



**Leadership Committee Meeting  
Meri McEneny's Home  
April 12, 2018**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:12 by co-president Patricia Watters. In attendance were Johnnie Lee Don, Dana Loury, Meri McEneny, Christine Madden, Linda Larish, Ann Yuhas, Patricia Watters, and Sharon Filardo.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Leadership minutes from March 8, 2018 were corrected.

**Reports:** Secretary's Report – Linda Larish reported that she had sent “thank you” notes to the 3 speakers from the March general meeting. Sharon Filardo reported that she had sent a birthday e-card to Gisela Steiner. Sharon also reported she had sent a “thinking of you” e-card to both Gisela Steiner and Betsy Peterson as they continue cancer treatments.

**Finance Report** – Ruth Arizaga-Whisler sent in a financial report attached to these minutes. There was no financial news to report.

**Programs** – Johnnie Lee Don reminded members to make reservations for the Inter-branch meeting on April 18th in Incline Village. Johnnie Lee reported that today's speaker would be Lisa Wallace from the Truckee River Watershed Council; May's speaker would be Alex Lee from Aim High; and the June program would be the installation of new officers, presentation of awards, and Armchair Yoga presented by Ann Yuhas at the Gatekeeper's Museum. Johnnie Lee announced that the next Friday Niters event would be on April 27 celebrating Arbor Day. Dana Loury was asked to post the list of programs on the website and in the newsletter.

**Membership** – Cheryl Allen sent in a report stating we have 75 members with Jamie Casey being our newest member. Cheryl stated that she and Ginger Wilson would be renewing the membership application and then start the membership renewal mailing in early May.

**Communications** – Dana Loury reported that she has attended two of the AAUWCA Tech meetings online and is learning some new techniques.

**Tech Trek** – Meri McEneny reported that four of the five parents have sent in their \$50 checks and that Visitors Day will be Thursday July 26th at the U.C. Davis Campus. Meri also reported that the 20-year Tech Trek Reunion would be celebrated at this year's AAUW-CA Convention. Meri announced that Katie O'Brien from the Kings Beach Boys and Girls Club has started a STEM Program for girls in grades 3 through 6.

**Girls State** – Christine Madden reported that we have a candidate for Girls State and her name is Teah Williams. Christine also reported that Ruth Arizaga-Whisler was sending in the \$100 fee for Girls State personal expenses.

**Old Business:** Microphone System - Meri McEneny reported her research findings that a wireless system with a hand held microphone would cost between \$700 and \$900. A discussion followed regarding the difference in style and costs. Co-President Patricia Watters will send a motion out to the Leadership Team regarding the purchase of a wireless microphone system via email since we do not have a quorum today.

**STEM Trek Event** – Meri McEneny reported that there is only one confirmed speaker but she is working on finding more for the June 9, 2018 STEM Day. Meri reported that “Save the Date” notices have been sent out to all of the students and teachers.

**Non-Profit Status-** Patricia Watters reported that the National AAUW Financial Officer has sent in the paper work for our new non-profit status.

**Facebook media** - Patricia Watters reported that the creation of our Facebook page has been put on hold.

**Petra Fundraiser** - Linda Larish reported that she has not had any success contacting Petra but will continue trying to make a contact.

**Summer Party/High Tea** – Tabled until later.

**Tabling** – Patricia Watters reported that she has contacted the Tahoe City Downtown Association regarding an AAUW sponsored table at the Commons Beach Summer Concerts and is waiting for a reply.

**AAUW National Bylaws Amendments** – Patricia Watters announced there would be online voting on these amendments between 4/25 and 6/9/2018.

New Business: May 16th bus trip to Crocker Museum – Johnnie Lee reported that if you plan on attending the Crocker Museum trip arranged by the North Tahoe Truckee Transport Senior Shuttle, you need to call and register.

**Allocation of future fundraising** – Patricia Watters announced that we want to encourage members to support scholarship programs in the future.

**Other Business:**

**Timeline Review** – deemed complete by Patricia Watters.

**Calendar Review** – deemed complete by Patricia Watters.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am

**Announcements:** Christine Madden announced the upcoming Best of Chef's event at the Ritz Carlton's Hotel, which supports the Truckee Cancer Center. Tickets cost \$175 per person.

Patricia Watters announced that Nileta Morton needs volunteers for next year's SnowFest.

**Attachments:**

- Finance report
- Microphone system report from Meri McEneny.

Respectfully submitted Sharon Filardo, Recording Secretary

Approved as submitted 5/10/18

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2018

- The Bank 's balance as of March 31, 2018 is \$14,542.25.
- The total of members is 76 (four new members). The income generated from memberships is \$2,256.50. The income from dues increased in \$62 because only two of the four new members paid their branch dues. For the other two new members, we used the two free memberships from Shape the Future and since the Board decided that the Branch will pay for their AAUW-CA dues and will forfeit their dues for the Branch, no income was generated from these two new memberships.
- The Board has not decided yet how to allocate the \$287.97 Winter Party proceeds. They are deposited in the Branch's bank account.
- A decision has not been made about refunding Mary Koons' dues.
- Members' donations for Girls State have been handed in to the Girls State Representative. The balance after paying for the 2017-18 candidate and her personal expenses is \$100.
- The Tech Trek Balance is \$3,102. Once we receive the \$200 from parents' contributions that are pending the balance will be \$3,302.

**TECH TREK**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Donations from members	\$3,315	\$1,890	\$+1,425
Other donations:			
TLC	850	500	+350
Rotary Club	850	850	0
Kiwanis	0	500	-500
Shirley Allen Foundation	500	0	+500
Linda Passcott	500	0	+500
Helen McBride	100	0	+100
In memory of J. Foster	50	0	+50
Fundraisers:			
High Tea	\$1,000	\$500	\$+500
Petra Dinner proceeds moved to General Fund			
Parents' contributions	50.00	250	Pending 200
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR TECH TREK</b>	<b>\$7,215</b>		
Plus carryover Balance	387		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,602</b>		
Minus paid for 5 campers	-4,500		
=Tech Trek Balance at Davis	\$3,102		
+Pending Parents' contributions	200		
Surplus FY 2017-18	<u>\$3,302</u>		

**GIRLS STATE**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Donations from members	\$475	\$425	\$50
-Candidate 2017-18	<u>425</u>		
Balance at ALA	<u>\$50</u>		
Carryover balance deposited in branch's bank account	\$200		
--Personal Expenses - Bailey Shaw	50		
--Personal Exp. candidate 2017-18	<u>100</u>		
=Positive balance at Branch's bank account	<u>\$50</u>		
NOTE: The total carryover balance for Girls State is \$100 from which \$50 are in ALA's hands and \$50 are in the Branch's bank account			

**SCHOLARSHIP**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Donations from members	\$990	\$1,000	\$-10
+ carryover balance	<u>335</u>		
Total Sent to TTCSC	<u>\$1,325</u>		

**STEM DAY**

Funds for Stem Day are deposited in the Branch's bank account. The balanced is \$700.

## Microphone system suggestions for AAUW NT

The goal of acquiring a microphone system for our AAUW group is to ensure all our members can hear the proceedings of our meetings, follow along with our guest speakers and, enjoy our student presenters.

We need: a microphone system that is portable and durable; and performs well in the various rooms where we hold our gatherings. It should also be wireless, so that we are not concerned with tripping over any more cords than necessary. A lapel microphone was suggested, as it is less hassle, and provides better sound, than over-the-ear types.

The system consists of (1) an amplifier, mixer and speakers (aka a PA system); and, (2) a receiver, and microphone(s). The receiver interacts with the PA system. A wireless microphone often requires a small “bodypack” usually clipped onto one’s pants or belt, that relays to the receiver. In our case, given the average number of people in attendance, and the size of our rooms, we should have a PA system of at least 400 watts. Less wattage cannot power the speakers to deliver quality sound for the room size and numbers at our presentations.

Johnnie Lee and I took this upon ourselves to investigate. She asked her son-in-law his suggestion, and he gave a good one. For a PA system, he recommends the Behringer Europort PPA 500BT. This PA is 44 lbs. and packs up all together in a suitcase. It comes with a plugin, handheld mic, and accepts wireless mics too. It is available for \$499 from Guitar Center in Reno, same price on Amazon. It out compared all similar systems and at a decent price.

The wireless microphone set-up is more variable. The FCC regulates some wireless systems and prohibits selling used wireless systems. Generally, mid-priced wireless mics have a “line of sight” range of about 200 feet, and 100 feet with obstructions. Probably the best mid-range system I saw was a Shure lavalier (lapel) for \$299 with many great reviews; another Gemini dual lapel system for \$69 with 2 good reviews. A separate handheld wireless mic would be helpful for questions in the audience (\$69). Our range of costs for everything is about \$700-\$900.

I recommend we shop locally at Guitar Center. As a small business owner, I try to support other small businesses. As a citizen, storefront businesses pay local taxes, online stores do not. Local business has a person you can talk to about products, online businesses have reviews from people possibly like you and me, and we know how much we know! I’m happy to pay any price difference. I fully support us acquiring a PA and microphone system.

Respectfully submitted,

Meri McEneny