



**Leadership Committee Meeting
Gatekeepers Museum
March 8, 2018**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:19 by co-president Jan Potter. In attendance were Jan Potter, Patricia Watters, Carol Eyre, Linda Larish, Nancy Cline, Meri McEneny, Christine Madden, Kymberly Pipkin, Ann Yuhás and Ruth Arizaga-Whisler via the internet.

Meeting Minutes: The Leadership minutes from February 8, 2018 were reviewed. The motion to approve was by Meri McEneny and it was seconded by Christine Madden. The February minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports:

Secretary's Report – Linda Larish reported that a thank you note was sent to Dr. Robert J. Leri for presenting a very interesting program on the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District at our February meeting. Get well notes have been sent to Betsy Peterson and Gisela Steiner. It was suggested that get well cards be sent to Betsy Peterson and Gisela Steiner again in about 6 weeks. Linda Larish will note that on her calendar.

Finance Report – Ruth Arizaga-Whisler reported that the only transaction during the last month was a \$50 check received as a donation. However, it has not been deposited but was given to Christine Madden for Girls State. So, the balance in our account remains the same, \$14,794.43.

Programs – In the absence of both Johnnie Lee Don and Trudy Lesem, Jan Potter announced that the April Leadership meeting will be at the home of Meri McEneny on Thursday, April 12 at 10am. The general meeting will follow at 1pm at the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City. The speaker will be Brenda Gilbert and she will speak on the ecology of our Truckee River. Our interbranch meeting will be hosted by AAUW Tahoe Nevada Branch. It will be a dinner on April 18th at 6pm. Details will be reported after

an official invitation is received. At our annual meeting on May 10th, we will vote on our budget and new slate of officers. This will be held in the Tahoe City PUD Board Room at 1pm. Our speaker will be Alex Lee, Executive Director of the program Aim High.

Membership – In the absence of both Ginger Wilson and Cheryl Allen, Jan Potter reported that we have 74 members now. The two new members are Joann Cobb and Priscilla Mills. Our dues will increase to \$110 per member for the coming fiscal year. The increase from National

AAUW goes into effect March 16, 2018, requiring us to raise our dues as well.

Communications – In Dana Loury's absence, it was reported that articles for the newsletter will be due 3/17/18 and the newsletter will be published on 3/21/18. Dana has joined an on-line tech peer group. Anyone interested is invited to join. Dana has also added several items of interest to the website.

Tech Trek – Meri McEneny reported that five young women have been selected, following interviews by Meri McEneny, Christine Madden and Joan O'Lear, to attend camp at UCD in July. The other two young women who applied will be alternates. More documents are needed from the campers/parents by 3/28/18, then Meri will submit them to UCD. Meri sent funding requests to Rotary, TLC and Kiwanis.

Girls State – Christine Madden reported that only one Junior applied for this. She was selected but Christine states that she is an excellent choice. When Christine attempted to give the ten checks, totaling \$450 to Joanne Shope, representative of South Lake Tahoe ALA (American Legion Auxiliary), Joanne told Christine that she had already paid. Joanne suggested Christine submit the checks for the payment due for next year (2019-2020). Nancy moved that Christine send the checks back to ALA to be used for the total due next fiscal year (2019-2020). If an audit shows that we have not paid, these funds can be applied as needed. Kym Pipkin seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Old Business:

Edited budget – The revised budget was reviewed, and three more changes will be made. Christine Madden asked that Girls State be increased by \$50 to \$550. \$450 will pay for the camp and \$100 will be given to the selectee for expenses.

Nancy Cline asked that the AAUW Fund be increased by \$50 which will cover the \$750 that is sent to National and \$50 to pay to have the plaque engraved and to purchase four pins and two pens.

Since we have a surplus of funds this year due to sending only five girls to Tech Trek, it was discussed and decided that we will increase our scholarship award to \$2,000 this year, then provide \$1,000 each of the following 3 years to this girl, providing her major remains in STEM and the GPA is 3.0 or above. The student will need to provide a copy of her GPA and course curriculum each year. We will make the decision on the amount of scholarship award on an annual basis. Patricia moved that these changes be incorporated into the proposed budget and Kym Pipkin seconded the motion. It was unanimously passed. Nancy Cline moved that the scholarship should only be given to a student majoring in STEM. Christine Madden seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. Patricia Watters will notify Meredith Rosenberg, our representative for the Tahoe Truckee Scholarship Committee, regarding the changes in our process (requiring a STEM major, a GPA of 3.0 or above and our plan to provide monies each of the first four years to the recipient, if she meets our requirements). The edited proposed budget will be presented at the April general meeting and voted on by the membership at the May annual meeting.

Meri McEneny presented information on various options for a microphone. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

STEM Trek Event – Meri McEneny reported that the STEM event will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City and the room is reserved. Meri has two confirmed speakers, local dentist

Karen Kucharski, DMD, and Laurie Pattison, Senior Director of Applications User Experience at Oracle. She is also looking for a Latina speaker, and has reached out to the program director of the North Tahoe Family Resource Center for suggestions. SWEF will partner with us again providing some outdoor activities and team building.

Non-Profit Status – Patricia Watters reported that she is ready to send the applications to AAUW National to reinstate our non-profit 501(c)4 status. A motion to authorize Patricia Watters to sign the application documents was seconded and approved.

Record Retention – Patricia Watters reported that we will change our by-laws when we are asked to by State or National, to eliminate a specific number of years for retention, and instead, state that they will meet regulatory compliance. We will continue retaining documents as agreed in the record retention and management policy.

Nominating Committee – Jan Potter provided a copy of the Leadership Committee Slate for 2018-2019. She announced that a finance officer and a co-president have both been identified for the next two fiscal years. Kym Pipkin, currently president elect, will assume the finance officer position for 2018-2019 fiscal year. The following year she will be co-president and Patricia Watters will be finance officer (2019-2020). Ann Yuhas, a new member, has volunteered to be co-president 2018-2019 and 2019-2010. We still have a few openings for positions, one being for president elect. The final slate will be published in the newsletter and presented at the April general meeting. The membership will vote on this at the May annual meeting.

Fund Raising – Linda Larish reported that Petra has been contacted by phone twice with a follow-up email after the first phone conversation. She is waiting for a call back but will re-contact them by email asking for a May date if they are still willing to sponsor Cheers for Charity. Meri McEneny reported that a movie at the Art Haus will not work this year as there are no appropriate movies scheduled. However, this is definitely an option for the future. High

Tea was discussed with the possibility of combining it with the summer party. This is being tabled for our next meeting.

Tabling – Patricia Watters will contact the Downtown Association and schedule a date for this.

New Business:

AAUW National Bylaws changes with online vote – AAUW will be asking for members to vote on-line on three issues between April 25th and June 9th. The issues are staggering board terms, opening Board positions to those outside of AAUW and eliminating degree requirement for membership. Members can and should send any comments on these issues to AAUW between February 22nd and March 22nd.

Other Business:

Timeline Review – This was deferred until the next meeting due to time constraints.

Calendar Review – This was deferred until the next meeting due to time constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Larish, Recording Secretary

Approved April 12, 2018