



**Leadership Meeting
May 10, 2018
Christine Madden's home**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:24 by co-president Jan Potter. In attendance were Patricia Watters, Carol Eyre, Johnnie Lee Don, Nancy Cline, Meri McEneny, Christine Madden, Pat Castellucci, Ann Yuhas, and Ruth Arizaga-Whisler and Dana Loury via the internet.

MEETING MINUTES: The Leadership minutes from April 12, 2018 were approved as written. (Moved by Meri McEneny; Seconded by Christine Madden). Passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS' REPORTS- Patricia reported that our Scholarship winner, to be picked thru the Tahoe-Truckee Community Scholarship Committee (TTCSC), with criteria provided by NT AAUW, (see attached) will receive \$2000 this year-2017-2018. We will be trying to increase this to \$1000 for the same girl in her 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year (with specific criteria) along with a new scholarship of \$2000 to a new winner in 2018-2019.

She has also been working on the IRS re-instatement of our 501 C-4 non-profit status and submitted forms on 04/04/2018 with National paying the filing fee. It can take up to 6 months for processing.

At the National Convention (which was phenomenal according to all attendees), use of Facebook may be in our future with protections in place for privacy and limiting use. More information to come in the July Leadership Planning Meeting.

After discussions of the research conducted by Meri at the February and April leadership meetings, an online motion to purchase a microphone system was approved by the Leadership team as of April 15 with 9 votes in favor, 1 abstention and 1 member not voting.

(The correspondence regarding the transparency of the purchase of the microphone system is attached. More will be discussed at the Leadership Planning meeting)

SECRETARYS' REPORT- No report

FINANCE REPORT- Ruth went over the state of our finances as of April 30th 2018 noting the deficit of \$675 for this year's scholarship fund for the new pledge of \$2000. A motion was made by Nancy Cline and seconded by Meri McEneny to allocate \$287.97 from the proceeds of the Winter Party along with the difference of \$387.03 from the General Fund to be sent to TTCSC to fully fund this year's scholarship of \$2000. The motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAMS- Johnnie Lee Don reported that the June 14th meeting will be held at 11:30 am at The Gatekeepers Museum in Tahoe City. Promptly at noon, we will be doing Arm Chair Yoga with Ann Yuhas in the main meeting room. At 12:30 we will have short meeting and Installation of the new AAUW NT Officers for the year 2018-2019, followed by a brown bag lunch in the back room with dessert provided by the branch.

MEMBERSHIP- It was reported that we have 76 members at this time. And the Membership Renewal Form for the year 2018-2019 will be mailed out by May 21st 2018. It will be due back by June 10th 2018.

COMMUNICATION- Dana reported that she has added all the new members to the Website and noted that Nancy Zachariasen has an updated address. She has put the names of program presenters on the Home Page with a link for Programs and the Newsletter. Items for the next newsletter can be sent in anytime between May 16th to May 28th for the newsletter to go out on the 1st of June.

TECH TREK: There is no on-line registration this year but everything is on-track. The event will be from July 22nd to 28th with visiting day on Thursday, July 26th. Patricia Watters will be a Dorm Mom this year.

Stem Trek is coming along with its first official flyer (see attached)

There are 4 confirmed speakers one of whom is a former Tech Trekker from 2005. Research has mentioned that 100% of Tech trek grads have gone on to college. Stem day will be at the Fairway Community Center on Saturday, June 9th from 8 am to 3 pm. All are welcome to stop by for any or all of the day. Lunch will be provided again by AAUW NT branch members.

GIRLS STATE: CHRISTINE MADDEN referred us to the April newsletter picture of our candidate and has provided her with \$100 pocket money from our branch. She will continue to check that all is going as planned with our American Legion Auxiliary partners.

OLD BUSINESS:

MICROPHONE SYSTEM- see attached information. Meri will demonstrate the system at the end of the Leadership meeting.

PETRA- This event is a Cheers For Charity event which will benefit us with 50% of the base cost of \$55. Also 10% of bottle sales that evening will be donated to us. It will be held on May 23rd at 6pm and includes dinner. Cost with tip and tax is 71.09 and a check made out to North Tahoe AAUW needs to be to Linda Larish by May 19th.

SUMMER PARTY- Carol Eyre and Ann Yuhas will be hosting a Brunch at Carol's home on August 19th at 11am. A motion was made and passed to: Have a Summer Party with Carol Eyre and Ann Yuhas on August 19th at 11 am at Carol Eyre's home as a Thank You to AAUW North Tahoe Members with no charge to members, a charge of \$15 for all others including spouses and reimbursement for food and drink of up to \$100 to Carol and Ann.

Carol will do an Invitation and get it to Dana for the newsletter and for the June meeting. Speakers may include Teck Trek girls and Girls State and possibly, our Scholarship winner. Committee members are Meri, Johnnie Lee and possibly Linda Larish.

NEW BUSINESS:

AAUW-CA Biannual Conference info will be forthcoming at the leadership Planning Meeting scheduled for some time between July 1-13.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Timeline- Any changes need to be brought to Patricia's attention and it will be looked over at the Leadership planning meeting which will be on one of the dates between July 1-13th.

IRS- Ruth to check when check due to IRS (June 30th?)

Installation of Officers in June- Johnnie lee will have everything ready but cannot attend. She will contact people to stand in for her.

Gourmet- Pat Castellucci may be changing the format of this interest group due to mid-winter weather concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:45

Respectfully submitted by
Johnnie Lee Don, acting for Linda Larish, recording secretary.

Approved as submitted 9/13/18

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