Buehring, Sandy Hays, Carol Simmer, Catherine Chambers, Gwen Parker, Judy Fruhbauer, Susan Moen, Jean Cox-Treverton, Pam Sankey

Tribal Lands Acknowledgment

"We want to acknowledge that the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack tribes are located in the heart of Whatcom County. Accordingly, we take this opportunity to recognize that we live, work and learn within the original homelands of the Coast Salish. We acknowledge that the Coast Salish peoples have lived and nurtured these lands since time immemorial and we recognize that we are here because of the sacrifice forced upon them. In recognizing these tribal communities, we honor and seek to raise up and center their legacy, their lives, their descendants, and their living cultures.

Board Minutes: Jean Cox-Treverton

- Corrections:
 - Spelling of Ingeborg Paulson's name
 - Per Judi Edwards: Venom setup a business because website said they could not handle nonprofits - we still pay the fees
 - October minutes approved as corrected

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Cole

- Checking: \$6715.04
- Gross \$8,191.71 from November 12 Tea and Fashion Show
- Savings: Kathy Cole discussed opening a CD with funds from the Savings Account.
 - M/S/P for Kathy will research and present options to the Board. Will make an email recommendation for approval with best option(s).
 - Request authorization to pay branch bills electronically through WECU
 - M/S/P to authorize

Addition of 3% if dues are paid by venmo or square

- add 3% to charge when used
- authorization required from board for cost of use
- M/S/P to authorize the 3% charge to total amount for use of square or venmo

Results of Tea: Judy Fruhbauer

- generally positive feedback with a couple of exceptions: food, and time to socialize with table mates

- acquired 4 new members at the tea
- country club has charged an additional fee (\$300?) to facilitate fashion show models changing outfits: Carol is working on discussions re set/additional fees in this situation with the new management
 - branch has not paid Country Club for the event, nor has branch received a bill

Presidents Report: Judi Edwards

- Annual State Meeting
 - 2023 will be an in person meeting, possibly in Walla Walla; business meeting will probably be on Zoom, but program will be in person

Books For the school Libraries: Pam Sankey, Susan Moen via Gwen Parker

- Susan has books to be donated to libraries
- Update on October meeting with Annie Boochever: copies of her book have been purchased for local middle schools, and arrangements have been made for delivery. Annie is working on a version for younger readers.

Scholarships: Carol Simmer & Judi Edwards

- inquiries from members about working on committee
- in 2023 discussion about using some of our savings funds to sponsor Tech Trek girls; should be a budget item for next fiscal year

Programs & Meeting Locations

- December: Carol Simmer
 - purchased quiche from Costco
 - members to donate cookies for members and the Bellingham High School Showstoppers chorus
 - will be held at Encore Room at Mt. Baker theater, on December 10
 - there will not be a Zoom component for this meeting
- January: TBD

Membership: Linda Buehring/Sandy Hays

- October 26th Soiree: added 3 new members
- Date for next event at Creativitea, 5:30 to 7:30 PM, December 7; 4 have signed up to attend

Tech Trek Update: Pam Sankey via Judi Edwards

Community Co-Op project day is 7/15/23

- applied for Grant from Co-Op, proceeds will go to Tech Trek

- proceeds from sale on 7/15/23
- non-profit winners will be posted in stores, so will give us some community exposure

Communications: Gwen Parker/Judi Edwards

- Items to Gwen by November 29th
- WebSite & FaceBook - Judi
 - once FaceBook page is created it is permanent so we continue to have two sites
 - working on Website to update information; establish link to appropriate FaceBook page

Google Docs Project: Judi Edwards

- branch gmail website: whatcomfinance@gmail.com
- dropbox account is available to store branch information; Judi will begin working with board members in 2023 to move documents that need to be stored

Food Bank: Catherine Chambers

- has all the college contacts established
- would like to set up a process to have members bring a jar of peanut, or other nut, butter and jelly, for December and the first 4 months of 2023; will also accept donations
- another volunteer is needed to deliver food and monetary items to institution of the month

Board Meetings: Judi Edwards

- January 28 continuing with Zoom meetings