



CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jo Ann Cobb at 1:06 pm.

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS: Jo Ann Cobb, Patricia Watters, Kym Pipkin, Johnnie Lee Don, Priscilla Mills, Dana Loury, Meri McEneny, Kathie Julian, and Rachael Swift.

MINUTES: Priscilla Mills made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020, leadership meeting, which was seconded by Meri McEneny and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: The officer reports are attached. Additions to the reports:

Programs: A speaker from Awaken, Communities United to End Sex Trafficking, a non-profit faith-based Reno organization, has been secured for the January 14, 2021 meeting. This meeting will start at 10:30 am at the speaker's request.

Membership: We have 54 members this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Media Release: Leadership reviewed the media release form offered by AAUW-CA. Kym will reach out to AAUW National to obtain their form and present at the next Leadership meeting. After discussion, it was determined that for now, before photos will be posted on the Face Book page, permission to post will be asked of the participants in the photos. Any new media release form will go out with the renewal or application forms.

Scholarship Fund: The branch's obligation for the 2020/21 academic scholarships is \$4,000. The branch has already released \$3,000 in funds and awaits Brianna Kissman's written request for \$1,000 before releasing funds pledged to her. In the branch's TTCF account, we have \$495 remaining that has been specified for the scholarship and \$2,758.50 in unspecified donations.

Motion: Meri McEneny moved that \$505 from the undesignated TTCF funds be moved to the scholarship fund pay for Brianna's scholarship. The motion was seconded by Priscilla Mills and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about the future of the branch's scholarship commitment and funding for it. Among the possibilities: lessen our financial commitment to future scholarship recipients; fundraise; solicit donations mid-year in addition to renewal time. Patricia Watters will prepare an explanation of our branch finances and the recent review of the finances in the next newsletter, to include a recap of our funds for scholarships, Tech Trek, Girl's State, and STEM Trek.

Fundraising: Kym Pipkin reported on what she learned from AAUW-CA's recent fundraising ZOOM meeting. There are tax, registration, and reporting requirements for raffles, sales, auctions, and events with ticket sales that make such fund-raising endeavors less attractive.

One idea is a “non-event event” which could be considered for January or February with the explicit purpose of raising funds for scholarships. The idea will be discussed further at the next leadership meeting.

Holiday Party: It was decided that the event would be held the same day as our normal AAUW General meeting (Thursday, December 10), but at 7:00 pm rather than in the afternoon, again with the ZOOM format. Kym and Betsey Husted will be meeting to discuss ideas—wearing holiday bling/headgear, having wine-related prizes, a trivia game.

General Discussion Questions:

New Members Social: Given that we have no new members and are not meeting in person, there will be no new members social this year.

Leadership Meetings Schedule: The consensus was to continue holding Leadership meetings on the same day as the general meeting, with the exception of December. We unfortunately missed having a leadership/planning meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kym Pipkin, filling in for Ann Yuhas

Approved on 11/12/2020

Reports:

PRESIDENT (emailed 10/7/20 by Kym Pipkin)

Nothing new to report, but three items were offered for consideration under new business: Fundraising, Holiday Party, and Media Release.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (emailed 10/4/2020 by Linda Larish)

The following notes were sent since the September meeting:

John Henry Beyer, PHD – Thank you for presentation 9/14/2020

Carol Eyre – Get well 10/1/2020

RECORDING SECRETARY

FINANCE (emailed 10/4/20 and 10/5/2020 by Patricia Watters)

Spreadsheet as of September 31, 2020 attached.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of September 31, 2020:

Bank of the West Checking Account	\$ 7,499.51
Vanguard Money Market Account	\$10,154.46
TTCF Donor Advised Fund	\$ 9,004.94
TOTAL	\$26,658.91

TRANSACTIONS (Revenues/Expenditures) highlights September 1-31, 2020:

1. Operating Funds

	Revenues	Expenditures
Membership Dues (net of Natl/CA dues)	\$121.00	
Meeting Venues (Zoom)		\$ 14.99

2. Program Funds

	Revenues	Expenditures
AAUW Fund		
Tech Trek		
Scholarship (TTCF)		3,000.00
Girls State (TTCF)		
STEM Trek (TTCF)		
Undesignated Contributions (TTCF)		

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEW. *Branch Bylaw Article XIII. Financial Administration, Section 2. Financial Policies* provides “Financial statements will be reviewed annually.” Accordingly, Kym Pipkin, current Co-President and past Finance Officer, reviewed FY 2019-20 Branch financial records and found them consistent with Bank of the West, Vanguard Money Market Account, and Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation statements for the same period.

PROGRAMS (emailed 10/7/20 by Johnnie Lee Don): Programs has nothing to report: Nov is Jeff Fischer and am working on January speaker

MEMBERSHIP (emailed 10/7/20 by Cheryl Allen)

At their request I sent duplicate membership forms to Jamie Casey, Susan Lynnes Parkes, Barbara Roberts, and Deborah Wilson, but I have not heard back. I assume that they intend to send their checks and updated forms to Patricia, so am including them in our current membership roster. Including these 4 women, we now have 58 members. I am sending the current excel spreadsheet to Dana and will create a printed directory to be ready by the end of October. I am super busy with work and can't spend the time to create it until then.

TECH TREK & STEM TREK DAY (emailed 10/7/20 by Meri McEneny)

Nothing new to report for Tech Trek or STEM Trek Day. As reported in our last newsletter, 2021 Tech Trek camps will be virtual, not in person.

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media (emailed 10/7/20 by Dianne Lange and Jo Ann Cobb)

Diane & Jo Ann met with Tahoe Nevada's Laura Durica, who is this year's Communication Officer & President-Elect. Laura told us how she and other members have updated and use their Facebook page and Tahoe Nevada AAUW website. When asked, Laura said they continue to attract new members through current members and word-of-mouth, not their social media, so far. We look forward to discussing a photo release at our October 8th Leadership Meeting so that we can put photos on our social media.

Newsletter (emailed 10/6/20 by Dana Loury)

A request for articles for the November newsletter will be sent to leaders on October 16.

Please submit your articles by **October 21st**, 6 pm.

AAUW FUND (emailed 10/4/20 by Rachael Swift)

Our club has currently donated \$847.00 to the AAUW Fund in 2020. So we are covered for one Named Gift Honoree this year.

GIRLS STATE (emailed 10/4/2020 by Linda Larish)

Will speak with Girls State administrators in November to see if they have a plan for 2021 then approach Jeff Ream at North Tahoe High when indicated.

SCHOLARSHIP -

BYLAWS -

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK GROUP (emailed 10/7/20 by JoAnn Cobb and Esther Sonnenberg)

Our NTAAUW Book Group held its first meeting of the Fall on Tuesday, September 29th, via Zoom. Cheryl Allen was the reviewer and discussion leader for "White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo. Participants shared moving stories of when they first met and/or worked with non-white children or adults and became aware of the issues surrounding race and racism in our country. For our October 27th Book Group meeting via Zoom, we will turn to classic fiction, namely, Charlotte Bronte's 3rd novel "Villette" published in 1853. Dianne Lange will be our reviewer and discussion leader. Our Book Group selections for this year are always available on our NTAAUW website at <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/book/>

GOURMET (emailed 10/4/2020 by Linda Larish)

Gourmet is on hold until it is safe to meet.

INSTITCHES (emailed 10/7/20 by Julie Elmen)

The next In Stitches Zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st, from 1pm to 2pm. Patricia has been sending the Zoom invitations for our virtual meetings. If for any reason you won't be able to send the October invitation, Patricia, please let me know. Thanks!

OUTDOOR WALKING GROUP (emailed 10/7/20 by Dianne Lange)

Four members have expressed interest in a weekly walking group. However, at least one doesn't want to walk until Covid concerns are over. Still I'm willing to go with just three or even fewer. It makes social distancing easier and we will wear masks. Thursday appears to be a good morning for those who responded.

We need a release form so that if anything happens—accidents, Covid, etc.—AAUW and I aren't responsible. Lynn Whetston, who leads the hiking group for the Tahoe-Nevada branch, gave me the form that they use. (I'm attaching it to the email.) It has been vetted by a lawyer. Lynn says it covers everything, including Covid, and that we should feel free to use it. Also, a sample that's specific to Covid from the Tahoe Trekkers. I prefer the Tahoe-Nevada one.