



Board Meeting January 8, 2015

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by President Susan Lynnes-Parks.
In attendance: Linda Schwoob, Darlene Rempfer, Martha Cirata, Julie Ginocchio, Eileen Hacker, Kym Pipkin, Susan Lynnes-Parks, and Carol Eyre.

Meeting Notes: Linda moved to approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting, held October 9, 2014. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Finance Officer's Report: Susan asked Kym to check to see if our insurance is for directors and board members and not just event liability.

There was a discussion to have Patricia Watters send out a separate e-mail on a potential dues increase to \$100 that would be voted on during the March general meeting. State dues will be increasing July 1, 2015.

Kym reported on the issue with the Attorney General regarding our failure to file an RRF-1 for the years ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009: she has heard nothing from the Attorney General after filing reports for those years after-the-fact on October 22, 2014.

Regarding the issue with the IRS: AAUW claims that our branch told them *not* to file the 990N on our behalf for the years ending June 30, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Although there was no copy of what was sent to AAUW in the archives, both Carol and Kathy retained AAUW's acknowledgement of our request to them to file the exemption on our behalf. Kym provided these acknowledgements to AAUW on October 22, November 13, and again on December 19. She e-mailed Brenda Slaughter at AAUW again on January 7, 2015, having heard no response to her e-mail of December 19. She will try again.

We are below our anticipated revenue for special event parties (summer and holiday), raffles, and membership dues. We had unanticipated insurance expenses. To support Tech Trek, we anticipated receiving \$850 from Rotary and \$750 from Snow Fest. We have enough in our General Fund to cover the shortfall, as the fees are due March 1. We qualified to have a named grant for AAUW Funds. We also have enough to pay for a girl to attend Girls State, with the current donations and those from last year that were returned when we were unable to send a girl to Girls State 2014.

Programs: Darlene pointed out that Carol Ann Schleicher is unable to continue with doing programs. We'll need a new person to handle programs in the coming year.

There was a discussion on meeting sites. We've lost ability to use the Incline Library as a meeting site as they have something else on Thursdays. The Parasol building is just for non-profits. Unfortunately, we don't qualify as a non-profit because of the ongoing IRS problem which is still unresolved. The Tahoe City Yacht Club requires a Yacht Club member present. Linda, Darlene, and Ellen are members.

There was a discussion to have only 6 meetings a year instead of 8. Since our membership has decreased, the majority of Board members voiced that offering only 6 meetings rather than 8 is not the way to grow our branch.

The March meeting is usually Chataqua, as it is women's history month. Jan Potter has one person lined up. We should encourage our new members to participate.

Membership: No report.

Communications Officer Report: Patricia sent out an e-mail which pointed out that National was willing to publicize our scholarship. The Board decided that since our scholarship is limited to a North Tahoe High School girl, there was no necessity to take national up on the offer.

Snowfest: We get 50% of whatever we sell in tickets, which is shared with TLC. Julie will start selling tickets today at the general meeting. She will encourage members to ask others to sell tickets on our behalf, such as at a hairdresser's, etc. The raffle drawing is held after the King's Beach parade, quite a lot of good prizes. The Store is handling the raffle prizes. Each interest group should sell tickets at their meetings.

Girls State: No Report

Tech Trek Report: Eileen Hacker reported that Tech Trek restructured where different branches send their girls. All of our girls will go to the UC Davis Tech Trek. The selection process will be starting soon.

Fundraising ideas: No discussion.

Interest Groups: Great Decisions and Book Club will be meeting at the TCYC in January, February and March. Carol Ann Schleicher is proposing a new interest group: an investment group.

Book Club: "One True Thing" by Anna Quindlen.

In Stitches: 1-21 at Martha's at 2:00 pm.

Great Decisions: Will start this month, Sharon Filardo will moderate at the TCYC. Julie is passing out the books. There are some extra books, if anyone else would like to join.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.

Kymerly Pipkin, Acting Recording Secretary

Approved: 3-7-2015