

CR Board Minutes, April 1, 2019, 5:30-7:30 Cedar Rapids, Public Library

Attendance: Linda Topinka, Linda Armitage, Julie Mitchell, Deborah Reed, Carletta Knox-Seymour, Sarah Swayze, Jennifer McNabb, Renee Penalver, Lillie Moore and Sue Jorgenson. Absent: Mary Lawrence and Carole Bernard

March Minutes were read by Sarah Swayze and approved

President's Report: Carletta AAUW's connection to Coe College goes back to 1927. Sue Jorgensen found a historical document that listed the date of our connection. Carletta's presentation on salary negotiation at Coe College was a success.

April 2nd is the AAUW Iowa Marks Equal Pay at the Rotunda. The date symbolizes how far into the year a woman must work in order to earn what men made in the previous years, if they are white.

Her Magazine Luncheon Series: Women in Business is April 18, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm @ Hotel Kirkwood. The price is \$35. This is sponsored by the Gazette. Her Magazine comes out every fall and spring.

AAUW Spring Conference registration is on April 27th. The price is \$50.00. It is \$15.00 to bring a guest. Payment must be post mark by April 15th or it is an additional \$10.00. The theme is women past, present and future. The conference will likely include a continental breakfast, breakout sessions, national speakers and a silent auction. The suggestion for the basket is Riding the Waves to honor the awesome women who has run for office this past year. The silent auction raises about \$1500.00 for the association (National). Last year's proceeds went to the Legal Advocacy Fund. This year's proceeds will go to the AAUW Education and Training Fund for scholarships and grants for women. The conference has not been held in Cedar Rapids since 2000.

Because of the lack of money and attendance, there will be no 2020 National AAUW Convention.. There is a regional convention on the table by the Illinois Branch. Linda Armitage suggested that she will get in contact with Julie Brown and Kim Churches to discuss a daylong conference.

The League of Women Voters would like to connect with the branch to discuss ways to commemorate the 19th Amendment. Marine White, the state Public Policy Chair has been given the over all and AAUW Cedar Rapids feeds into it. Carletta shared that Black women were a large part of the right to vote.

According to Ann Gale, She will sending information to branch members. The Branch president will no longer be responsible for sending out information. The names of those members who Ann Gale could not get will be corrected by Sue Jorgensen and Linda Armitage.

In terms of the fund raiser at Coe College, Megan Ruffle has assured Carletta that Coe College would still like to sponsor the CR branch for a fundraiser in the future. It can't happen now. We now know where we stand on the Charitable Fund. It has been decided that our branch will go forward with Open Minds, Open Doors this year with the luncheon and volunteering. The branch has agreed to move forward with collaborating with GWAEA and Coe College with the College for Kids summer program starting in 2020. Coe College is very interested in continuing their work with the CR branch of AAUW.

Karen Alderson sent information to Carletta on getting scholarships from Henry Davidson's Youth Center. Carletta attempted to connect with Molly Duffy to get more information on this matter. A message was left for Molly to call Carletta.

Discussion was held on where the branch wants to hold the Celebrate Us celebration. Various places were suggested. Renee Penalver suggested Coe College. Kirkwood and Meth-Wick was also offered. No

final decision was made. The celebration will be held on May 4th. Installation of new officers will take place at the celebration.

Finance Report: Mary Lawrence (No Report)

program Report: Carole Bernard (No Report) Readers' Theater needs readers. The program is called Wonder Woman. About 10 women are needed. A gathering for rehearsal is recommended.

Fundraising/Marketing Director: Renee Penalver Renee has been researching some grants. According to Renee the best fits currently are, The Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation and the Iowa Women Leadership Foundation. AAUW's mission aligns with that of the Iowa Women Leadership Foundation. Renee feels that we need to develop our program further to meet the requirements for the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation. It is possible that we will not make the deadline date for the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation because we need to have a discussion on what we need the money for and what programs are we looking to add. We already have a strong relationship with the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation because of Open Minds, Open Doors.

AAUW Cedar Rapids did not have anyone in mind for the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Registration closes on April 30th. An early bird special was offered where \$165.00 were removed off the total cost. The early bird special and scholarships have ended.

Linda A. feels that we should mentor kids and track them. She also feels like the branch needs to settle down and focus on the mentoring of kids. Linda suggests a strategic plan is needed where the branch follows the child that is being mentored for two years. Carletta agrees in part with Linda, but states that we need to have a lot of moving parts, not just one. Carletta states, "We have to have more than one thing that we are doing."

Newsletter Editor's Officer: Sue Jorgensen Email report states that Sue will be sending receipts to Mary Lawrence regarding HyVee Catering Bill and a request for Reimbursement. The bill is as followed:HyVee catering \$119.70 (bill will be sent to M. Lawrence) minus \$102.70 (Total cash donations) =\$17.00 Payable to Sue Jorgenson is \$17.00 plus \$30.00 (enclosed checks) total \$47.00. Sue requests reimbursement of all 3 checks totaling \$30.00 for her to deposit since she paid for HyVee catering with her credit card. This was approved.

Membership: Linda Armitage

Kirkwood renewal of Kirkwood Institutional AAUW membership has gone through thanks to Brenda Steinke. Linda needs a W-9 form filled out for Kirkwood. Carletta offered to help with this. AAUW Cedar Rapids currently has 55 members.

Public Policy: Linda Topinka (No Report)

Website Officer/Manager/Marketing: Jennifer McNabb Jennifer is still making updates on the webpage. Sue Jorgenson gave her some pictures. Jennifer will also update the bylaws on the site by removing the 2016 bylaws and adding the 2018 bylaws.

New Business: Sarah Swayze Sarah proposes that all branch members get together to crochet/knit winter scarves to give away to students next winter. Anyone not interested in crocheting/knitting can donate yarn to make a scarf. The board approved this project.

Submitted by Sarah Swayze, Secretary