

University of Minnesota Women's Club
Board Minutes
April 2, 2019
Becketwood

President, Maggie Hoover, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed members. A motion was made by Carol Cantrell to accept the Board minutes for November 13, 2018. Seconded by Lou Nelson. Motion passed.

President, Maggie Hoover, reported the following:

- * The last two months have taken an extraordinary toll on our winter schedules of luncheons, meetings and events, but in spite of that, we have been busy making plans and tackling several issues. First of all, thank you to Kathi Treston, Mary Abuan, Ruth Jones, Georgia Nygaard, Barbara Swadburg and Georgia Heisserer for getting the word out to every single member who had made a reservation for the February luncheon. Thanks to Sue Zuriff and the Staff at Becketwood for their cooperation and for not charging us for the catering.
- * The Nominating Committee will present the new slate of Nominees for the 2019-2020 officers. A vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting in May.
- * Maggie was able to attend several section meetings.
- * The Art Show Opening was great and the pictures are wonderful. Members are invited to view the art work in the dining room.
- * We are losing our beloved Karen Kaler as our Honorary President, but according to our bylaws, wives of past UM Presidents remain honorary members. She will be honored at our May Annual Meeting Luncheon. The club will present a One-year Named Scholarship in her honor. The funds will come from the general fund.
- * We have invited the First Lady of Minnesota, Gwen Walz, to our meetings/ luncheons. Contact has been made with Matt Loomis, her Executive Aide, and an email has been sent introducing our UMWC as well as our website address.
- * The Big Ten Conference is planned for June 14-16 in Bloomington, Indiana. An invitation is open to anyone who would like to attend.
- * Maggie met her One-year Named Scholarship student and told her all about her friend, for whom the scholarship was named.
- * Please update your job descriptions and send a copy to Peggy Tang and Barb Swadburg.

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Ruth Jones, submitted the following Slate of Candidates for the UMWC's 2019-2020 program year:

ELLECTIVE OFFICES:

President Elect: Georgia Heisserer
Vice President for Programs: Barbara Cady*
Vice President for Fundraising: Marian Champlin
Scholarship Committee Chair: Georgia Nygaard

Membership Chair: Joy Chaput
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Marten
Treasurer: Sandy Gale
Records and Dues Officer: Nancy Myers

APPOINTIVE POSITIONS:

Auditor: Joan Mitchell
Corresponding Secretary: Marian Champlin
Historian: Peggy Tang

* VP for Programs, Carol Cantrell, will be serving the second year of a two year term.

President-Elect, Barbara Swadburg, reported the following:

- * The work to redefine and streamline existing board committees is on-going.
- * Several key committees need new members to be involved in the operation of those committees. Section chairs will be asked to inform their section members of this critical need and to forward names of members interested in becoming involved to the Nominating committee or the President-Elect position.

Publications Chairperson, Dorothy Waltz, reported that a list of the Officers and Section Contact Members will be passed around at the Board meeting today. Dorothy needs the names of the members who will be responsible for updating the Directory. Please double-check the listing and make any changes/updates needed. Work on next year's Directory will begin later in May when copies of this year's pages are sent. Paper copies of the 2019-2020 Directory Deadlines are available to take today if members have not received an email copy. Members are urged to send their summer address to Dorothy by July 6. The Web Site Team will send examples of a "sales pitch" to chairpersons to support them in their writing of a description of their section.

Fundraising Vice-President, Marian Champlin, reported that we have 163 gifts, totaling \$67,390 (we have 14 One-year Named Scholarships). The total includes \$680 in gifts from Faith Adzorek's memorial service. Along with income from our Foundation-held endowed scholarships we anticipate that we will be able to award about 50 scholarships for next fall. At this reporting contributions to the Scholarship Fund are more than at the end of the last fiscal year. A date has been set for the Hats Off to Thee all-donor spring tea to be held at Becketwood on May 21, 2019. Barbara Burleigh will hand-address the envelopes for the invitations to be mailed around the end of April to all members who have donated to the UMWC Scholarship Fund this year. Members may send in a gift up to the first week in May to be eligible for the All Donor Tea. Hats are strongly encouraged. As with all UMWC fund raising events, Hats Off To Thee has been totally underwritten (\$2000) by members who have already made major gifts this year.

Corresponding Secretary, Marian Champlin, reported that to date Thank You notes and tax receipts have been sent to 150 scholarship donors for gifts made through March, 2019. Condolence notes have been sent to the families of five members whom we

have lost since our last board meeting and to a member who lost her husband. We are sad to report:

- * Janet Lund died suddenly on January 13, 2019. She will be remembered for the many ways she was involved with the UMWC, most recently a contributing member of the Modern Literature section. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 9 in Sundin Music hall at Hamlin University.
- * Phyllis Scholberg died last November. She was a long-time UMWC member with many outside interests. Born on a dairy farm in northern Minnesota, she was an elementary school teacher who traveled extensively with her family.
- * Mary Lou Hill, another long-time member died on November 9, 2018, just days shy of her 102nd birthday. She was a member of the UMWC Non-Fiction book section. Her funeral was held in Becketwood's chapel on December 11.
- * Faith Idzorek passed away on Christmas evening. A long-time UMWC member, Faith was active in many humanitarian and educational causes. Per her instruction, an Irish type wake was held Feb. 9 at McCormick and Schmick's in Edina. Her family requested that memorial gifts be directed to the UMWC Scholarship fund. There were 12 memorial gifts.
- * Connie Hagen died on March 21, 2019. We were notified of her death by Jean Linne. Connie had recently moved to Friendship Village in Bloomington. Her funeral was on March 30 in the Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, MN.
- * We also learned of the October death of Peter Reed, Maggie Reed's dear husband.
- * A Thinking of You note was sent to Joy Chaput with wishes for a full recovery for her husband from his surgery.

Co-Vice President of Programs, Carol Cantrell, reported that the February 5 Board meeting/luncheon was cancelled due to extremely inclement weather. Becketwood chef, Brandon, did not charge UMWC for the food service. Thank you to Jane LaFroth, reservationist for this luncheon, for her efforts on behalf of UMWC. All reservation checks were destroyed. The planning for the April 2 luncheon had been done in advance. Barbara Cohen accepted reservations and Sue Zuriff acted as our Becketwood liaison. Barbara Swadburg, Kathi Treston and Carol Cantrell met with Megan Nash, the catering director at Town & Country, to choose the menu for the May 14 Annual meeting and luncheon. Carol Cantrell will be accepting reservations for this event until May 6. Members are asked to please plan ahead and allow enough mail time prior to the reservation deadline for their reservation to be sent and received by the reservationist. The head count and dietary needs will be given to the chef the day following the deadline.

Treasurer, Pat Luhmann, reported that Operations Income YTD is \$18,436 and Operations Expense YTD is \$13,004. Operations checking account balance as of March 31 is \$22,413. Key items are:

- * Dues collected so far this year total \$11,900 which is equivalent to last year at the end of March. Last year, an additional 13 new members joined in April - June.
- * February luncheon at Becketwood was cancelled due to the weather;

therefore, luncheon income and expense amounts are notably lower than budget.

- * A \$50 club memorial gift was made to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Connie Hagen.

Scholarship Income YTD is \$68,988 and Scholarship Expense YTD is \$58,527.

Scholarship checking account balance as of March 31 is \$93,480.

Key items are:

- * Received \$67,363 in scholarship and memorial gifts so far this year, includes \$39,000 of One-year Named Scholarships and \$28,363 in remaining donations.

The Finance Committee prepared the attached Proposed Operations Budget for 2019-2020 for your review and feedback. The budget will be presented at the May annual meeting for approval. As Finance Committee chair I want to thank committee members, Maggie Hoover, Barbara Swadburg, Marian Champlin, Nancy Myers, Joan Mitchell and Sandy Gale.

- * Estimated Operations Income is \$27,875 and Estimated Operations Expense is \$28,350.
- * Luncheon Income and Expense are estimated to be higher due to rising food costs. VPs for Programs are working with caterers for estimated costs. The goal is that reservation fees will be sufficient to cover luncheon expenses.
- * Includes \$740 for biennial preprinting of the newsletter shell.
- * Includes \$2500 for new website development and implementation.
- * Estimate Operations checking account balance to be around \$19,000 as of June 30, 2020.

Records & Dues report was read by Pat Luhmann for Nancy Myers. She reported that as of April 2, 2019 there are 355 total active members. Of this total, 302 are renewal, 38 are new, 14 are carryover, 1 Honorary. Fifty members have discontinued. Total dues collected as of April 2, 2019 is \$11,900.

Historian, Bonnie Marten, reported that she received an estimate from University Archives to digitize the UMWC slides and tapes from the 1970's and 1990's that were discovered in the UMWC archives. The items are: 3 VHS tapes (at the most 2 hours/ tape), 1 small video tape (2 hours of material), 73 slides, and 108 negatives. The goal is to digitize the material in a format that would allow us to post to our website and show members at events. An approximate quote of \$360.15 was received from Jennifer Claybourne, Digital Projects Assistant at the University. The approximate time frame of completing this project is 2-3 weeks if the local vendor is used, 4-6 weeks if shipped to another vendor. The digitized items would be placed on an external hard drive either purchased or loaned from the University. These items would need to be transferred to a computer/storage system. The Video Files would be in two formats: An archival format and an mp4 format. The slides and negatives would be in a TIFF format and/or in a jpeg format for easier use online.

Bonnie moved to have the University Archives digitize our slides and tapes from 1970-1990 for \$400. Seconded by Millie Woodbury. Motion passed.

Membership Chair, Lou Nelson, reported that as of March 30, 2019 we had 38 new members compared to one year ago, we had 43 new members. The New Member Coffee is planned for April 30, 2019 at Eastcliff. Fifty-six invitations are going out. Mrs. Kaler will welcome the new members. The remaining logo tote bags will be given to members attending the luncheon today. UMWC brochure packets are available to anyone who can use the information as well as business cards.

Newsletter Editor, Ginny Hanson, asked that members include pictures with names from their section events. She explained that the best pictures for printing are the ones that are posed.

Scholarship Chair, Georgia Nygaard, reported that the Scholarship committee awaits the arrival of Scholarship applications for 2019-20. The opening date is April 1, 2019 and closing date is June 15, 2019. The committee is hopeful that their revisions of the question layout with the use of A,B,and C to specify the individual components of the question will assist the student in completing the entire question. The content of the question was not altered. Discussion on increasing the amount of the UMWC Scholarship was addressed at our November, 2018 meeting. This would not become a reality for two-three years if the Board approves this increase. The rationale for the increase is related to the increasing costs that students face each year.

Dorothy Waltz moved that UMWC increase the Scholarship amount awarded to each UM student from \$3,000 to \$3,500 in the 2020-21 fiscal year. Seconded by Barb Cohen. Motion passed.

The October 1, 2019 date has been secured for the Fall Welcome Luncheon. This date will not conflict with the All University Scholarship Luncheon.

Honorary UMWC Student Membership - Scholarship Chair, Georgia Nygaard, reported that a few of the student Scholarship recipients have expressed an interest in participating in UMWC events, primarily in the section activities. Some members of our club think we should encourage student interest and participation. In fact, In the history of our club (1914-2006) there was an active Student Section. UMWC has outlined the following conditions for *Honorary Student membership* as follows:

- * Scholarship recipients will be eligible for honorary UMWC membership status upon receiving a UMWC Scholarship. Each scholarship recipient may retain Honorary UMWC membership through graduation - a period of two years.
- * As honorary UMWC members, they will not pay any UMWC membership dues; however, honorary UMWC members will pay the annual section fee each year of honorary membership.
- * Honorary UMWC student members will be responsible for their reservation and cost of attending the Conversation Luncheons.

Each year upon receiving a UMWC Scholarship, the student will receive an invitation to join the UMWC as an honorary member and will be invited to read the UMWC newsletter.

Georgia moved that UM students will be eligible for honorary UMWC membership status upon receiving a UMWC Scholarship. Seconded by Connie Cundy. Motion passed.

Website Liaison, Millie Woodbury, reported that the Website Committee has begun the development of a new website. The current site continues to be weak and unstable which has limited the committee to do major renovations. Minor changes will be made and messages will be posted in the Quick Updates box - an active source for changes in our programming and announcements. The committee has welcomed Connie Cundy as a new committee member and will continue the process of creating the following content:

- * developing the navigation and a possible design for the header of the home page.
- * creating the content for many other pages for example: history page, scholarship page, and interest section pages.

Dorothy Waltz is working with each interest section to create a brief "ad" that will spark the interest of the web visitor.

Section Reports:

Around the Campus, Chairperson, Rolaine Wright, reported that all UMWC members are invited to learn about Stroke Recovery on April 24. This is a change from the Directory:

- * Topic: Stroke Recovery of Arm Function Through Mind-Body Training.
- * Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019
- * Time: 1:00 p.m.
- * Ph.D researcher and Director of the Brain, MindLab, Ann Van de Winckel will show members the lab, including a robot to aid testing, and talk on Stroke Recovery and Research.
- * Location: Children's Rehab Center, Room 202 (presentation) and 302 (lab), 426 Church St. S.E., Mpls.

Art Co-Chairperson, Susan Fuller, reported that the 27th Annual Member Art Show opened March 1 with a reception at Becketwood. Thirty-five people attended to view the art work of about a dozen UMWC members and two of our 2018 scholarship winners: Taylor Robers, a junior majoring in art at the University of Minnesota, and Emily Klesel, an art minor. Two UMWC members, Lola Christensen and Judy Dodds, have sold art as a result of the show, which will be on view until April 4 and is available to the public

whenever Becketwood is open. Jane LaFroth and Carol Lowe are the coordinators.

The following is a change from the Directory for April:

- * Program: American Craft Council
- * Location: 1224 Marshall Street NE. Suite 200, Minneapolis
- * Time: April 18 @ 10:00 a.m.
- * Lunch: Young Joni at 165-13th Ave. NE
- * Coordinator: R.S.V.P. to Marcia Cheney

Bridge (Group Two) Chairperson, Marcie Wallace, reported that the annual three day Bridge Marathon in May will be at Lake Superior.

Hikers Chairperson, Nancy Kluver, reported that the location of the Hikers' May 24 hike will now be at Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka, MN.

International Issues Chairperson, Lynne Benz, reported that two of the four programs for 2019-2020 seem realistic at this point with more ideas/suggestions being discussed. Former, active members of the International Issues/Community Concerns Section are assisting with structural issues. The next planning meeting is April 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Becketwood's Kensington Square. More details will be available after this April 12 meeting.

Music Chairperson, Barbara Cohen, reported that members attended a Courtroom Concert at Landmark Center in St. Paul on Feb. 21 and a concert by winners of the Kenwood Symphony Orchestra's Aria and Concerto Competition at Our Lady of Peace Church on March 23. More concerts are anticipated for April, May and June.

New Business

Bookkeeping/Dues Project: Nancy Kluver reported that 8 persons have not paid their dues and she will be contacting them.

Georgia Heissneer moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Barb Cohen. Meeting adjourned at 11:46.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Treston and Mary Abuan