

AAUW Portland Branch Meeting

January 21, 2023, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., 1500 SW Park Ave. Community Room

Attendees: Nancy Cheverton, Kathy Terman, Suzanne Fleming, Karnie Hill, Rachelle Joy, Linda Stern, Michelle Walsh, Rita Schlansky, Lisa Johnson, Nadyne Rosin, Susan Marthens, Katie Raetz, Dortehea Petersen, Ginny McQueen, Ilga Ross

Ilga Ross called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Ilga is currently the Administrator of the Branch. She is the only official officer. National AAUW requires each branch to have an Administrator and a Finance officer. Portland branch's Finance officer is Kathy Hand. Linda Stern is coordinating membership and Nadyne is the Public Policy chair.

Ilga thanked the Special Interest Group chairs. The Special Interest Groups are a thriving part of the Portland branch's activities.

Reports:

Finance: Kathy Hand submitted the financial report for the period July 1 – December 31, 2022. The branch has a balance of \$5,401.35. The branch has approximately 60 members. There have been some challenges at National in terms of the Community Hub. Some members have had trouble renewing and National is short-staffed and may not be able to respond quickly to address problems. Ilga mentioned that members can send a check to renew. While one can join National alone, members need to join National, state, and the branch altogether; it isn't possible to join just the branch. A general recommendation for organizations is to have balances of at least 2 years' worth of dues; the branch meets that criterion as 60 members x \$15 per member x 2 = \$1,800.

Portland AAUW PCC Endowment: Susan Marthens explained the branch's endowment effort. AAUW has given funds every year to the PCC Foundation; the branch wants to establish an endowed scholarship at PCC. At PCC, endowment must rise to \$25,000 within 5 years. Along with a matching gift of \$2,000, Judy Holt successfully raised \$5,345 for the fund this year. PCC will not give a scholarship until the fund is at least \$25,000. There is a tab on the website for the PCC endowment fund and also for AAUW Funds, which is a separate program. All are encouraged to contribute.

Membership: Last year the branch had 80 members and now the branch has 60 members. Some members renewed their memberships at National, but not at the branch.

Committee of the Whole (10:38 a.m.)

The Committee of the Whole unanimously passed a motion to establish a Leadership Council of 5 members. 5 people volunteered to serve on the Leadership Council: Ilga Ross, Lisa Johnson, Rachelle Joy, Nadyne Rosin, and Kathy Terman. There will be an election in March.

Programs: February's program will be to attend the Portland Community College African Film Festival. Members may form a group and go in-person and attend online. The March meeting will be a social meeting and the business meeting. It will be held either March 11 or March 18, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Linda Loftin's community room, 1500 SW 5th Ave.

The state conference will be in Ashland April 14-16. The President and 2 delegates will attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Kathy Terman, Secretary pro-tem