



**General Meeting
Tahoe Yacht Club
April 13, 2017**

Members present: There were 19 members present: Jan Potter, Meri McEneny, Trudy Lessem, Ellen Magnani, Linda Larish, Ruth Arizaga-Whisler, Linda Schwoob, Carol Eyre, Terry Yagura, Diane Morrison, Diane Buckman, Muffy Betker, Shirley Cabo, Martha Cirata, Nancy Cline, Vera Daegling, Julie Ginocchio, Dana Loury, and Courtney Hart

Ellen Magnani was the guest speaker and she showed slides and spoke on the launch of the International Space Station in July 2017 from Russia. Ellen's daughter-in-law, Kate Rubins is an astronaut who was aboard this launch. Ellen and her husband attended this event. Ellen's talk was fascinating and told and showed the preparation for the launch, the launch itself, and the qualifications and duties of her daughter-in-law.

Jan Potter welcomed all guests and one new member, Courtney Hart.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jan Potter, co-president, at 2:38pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy Cline asked that a correction to the minutes from the previous meeting on 2/7/17 be made, changing a misspelled word, "Business."

Meri McEneny moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as amended. Ruth Arizaga-Whisler seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2017-2018 Budget – The members received a copy of the proposed budget over 30 days ago and were prepared to vote. Nancy Cline reported that the spending for our Branch is fairly static at this point. Meri McEneny moved that the budget be accepted as proposed and Trudy Lessem seconded the motion. It was accepted as proposed.

B. Slate of Officers – A copy of the slate of officers was provided for the membership over 30 days ago. Nancy Cline stated that Susan Hassenplug has rescinded her offer to work as a co-communications officer. Jan stated that we still need a person with accounting experience to work alongside Ruth Arizaga-Whisler to learn how the program works and then be ready to assume that position in 2018-2019. Jan Potter read the list and Meri McEneny moved that the slate of officers for 2017-2018 be accepted and Martha Cirata seconded the motion. The slate of officers was accepted as proposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tea Party – Carol Eyre reported that she will host another High Tea on 6/22/17 at 3pm. This is a fundraiser for Tech Trek. The cost is \$25/person and a check made out to NT AAUW needs to be sent to Carol by 6/10/17. Men are also invited. Everyone should be dressed in appropriate high tea fashion, dresses and hats for women and jacket and tie for men. It will be catered again by A Catered Affaire, who is donating part of the profits to AAUW Tech Trek. Previous Tech Trek attendees will be invited and members are asked to consider sponsoring a girl for an additional \$25. Kiwanis, TLC and Rotary will also be invited and Meri McEneny will send invitations to them by e-mail. Linda Larish is asking for anyone willing to share bone china (delicate) tea cups and saucers, tea pots (china or silver) and silver spoons to contact her by e-mail or text (775-720-3384) and she will be happy to pick them up. She needs to have them by Tuesday, 6/13/17.

B. Petra – The fund-raising dinner at Petra’s at Northstar will be Thursday, 5/25/17 at 6pm. The tickets will be \$50/person and Petra’s will give us 50% of the profit less the tax. This does not include the tip so please be generous. This year for the first time we will share the evening with TLC. The profits will be pro-rated. Please submit the check, made out to NT AAUW with Petra in the memo line, to Nancy Cline.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Inter-branch Luncheon – This year it will be hosted by the South Lake Tahoe Branch and will be on 5/13/17 at 11:30am at the Lake Tahoe Golf Club. The cost will be \$25 and a check can be submitted to Terry Yagura or mailed to the South Lake Tahoe Branch.

B. STEM Trek Day – Meri McEneny reported that plans are progressing for this one day STEM Day. All speakers are confirmed. Someone has donated 50 water containers so we do not need to purchase water bottles. It will be held at the Fairview Community Center in Tahoe City on 6/10/17 from 8am to 4pm. Members are asked to volunteer at the event and to also make lunches for these girls. All nominated and selected STEM girls from 8th grade through 12th grade are invited.

C. By-laws – Jan Potter and Linda Larish are working on editing the current approved by-laws to reflect the mandated language that National is requiring.

D. Membership – Martha Cirata reported that the Membership Renewal forms for the coming year will be mailed soon and will include an opportunity to donate extra monies to fund all of our programs as we did last year. Martha said that Ruth Arizaga-Whisler reported that about 90% of members donated \$100 or more thereby totally funding our programs for this year.

Membership pins are now given and Shirley Cabo received her ten-year pin and Ellen Magnani received her five-year pin.

E. Elections – National is holding an election from 4/17 until mid-June. An amendment will be on the ballot to remove the requirement of having a college degree to belong to AAUW. Nancy asked that you please vote on this amendment according to your opinion.

INTEREST GROUPS:

A. Book Club - Book club will meet at the Tahoe Yacht Club on Thursday, 4/27/17. The book selection is *Luck is Only the Beginning*. Apparently it is not available at the Incline Village library. A suggestion was to check with a small bookstore in Truckee called Word After Word Books.

B. Great Decisions – will be held at Dana Loury’s home in Incline Village from 10am until noon and Linda Larish will be the moderator. The topic will be South China Sea.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:09pm by Jan Potter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Martha Cirata announced that the Truckee Choir will perform on Saturday and Sunday, 4/22/17 and 4/23/17 at Squaw Creek. Tickets are \$15 now or \$20 at the door.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Larish, Recording Secretary

Approved 6/8/17