



Board Meeting February 12, 2015

Call to Order. President Susan Lynnes-Parks called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM at the Tahoe Yacht Club, Tahoe City, CA. Other board members present: Martha Cirata, Carol Eyre, Jan Potter, and Patricia Watters.

Board meeting notes (Kym Pipkin). No action was taken to approve the January 8, 2015, meeting notes since a quorum was not in attendance.

Finance Officer Report (Kym Pipkin). The report was distributed by email to board members.

1. Insurance. Susan submitted a letter of resignation because of her concern that board members may be personally liable for damages in the absence of insurance. Consensus of the group is that insurance is in place. The contact for filing event forms should be asked for practical alternatives to filing forms for each and every general membership and interest group meeting. (See branch Bylaws regarding State policy and procedures.) Insurance issues were resolved and Susan withdrew her resignation. See copy of email below.
2. Tech Trek shortfall. \$5400 is needed to send 6 young women to Tech Trek Summer 2015. Funds designated for Tech Trek now total \$3505. Funds will be drawn from the branch general fund to make up the difference.
3. Rotary Club donation. Did Eileen apply for a grant for \$850 from the Tahoe City Rotary Club?

Programs Report (Darlene Rempfer). Susan will forward a copy of NT AAUW's May 2013 newsletter to the Tahoe Nevada branch president to confirm that NT AAUW hosted the May 2013 Interbranch Luncheon.

Membership Report (Julie Ginocchio and Meri McEneny). The branch currently has 65 members, down from last year.

Communications Officer Report (Patricia Watters). A report was distributed to board members prior to today's meeting. Patricia Watters will send an email today to branch members to give 30-day notice of a vote to increase branch dues from \$25 to \$31. The email will also solicit Tech Trek contributions before February 20 for 6 Summer 2015 participants.

Tech Trek Report (Eileen Hacker). No report was delivered.

Fundraising.

1. Petra event. Patricia will email Nancy Cline for date and will send information to board members.

2. Snowfest tickets. Garwoods will hold a fundraiser on February 26. Susan will contact Julie Ginocchio regarding ticket sales at that event by Julie and NT AAUW's queen candidate.

Interest Groups. Various reports were presented. Gisela Steiner advised that the PlayReading Group will discontinue if participation does not increase at proposed April, May, and June meetings.

Branch governance alternatives. Board members agreed to present alternative structures for governing and leading the NT AAUW branch at the March 12, 2015 general meeting.

Alternatives include

- *Dissolve branch*
- *Abbreviated branch structure : president, secretary, and treasurer positions with core planning group*
- *Share responsibilities with other local branches*

Named gift and branch service award honorees. Honorees will be announced at the June 2015 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1 PM.

Patricia Watters

Acting Recording Secretary

Approved: 3-7-2015

Email from Susan Lynnes-Parks withdrawing her resignation:

On Feb 17, 2015, at 10:50 AM, Susan Lynnes-Parks <susan@lynnes-parks.com> wrote:

Good morning Ladies

I spoke to a insurance claims adjuster today and learned the following:

1. We MUST fill out the insurance form and get the certificate for any event that is NOT held in a private home. If we have bookclub, gourmet, etc in a members home and we are a NON-PROFIT organization (and we are) the homeowners policy will cover the home owner and the AAUW Board.
2. We MUST fill out the form and get the certificate for ALL events held in PUBLIC PLACES like the yacht club to ensure the Board is covered by our AAUW policy that we paid \$300+ for.
3. My understanding from Martha is that Nancy Cline is willing to do this. We will need the form filled out for our March meeting and we need the certificate back before the March meeting.
4. I believe Martha was going to find out if we can send in several 'requests for certificates of insurance' for our upcoming General Meetings.

Thank you all so very, very much for your patience with this and for all you did to gather correct information about this important matter that affects not only me but the entire Board and future Board members

I will take my resignation off the table - if that's OK w the rest of the Board

Susie

