Annual Business Meeting Minutes

AAUW Tacoma Branch

May 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Marie Godsey. 10 members were present comprising a quorum, which is 15% of 30 branch members.

The minutes of the May 11, 2024 meeting were approved as circulated.

**Officer Reports**

**President** –Marie Godsey

Marie highlighted events of the past year: Tri Branch meeting in Puyallup, with a presentation by the WA League of Women Voters; First in person state meeting in 4 years at Renton Technical College; Tech Trek luncheon for campers, families, teachers and members; Save the Branch meeting; and Tacoma Community House Luncheon.

Member discussed the details of these events.

**Membership**—Sandy Bowman

Sandy thanked the board for support during what has been a difficult year for Sandy. She reported a total of 30 members, which is down from 38 last year. Sandy has updated all the nametags and attended the state membership meetings. She hopes to do more outreach in the coming year.

The branch agreed that Dixie will send an email blast to remind members to renew by June 30. The members discussed ideas for interest groups that would attract members and connect them with the branch, such as, a symphony group; lunch group; movie group and others.

**Tech Trek**—Joyce Hill

The Committee has selected 9 campers for 2025 camp coming from 4 schools in Tacoma and University Place. The camper packets will be distributed online this year and are due in mid-June. The Committee has scheduled the camper/parent picnic for June 26; we will also plan for a branch program in October for campers to meet the branch members.

**Finance**—Dixie Wood

Dixie had circulated the proposed branch budget for 2025-2026 30 days prior to the meeting. There was a brief discussion of the content. It was moved and seconded to approve the budget and the motion passed unanimously. The approved budget with history is attached to the minutes.

**Public Policy**—Carol Rikerd

The AAUW-WA public policy committee working with AAUW seeks to respond to the administration actions that conflict with AAUW goals. The WA state legislature enacted two bills that are especially good for women’s status: the limit on rent increases and the Parental Bill of Rights amendments that protect student records. Carol R plans to send an email blast to members that reports on the Committee’s work this session and to encourage members to sign up for “This Week in Olympia” that helps members take action on particular bills during the legislative session.

**New Business**—Marie Godsey

There were two vacancies to be filled by election at this meeting. President (2025-2027) and Secretary (2025-2027). Joyce Hill was nominated for President and Mary Letterman for Secretary. Joyce discussed what she hoped to do as president by focusing on membership and outreach. To that end she has already produced a branch brochure.

The branch voted unanimously to elect Joyce and Mary to their respective offices.

**Future of the branch**—All members

The members agreed to keep doing programs and social events that bring all members together and will involve new members in the work of the branch.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned and members met for lunch at the Topside Restaurant in Steilacoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy McBride

Secretary (2024-2025)

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| **Budget 2024 - 2025** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Approved** |  |
| **Income** |   |  | **Actual** |  | **25-26** |  |
| GTCF | 3200.00  |  | 2600.00  |  | 2600.00  |  |
| Celia Grau Trust  | 2500.00  |  | 3718.47  |  | 3700.00  |  |
| Member Dues (38 members) | 828.00  |  | 299.00  |  | 667.00  | ($23\*29) |
| **Total Income** | **6528.00**  |  | **6617.47**  |  | **6967.00**  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Expenses Administrative** |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| Administration |  |  |  |  | 350.00  |  |
|  Checks |  |  | 121.12  |  |  |  |
|  PO Box |  |  | 296.00  |  |  |  |
|  Stop Payment |  |  | 35.00  |  |  |  |
| Insurance |  |  |  |  | 500.00  |  |
|  Crime | 300.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Liability | 0.00  |  | 200.00  |  |  |  |
| Communications | 1000.00  |  |  |  | 275.00  |  |
|  Cards to Members |  |  | 99.00  |  |  |  |
|  Zoom Subscription |  |  | 176.37  |  |  |  |
| Board - Governance | 100.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Membership Development \* | 150.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **1550.00**  |  | **927.49**  |  | **1125.00**  |  |
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| **Expenses Mission** |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| Branch Programs | 800.00  |  |  |  | 500.00  |  |
|  Tri-Branch Meeting |  |  | 75.00  |  |  |  |
|  Tech Trek Brunch |  |  | 539.62  |  |  |  |
| Conventions | 100.00  |  |  |  | 100.00  |  |
|  President to State Meeting |  |  | 44.52  |  |  |  |
| Public Policy | 300.00  |  |  |  | 100.00  |  |
| Community Outreach | 500.00  |  |  |  | 500.00  |  |
|  Tacoma Community House Luncheon |  |  | 500.00  |  |  |  |
| Tech Trek | 5000.00  |  | 5000.00  |  | 5000.00  |  |
| Tech Trek Admin. | 250.00  |  |  |  | 250.00  |  |
| **Total** | **6950.00**  |  | **6159.14**  |  | **6450.00**  |  |
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| **Total Expenses** | **8500.00**  |  | **7086.63**  |  | **7575.00**  |  |
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| **Balance** | **(1972.00)** |  | **(469.16)** |  | **(608.00)** |  |