AAUW BENNINGTON BRANCH BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 7 p.m. Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Present: Jan Day, Julie Haupt, Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Wendy Lyons, Julie Mackaman, Judy Murphy, Norma McShane, Sheila Mullineaux, Dawn Rodrigues, Kathy Wagenknecht

Absent: Mary Feidner, Madeline Kennedy

Motions

- Call to Order and Approval of Minutes. President Wagenknecht called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Murphy moved, McShane seconded that the minutes of the November 13, 2022 board meeting be approved; motion carried.
- **New Membership Incentive**. Day moved, Rodrigues seconded that new members be offered discounted dues of \$67 through the end of June, eliminating the \$10 branch dues; motion carried.
- **Corresponding Secretary**. Kirkpatrick moved, Mullineaux seconded that position of Corresponding Secretary be reinstated for personal communications, e.g., condolences; motion carried.
- Scholarship Fundraising at Public Programs. Mullineaux moved, Kirkpatrick seconded that the 2023-24 lineup include one or more public programs in which a hat is passed for scholarship donations; motion carried.
- Adjournment. Murphy moved, Day seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Assignments

New Members

- Rodrigues will design an updated membership brochure for uploading to the website as a printable document.
- McShane, Rodrigues and Mullineaux will meet to plan a reception to welcome and orient new members.

Scholarship Meeting

- Lyons will meet with CCV financial advisor to review financial needs of the Spring 2023 applicants.
- The Scholarship Committee and advisors (Lyons, Murphy, McShane, Gudrun Hutchins, Jennifer Kern) will meet again to finalize scholarships.
- Lyons will create a card of appreciation to recognize Kern's years of committee leadership.

Board and Committee Development

Mackaman, chair of the Nominating Committee, will convene a meeting with Kirkpatrick, Rodrigues and Wagenknecht to complete nominations for President and Secretary for June 2023 election; recruit Corresponding Secretary and committee chairs and members for Programs, Membership, Hospitality; and confer with Mary Feidner and Madeline Kennedy

- about consolidating Silent Angels and Theater Fundraiser into a single Scholarship Fundraising Committee.
- ➤ Wagenknecht will restore bullet-point format of Diversity Officer description as submitted by Haupt.
- Committee chairs for Programs (Mullineaux), Membership (McShane), Scholarships (Lyons) and Hospitality (Kirkpatrick) will draft a description for committee members.
- All board members are asked to seek an "understudy" to shadow and eventually replace them.

Newsletter Printout

Kennedy will replace Mackaman for printing out first page of web-based newsletter and e-blasts, and mailing them to members without computer access.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mackaman Secretary



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