

AAUW February 4, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Downtown Cedar Rapids, Public Library

5:30-7:30 P.M.

Attendance: Sarah Swayze, Carletta Knox-Seymour, Sue Jorgenson, Sue Pearson, Carol Hills, Carole Bernard, Linda Topinka, Linda Armitage, Renee Penalver, Jennifer McNabb and Lillie Moore (Committee Member)

Absent: Mary Lawrence

President's report: Carletta

Carletta reported that the state is looking for a new finance officer for AAUW Iowa because Penny Foy has resigned. Her report also included the announcement of Renee Penalver as the officer of marketing and fund raising. Jennifer will be a part of this as well. Both have accepted their new positions.

AAUW needs a nominating committee to recommend the new president and membership director. Carletta's (C.R. Branch president) and Linda Armitage (Membership Director) terms are up. This needs to be done soon by May. All nominees name should be sent out to all membership 10 days in advance of the annual meeting.

The AAUW nominating committee has selected Carletta Knox-Seymour to be president-elect for state. She has accepted.

Carletta and Linda T. will be attending the Lobby Day for Pay on February 13th. The focus is on the pay gap.

Storm Lake [Buena Vista](#) University Tech Trek overnight STEM camp for girls entering the 8th grade will happen between July 7th, 2019. Girls who are nominated and has filled out an application must be interview by an AAUW branch. The question proposed is, if any application come from the Cedar Rapids' schools, will AAUW be willing to interview them? Buena Vista wants no financial donation from the branch, they only want AAUW to interview and make recommendations. Deadline is February 15th to get stuff to the branch. Jennifer McNabb has agreed to help with the interview process. Carletta will wait to see if anyone contact her or Sue Pearson.

Finance Report: Mary Lawrence. No report

Public Policy Report: Linda Topinka

Tiffany Flowers has joined with Linda Topinka on the policy committee. Tiffany is requesting a \$500.00 monetary donation to help support her involvement in Mental Health for Women. Sue Pearson made a motion to decline Tiffany Flowers' request for a \$500.00 donation based of AAUW's limited resources. This was second by Linda Topinka.

Sue J. and Linda T. sent out 50 cards to Betsy Devos.

Membership Report: Linda Armitage

AAUW Cedar Rapids had two new members join. Members are Bev Philpot and Della Caldwell.

1. State membership officer wants all the local branches to contact the members at large. Linda may need additional help with contacting these members.
2. Linda collected a check to give to Mary Lawrence from the new member.
3. AAUW Cedar Rapids branch is constantly growing. We are close to 60 or 61 members.

Program Officer: Carole Bernard

Update on 10-12 people have confirmed their planned attendance to Open House, Open Hearts Saturday Feb. 9th @ 10:00A.M. She would like anyone planning to attend to confirm this with her. A reminder was also given that March 2, 2019 is the Women's History Month event being held at the History Museum @10:00 A.M. The AAUW Iowa State Conference will be held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Des Moines Community College, Newton Campus. Mark Hunter will be the tour guide. Carole submitted a request for re-imbusement of \$38.14 for poinsettias purchased for the holiday brunch. Linda Topinka moved to accept the request. Jennifer McNabb second.

Newsletter Editor Officer: Sue Jorgensen

League of Women Voters event will be on Saturday, March 16th. Oakland Road HyVee will be catering the beverages (coffee, tea and water). AAUW is committing to donating money for napkins and pastries or home baked goods. All donations are to be sent to Sue Jorgensen up until March 9th. Checks should be made out to AAUW Cedar Rapids' branch. Pastries and setup are to be done by 9 or 9:30 A.M. at 1717 Boyson Rd (Kirkwood Training Center). This is a yearly donation.

Website Officer/Manager/Marketing: Jennifer McNabb and Renee Penalver

An account has been setup in Google Drive for the purpose of sharing/storing information and each member will receive a link to the website. Jennifer will be sending out emails to all individual with some specific questions on your content areas, what is it that you would like to see on the site and additional information she may need from you.

Renee has created a Twitter account for the local branch to promote us in the area and allow people to follow us to see what we are doing and to stay informed.

Appointed Chair AAUW Funds: Carol Hills reported that she sent a check for \$1205.00 to national. It is to be doubled.

Charitable Funds Appointed Chair: Sue Pearson:

Sue Pearson gave Renee Penalver a binder of grants that AAUW had applied for over the years. She submitted her official letter of resignation as Charitable Fund Director effective under one of two conditions, whichever may occur first: 1) Projected date of November 1, 2019, if the Board determines the fund will become defunct after the 2019 Open Minds, Open Doors conference or 2) effective date of July 1, 2019, if the fund continues. Suggestion was made to contact National to determine whether it is a benefit to the CR local branch to continue with the 501c3. In addition to this, what will be the value in us continuing the 501c3 status?

Sue suggested that anyone making a request for support from the branch needs to make an official presentation, either in person or a very detailed written request. Carletta agreed that it can be Skye or through some other technology pieces. This is the new operating procedure.

Submitted by Sarah Swayze on 2/18/2019