

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jo Ann Cobb at 10:09 am.

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS: Jo Ann Cobb, Patricia Watters, Kym Pipkin, Priscilla Mills, Dana Loury, Meri McEneny, Kathie Julian, Rachael Swift, Carol Eyre, Linda Larish, Ellen Magnani, and Cheryl Allen.

MINUTES: Ellen Magnani made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020, leadership meeting, which was seconded by Meri McEneny and passed unanimously.

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

President's Report: Jo Ann Cobb would like each of us to send her a brief e-mail explaining why we joined AAUW and what keeps us in the group. Jo Ann attended both AAUW Fund ZOOM functions where the 12 grant recipients spoke which she found quite inspiring.

Tech Trek: Meri McEneny has asked CA Tech Trek to see if others can join the Orinda/Lafayette group ZOOM presentations. The first presentation is this Sunday at 4 pm, which Meri will attend. She plans to resend the link to our Tech Trek girls and then engage them afterwards with follow-up questions.

Communications: Linda Larish will also send a card to Ann Yuhas, whose sister passed away yesterday.

Dana Loury requests that articles for the December newsletter be submitted by November 21st rather than by November 20th.

Motion: Dana moved that the branch pay \$1.99/month to upgrade the branch's Google Cloud storage to 100GB (from the 15 GB we currently have on a free subscription). Priscilla Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dana asked that any e-mails that are to be sent out to the membership be sent to Carol Eyre as well as the North Tahoe AAUW e-mail, with Dana cc'd as a back-up.

Motion: Dana requested that Dianne Lange take over the photographer duties. Meri McEneny so moved, seconded by Carol Eyre, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jo Ann took a screen shot of all participating in the Leadership meeting to post in our newsletter, after first obtaining unanimous consent to being photographed.

Finance Officer: Due to an arithmetic error, the branch had enough funds to pay for the scholarship commitments this year, obviating the need for the motion made at the October 8th meeting to move funds from our undesignated TTCF funds to the scholarship fund.

Motion: Meri McEneny made a motion to rescind the previous direction to the Finance Officer, which was seconded by Priscilla Mills and passed unanimously.

General Discussion/Old Business Items:

Media Release: Kymberly Pipkin revised the Media Release Form; AAUW National had given no advice, and AAUW CA's form was used as a model, minus some of the extraneous legalese. Diane Lange is working on a FaceBook page for the branch and wished to obtain releases from people in photos she'd like to use. A concern was raised by one of the members she sent the release to that she did not want the photographer to own the photograph and that it did not adequately protect the person photographed from manipulation of that image. A discussion ensued as to how to proceed. AAUW CA suggested that the release be a part of the renewal/application process. Dana Loury, our previous photographer, said it would be impossible for her to remember who had/had not signed the release when taking photos. For those members not wishing their photograph to be used, it would be incumbent upon them to inform the photographer during any meeting. The matter will be discussed further with the membership, either in a general meeting and/or survey.

Holiday Party: Members present were asked about musical/singing talents. Priscilla Mills volunteered that she plays cello, and Cheryl Allen is in choir and has a talented grandson who might participate. More discussion will be had as to how to implement this with the Holiday Party elves.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Submitted by Kym Pipkin, filling in for Ann Yuhas

Approved 1/14/2021

REPORTS

PRESIDENT (emailed 11/11/20 by Jo Ann Cobb)

I attended the California AAUW Fund Luncheon on October 24, 2020, as a Zoom Webinar and was delighted to hear the incredible presentations by the accomplished and inspiring fellowship and grant recipients. I have not known much about the different types of grants that the AAUW Fund supports. The Luncheon presentations from October 10th and 24th are available on YouTube, and I would like to send an email to our members to encourage them to watch the presentations. I think the presentations may inspire members to make donations to the AAUW Fund!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (emailed 11/6/2020 by Linda Larish)

The following notes were sent in October:

Imelda Valdez – Thank you for presentation 10/11/20

Rachel Swift – Get well for husband (Bill) 10/15/20

RECORDING SECRETARY (emailed ____ by Ann Yuhas)

FINANCE (emailed 11/7/20 by Patricia Watters)

Spreadsheet as of October 31, 2020 attached.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of October 31, 2020:

Bank of the West Checking Account	\$ 7,366.52
Vanguard Money Market Account	\$10,154.82
TTCF Donor Advised Fund	\$ 9,053.93
TOTAL	\$26,575.27

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

1. Operating Funds

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

A \$100 check to Sierra Community House on behalf of Imelda Vasquez (October member meeting speaker) has not been cashed to date.

2. Program Funds

	Revenues	Expenditures
AAUW Fund		

Tech Trek		
Scholarship (TTCF)	100.00	
Girls State (TTCF)		
STEM Trek (TTCF)		
Undesignated Contributions (TTCF)		

Brianna Kissmann recently submitted paperwork to request \$1,000 from AAUW North Tahoe. TTCSC has not yet requested funds to be released from the Branch's Scholarship account at TTCF.

PROGRAMS (emailed _____ by Johnnie Lee Don)

MEMBERSHIP (emailed 11/10/20 by Cheryl Allen)

We currently have 55 members.

I have completed the formatting for the printed copy of the Branch directory. It is just like the one last year except the info is updated to the current roster and I added the birthdays for those members (nearly all) who sent them in. I sent the PDF to the Truckee Copy Center for printing -- will have the directories to handout Thursday afternoon or Friday. I requested 25 copies so that we have enough for additional members who might request one. Linda Larish will pick up the printed booklets for the members from Incline and I can mail those that she doesn't deliver – or arrange for them to be picked up.

Here is a list of the folks who expressed interest and the ones from whom I have received \$10 checks. I will send the checks I received and an invoice for the printing to Patricia. Anyone else who wants a copy should send me a check.

Name Check Received

Linda Larish X
Linda Schwoob
Carol Eyre X
Kathie Julian
Christine Madden
Esther Sonnenberg X
Ellen Magnani X
Dianne Lange
Jo Ann Cobb X

Name Check Received

Betsey Husted X
Priscilla Mills X
Julie Elmen
Johnnie Lee Don cash
Fritzi Briner X
Kym Pipkin X
Shirley Cabo X
Sue Devoe X

TECH TREK & STEM TREK DAY (emailed 11/9/20 by Meri McEneny)

AAUW-CA sent me the link from the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch to their free Girls4STEM monthly webinar program, <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/girls4stem-webinars/>. Take a look!

I sent this link to all of our TT campers and nominees from 2016-2019 (still in high school as requested) and have received replies from 3 of our campers so far. It looks like an interesting and fun program and is designed for high school girls!

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media (emailed _____ by Dianne Lange and Jo Ann Cobb)

Newsletter (emailed 11/10/20 by Dana Loury)

Newsletter: A reminder will be sent on Nov 16 to submit articles for the December newsletter by November 20.

Google Cloud Storage: I have been using Google Drive to store documents for our Branch. We have used 80% of the free 15 GB. I request that we upgrade to 100 GB storage (lowest level) for \$1.99/month so we can comfortably save video recordings of Zoom meetings.

AAUW FUND (emailed 11/9/20 by Rachael Swift)

Contributions to the AAUW Fund for 2020 remain at \$847.00 which is enough for one Named Gift Honoree.

This year's fundraising goal for the California AAUW Fund is \$500,000. At this time, \$278,240 has been raised - so it is short \$221,760 of the goal. This goal was set by targeting each branch to contribute the equivalent of \$30 per member. So far, 16 members of our North Tahoe branch have made contributions.

GIRLS STATE (emailed 11/11/2020 by Linda Larish)

I already sent the report on note cards that I've sent to members. I was waiting to send Girls State, hoping I would hear back from either Joann Swope, SLT ALA, or Girls State administration. I have sent two emails to the CA Girls State director. I have left four messages on Joann Swope's answering machine. I've heard back from no one so no new information. Looking at the Girls State website, it looks like they might be planning in person as it says it's accepting applications. I will update as I receive information. Since NT High School is on distance learning at this point, I'm not sure what the process will look like. I will contact Jeff Ream in December and see if he would like to just recommend a couple of students. I believe, at this point, any interview of candidates will be remotely.

SCHOLARSHIP (emailed 11/9/20 by Kathie Julian and Ellen Magnani)

AAUW Scholarship recipients have submitted their Proof of Enrollment papers from their respective universities. They are all on track with our requirements for the scholarships: a full time student in a STEM major maintaining a GPA minimum of 3.0.

Jaquelyne Velazquez-Gutierrez is enrolled at UC Riverside. Though we are unsure if she is living in a dorm at UCR or studying remotely from home, Jaquelyne has agreed to join one of our zoom meetings in 2021 to introduce herself. This is Jaquelyne's Freshman year.

Jillian Ferrer is a Sophomore at the University of Arizona and majors in Nursing.

Brianna Kissmann, a Junior at UC Santa Barbara, recently submitted her Proof of Enrollment papers, and will be sent her check shortly. Brianna's thank you note is attached.

The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation has clarified its rules for claiming scholarship money during the year it is due. Recipients must apply for their funds each year by March 31st with their Proof of Enrollment papers included. They can request a deferment if there are unusual circumstances, but those deferments are not automatically granted

*Dear North Tahoe American Association of University Women,
Thank you so much for allowing me to renew your generous scholarship for a third year. I feel very fortunate to have your continued confidence and support as I am continuing to take this next step into my future. Due to COVID, all of my classes are online, at least for Fall quarter so far, so right now I am staying home. Even with classes being online for the start of the school year, I am still excited for another great year. I was also able to finish my second year with a 3.38 GPA.
I am attending University of California Santa Barbara as a third year student, and I switched my major from Chemistry B.S. to Psychological and Brain Sciences B.S. While I switched my major, I am still able to use my chemistry knowledge to pursue a career that I am more interested in. Even though I am staying home for Fall quarter, I still have tuition expenses. I will be using this scholarship, money that I earn working my part-time job, and some additional financial aid through my university to help pay for these tuition expenses. Even during these difficult times right now, I am hopeful that I will be able to return to my lovely campus at some point during this school year.
With Gratitude,
Brianna Kissmann*

BYLAWS

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK GROUP (emailed 11/11/20 by JoAnn Cobb and Esther Sonnenberg)

Our NTAUW Book Group held its second meeting of the Fall on Tuesday, October 27th, via Zoom. Dianne Lange was the reviewer and discussion leader for "Villette" by Charlotte Bronte. Nine members participated in the discussion, a smaller group than usual, perhaps due to the length of the book and the fact that it was published in 1853. Everyone liked it overall. For our November 24th Book Group meeting via Zoom, we will be discussing "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande, who has just been appointed to President-elect Joe Biden's coronavirus task force. Marth Cirata will be our reviewer and discussion leader. Our Book Group selections for this year are always available on our NTAUW website at <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/book/>

GOURMET (emailed 11/11/2020 by Linda Larish)

This is still on hold until it's safe to meet in person.