



**Board Meeting
Meri McEneny's Home
March 7, 2017**

Members present: Jan Potter, Meri McEneny, Johnnie Lee Don, Trudy Lessem, Christine Marsh-Madden, Linda Larish and Patricia Watters & Ruth Arizaga-Whisler by video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Jan Potter, co-president, at 2:02pm.

Meri McEneny moved that the minutes from the previous meeting on 2/7/17 be approved as submitted. Christine Marsh-Madden seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

A. Secretary's Report - Linda Larish reported that a sympathy card was sent to Helen Foster for the passing of her husband. A second card was sent letting her know a donation would be made to Tech Trek in John's memory.

B. Finance Officer Report - Ruth Arizaga-Whisler presented the budget for the next fiscal year, 2017-2018, with minor changes reflected from the last Leadership Committee Meeting. This budget will be presented at the general meeting on 3/9/17. Also Jan Potter will send a memo to Patricia Watters that will be sent by e-mail to all members. All members will vote on this budget at the April 13th meeting. Ruth reported that she received a \$200 refund from the South Lake Tahoe branch of the American Legion. \$50 of this amount will be presented to the Girls State selectee. Ruth and the committee discussed the possible ramifications if National turns back over the administration of Tech Trek to State. Ruth also indicated that she had asked AAUW National if Tech Trek would still be considered part of AAUW Funds after it turns over administration of Tech Trek to State. She was informed that Tech Trek will continue being part of AAUW Funds. This clarification is important because in order for our branch to qualify for a Named Grant Award, we need to donate \$750 or more to AAUW Funds each year. This requirement will be satisfied by our donations to Tech Trek since it is part of AAUW Funds. This means that our branch no longer needs to require specific donations to AAUW Funds. Ruth discussed the possibility of redirecting donations from Funds to other projects in our branch, for example, toward our new STEM Project. Ruth suggested not taking any action about possible allocation of funds until the end of this fiscal year when things should be better defined. Ruth also stated that she allocated \$50 from our North Tahoe AAUW bank account to Tech Trek in memory of John Foster.

C. Programs Report - Jan Potter reported for Julie Ginocchio & Terry Yagura. The general meeting on Thursday, 3/9/17, will be at the Gatekeepers Museum in Tahoe City at 1:00pm. The program will include three Chautauqua presentations by Julie Ginocchio, Trudy Lessem and Vera Daegling. Christine Marsh-Madden will present a lecture on the Women's History Museum in Washington DC. A general meeting will follow. Linda Schwoob has requested a person be

located to speak on mental aging. It was also suggested that a person be located to speak on women's finances.

D. Membership Report - Jan Potter reported in Cheryl Allen's and Martha Cirata's absence. Two new members joined in February, Courtney Hart and Debbie Walker. Cheryl and Martha are developing a social event to welcome new members. Members who rarely attend meetings or functions will also be invited. The Leadership Committee will attend so new members can meet them plus learn more about the branch and AAUW in general. The event will take place in May. It will be funded from the Branch bank account.

E. Communications Officer Report - Patricia Watters stated that the newsletter will be published on 3/20/17 and all articles need to be submitted by 3/19/17.

F. Girls State - Johnnie Lee Don and Christine Marsh-Madden reported that because of logistical issues, they hope to work with Elissa Kirkland from State in the future. Ruth Arizaga-Whisler interjected that our candidate does have confirmation for her reservation now.

G. Tech Trek - Meri McEneny reported that she, Vera Daegling, Trudy Lessem and Christine Marsh-Madden will interview nine girls this Friday, 3/10, at North Tahoe Middle School. They have the girls' applications and essays to review prior to the interviews. Six will be chosen with two alternates. The selections are due to State on 4/1/17. Meri announced the wonderful news that Roxanna Cabrera, a former Tech Treker, was accepted into UCD Medical School. Meri was recognized and praised for her hard and very thorough work on Tech Trek and the upcoming STEM Trek.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Nominating Committee - Meri McEneny moved that we accept the slate for the Leadership Committee for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Linda Larish seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed. There is still a need for a member to begin assisting Ruth Arizaga-Whisler as Financial Officer beginning January 2018 so that she will be able to assume that position the following fiscal year, 2018-2019.

B. Master Calendar - Jan Potter reviewed the Master Calendar for both March and April. Meri McEneny will verify when the letters requesting grants from TLC, Kiwanis and Rotary née to be mailed. The letter will contain instructions for submitting a check. It should be made out to AAUW. On the memo line, Tech Trek should be written.

C. Fundraisers - There are two. The tea party will be held at Carol Eyre's home on 6/22/17. It will be catered and the price will be \$25. Carol is asking that members consider sponsoring a Tech Trek girl by donating an extra \$25 so they can attend free of charge. Also a Petra dinner will take place but no date has been set yet. Patricia Watters will sponsor a wine event next fiscal year (2017-2018). This will be discussed at the July Leadership Committee meeting.

D. By-Laws - National has asked that the by-laws be reviewed and edited per their instructions. Jan will download the new document and bring it to the April Leadership Committee meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

A. Book Club - Trudy Lessem reported that Book Club will discuss A Spool of Blue Thread on Tuesday, 3/28 at 10am at the Gatekeepers Museum.

B. Great Decisions - They will cover two chapters on Tuesday 3/21 at 10am at the Tahoe Yacht Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Branch Service Award - The votes have been tallied and Carol Eyre will present the plaque at the June Meeting. Until then, the selection is secret. Meanwhile Patricia Watters will return the plaque to Carol. Carol will also present the certificate to the member chosen as the Named Grant Honoree. Her name is also secret until the June meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Equal Pay Day – This will be on 4/4/17 for all women. Various ethnicities also have other designated dates in April. We want to help educate the public that women make \$.78 for every dollar a man makes. Meri McEneny moved and Linda Larish seconded that Patricia Watters will submit articles to the local papers to inform the public. The resolution was unanimously passed.

B. Documentary - NBC Sports will be showing Tomboy on channel CSN Bay Area. It shows that 25 years after Title IX was passed, women are still discriminated against in the sports world. Trudy Lessem will bring a copy of the article to the general meeting this Thursday, 3/9/17.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12pm

Respectfully submitted by Linda Larish, recording secretary

Approved 4/11/17