

## **AAUW FUND BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **January 5, 2021** *final*

The AAUW Fund Board Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

**Present:** Kate Van Ness, Linda Clark, Julie Hanamura, Theresa Cabral, Barbara Epstein, Karla Rosen, Kathryn Henderson, Mary Fitzgerald, Patty McHugh, Rebecca LaLonde, Mickey Sarquis, Laura Tyler and Beth Wolk.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mary Fitzgerald to accept November 2020 Fund Board Meeting Minutes made, seconded by Beth Wolk and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie Hanamura

All Fall Forum revenue has been received. Annual donations continue to be submitted.

**Fundraising:** Barbara Epstein

Winter Forum ticket sales are higher than projected. As of 12/30/20, 93 tickets had been sold for the Tuesday morning session and 53 for the Thursday class. For class size larger than 100, AAUW will need to upgrade its Zoom license. Julie will review the expanded requirements and costs. The Annual Donation appeal was also very successful.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding Home Tours in the fall of 2021 but this suggestion was rejected due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 limitations and the risk of wildfires.

**Scholarships & Grants:** Mickey Sarquis

The Scholarship committee recommends a budget adjustment to reduce the Santa Rosa Junior College scholarship amount from \$34,000 to \$25,500, a 25% reduction, and, concurrently, open the Garren Fund to cover the \$8,500 reduction. The budgeted \$27,000 for high school scholarships would also be reduced by \$3,000 to be applied to 2022. These recommendations will be reflected in the budget and voted on at the February Fund Board meeting.

**Requests for AAUW Fund Support and Outreach:** Kate Van Ness

The Guidelines were discussed and the Board reiterated that the Branch and the Fund shall not engage in fundraising efforts on behalf of other nonprofit organizations unless the request is consistent with the AAUW mission and is highly compelling then it may be presented to the Board for a vote.

The Board discussed the VIP program and its value. Theresa Cabral moved that we clarify the Branch Guidelines to state that the VIP program should focus on projects that feature girls or women and education projects appropriate to our mission. The motion was seconded by Linda Clark and approved.

It was further discussed and agreed that the AAUW membership list may not be used by members to promote their projects outside of AAUW.

**STEM Funding:** Karla Rosen

The Board discussed funding for 2021 TechTrek Virtual Camp and whether the nine girls selected for TechTrek in 2020 should be included in the 2021 Camp. Further discussion of this topic was postponed until future meetings when additional information will be available.

Meeting Adjourned at 1: 45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Cabral, Secretary

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