

University of Minnesota Women's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom at 10 a.m.

Attendees: Adriene Banks, Barbara Cohen, Marian Champlin, Connie Cundy, Carol Cantrell, Barbara Cady, Sandy Gale, Susan Hopp, Georgia Heisserer, Maggie Hoover, Jocelyn Kuo, Nancy Kliver, Pat Luhmann, Bonnie Marten, Nancy Meyers, Georgia Nygaard, Carole Senty, Diane Schweizer, Barbara Swadburg, Dorothy Waltz

Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum at 10:04 a.m. – Georgia Heisserer, President

- Georgia commented on the Presidential Inauguration and how the presidents look the day they are inaugurated and how they look at the end. What will the UMWC look like after the pandemic? If she had a time machine, she would predict that we will look better, and the Club will too.
- Georgia announced an agenda change. President Elect Report will be added after the Call to Order and Nominating Committee Report will be added under Old Business.

President Elect – Susan Hopp

- Sue stated that it has been fun meeting people while sitting in on Zoom meetings of many of the Interest Sections.
- The nominating committee has been doing a great job. We need a co-treasurer. The position has gotten complex since there is an operations component and a non-profit component to our Club and we file two tax forms. An ad-hoc committee of members, Pat Luhmann, Nancy Meyers, and Sandy Gale are working to re-engineer the treasurer position and review/change the bylaws accordingly.
- Officers and Committee chairs will be contacted about their budget for next year.

Vice President for Scholarship Fundraising – Marian Champlin

- Through February 9, 2021 we have \$76,072 from 145 contributors. In these times of Covid 19 it is uplifting to see UMWC members step forward with their generous gifts to support U of M students next fall. It shows that we are very aware that funding their tuitions next fall will be a real hardship for students. Each one of you is thanked sincerely for your generosity and your compassion!! We are almost \$14,000 ahead of where we were last year at this time. In this year's figures are sixteen fully funded One-year Named Scholarships.
- An analysis of the effectiveness of the annual appeal letter confirms its validity. It elicited 47 gifts and \$13,340. In that figure there are two new One-year Named Scholarships and seven of the gifts came from some of our newest members.
- The Scholarship Fundraising Committee continues to increase its transparency by inviting a board member or committee chair to join us for our committee meetings.
- The February 17 meeting will focus on record keeping and steps it takes to fund a scholarship.

Corresponding Secretary – Marian Champlin

- To date Thank You notes, and tax receipts have been sent to 145 scholarship donors for gifts.
- In Memory gifts – notes sent:
 - For Farrel Bergner by Marian and Keith Champlin
 - For Nap Dupre by Pat Kirchner
 - For Ruth Jones by Linda Schutz
- For various reasons get well/thinking of you notes sent to Ingrid Lund, Nancy Meyers, and Connie Van Valkenberg

Co-Vice Presidents of Programs - Carol Cantrell & Barbara Cady

No in-person programs have been planned yet for 2021.

Barbara Cady was contacted by Lisa Ruzicka from Midland Hills to inquire about our reservation date of April 6th and June 8. At this time, they are only allowing gatherings of 10 or fewer people and Club Members only and no outside groups. (A few of UMWC members are members at Midland Hills.)

Barbara told her we would be discussing the issue at our February Board meeting

Treasurer – Sandy Gale

- The Club has \$1800 less in dues income due to a lack of new members. That is our only source of income. Some past members may wait to return until in-person meetings are possible.
- Under Operations Expenses, Website and Computer Expense was renamed Technical Support.
- See addendum for details.

Conversations – Ingrid Lund and Maggie Hoover

The Conversations Committee secured a speaker for the February Conversation with a Woman Leader on February 9, 2021. She is Barbara Müller, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany to Minnesota, the Dakotas and western Wisconsin, and she will speak on international relations.

We are working hard to secure a speaker for the April Conversation event. Voice mails have been sent with no response. It is frustrating when emails and phone calls are not returned.

Barbara Swadburg will be co-chair for next year and will expand the committee.

The Conversations Committee is pleased to announce that our November speaker will be Kirsten Delegard, co-director and co-founder of the Mapping Prejudice Project.

Historian – Bonnie Marten

- I reported last September that the suite in 250 McNamara where our UMWC office is located will be renovated. The University requested that the UM Retirees Association (UMRA), the UM Volunteer's Association (UMVA) and the Women's Club share a space.
 - As with most U projects, this has been a slow process.
 - A floor plan will be approved soon, and the University is in the bid process.
 - We have no idea when the project will be completed.

Membership Chair – Carole Senty reported for Joy Chaput

- Not much activity in the membership area.
- There are only 21 less renewals this year as compared to last year.
- There is a lack of new members due to no activity in some Interest Sections. New members joined to form friendships with other members.
 - We had 34 new members last year at this time and 5 new members this year.
 - The new member coffee normally in April has been cancelled.
- Susan Hopp and Georgia Heisserer have formed a committee to decide about name tags, membership brochure, and welcome packet for next year.
- A "we miss you" letter is planned to go out in the summer.

Newsletter editor – Nancy Kløver

- The January-February 2021 newsletter was posted online Monday, Jan. 4, and sent to U of M printing services on the same day. Once again, printing services was prompt about printing and mailing.
 - The issue included: an invitation to our second Conversation with a Woman Leader meeting of the season, featuring Barbara Müller, Honorary Consul of Germany in Minneapolis; another wonderful column and delightful photo by President Georgia Heisserer; and a lovely tribute to Ruth Jones by Marian Champlin that included the announcement of Ruth’s financial gift that will allow us to fund 10 of our \$3,500 scholarships annually. We also introduced readers to scholarship recipient Sheng Thao and featured long-time member Cherie Hamilton in our Online Extra story. Our section news included a photo of Needle Arts Sharing group members with the baby blankets they have created for years. We also featured Art section members Janet Robb and Nancy Wright, whose work was included in art shows at the Minneapolis Institute of Art and White Bear Center for the Arts.
 - Looking ahead, the deadline for the March-April issue is Friday, February 12.
 - Thank you to all members who submitted articles and photos for this issue.

Publications Chair – Dorothy Waltz (no report)

Records and Dues – Nancy Myers

- In comparing renewals, in June of 2020 we had 308 and in February of 2021 we had 287. Considering the pandemic, Nancy is pleased about the support of members for our Club.

**UMWC Records and Dues Report
as of February 9, 2021**

UMWC MEMBERSHIP

	@6/30//201 9	@6/30/2020	@2/9/2021
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS	359	353	294
Renewal	300	308	287
New	44	34	5
Carryover	14	9	0
Honorary	1	2	2
Deceased in current year		2	0
Deceased / Discontinued	52	43	64
TOTAL DUES COLLECTED	\$12,145	\$12,040	\$10,221

‘Carryover’ designates members who joined in March through June in the prior fiscal year.

The list of new members & directory changes is always available, if anyone needs it.

Scholarship Chair – Georgia Nygaard

- Our Scholarship Committee is engaged in preparation for UMWC Scholarship business for this academic year, 2021-2022. I am excited to announce that our UMWC Scholarship Applications will open on April 1, 2021 and be available online for students to apply for the UMWC scholarship. The UMWC Application will remain open through June 1, 2021. Our Committee anticipates a busy year.
- Out of curiosity, I did ask the Office of Student Finance about where the UMWC Scholarship amount is in relationship to other University Scholarships that students receive. The response to this question was that there are many different comparisons and analyses such as U of M departmental scholarships, outside scholarship donor awards and other based funds. The answer could be complex. The Office of Student Finance feels that our UMWC Scholarship amount is about average and certainly very impactful and is absolutely a significant financial assist for the recipients.

Website Liaison – Connie Cundy

- The January-February newsletter was posted on the website and emailed to all members on the list. New pictures have been posted on the Connecting Page. The President's February message was posted on the Connecting page. Updates were made to the Quick Updates page on the website.
- I have scheduled and hosted Zoom meetings for the Board. Zoom invitations have been sent to all members for the Conversation Program via Mailchimp and to the Board and those interested in the business meeting.
- I have spoken with Carol Lowe about posting the Art Show on the website. Various ideas were discussed. I met with the Website Liaison Committee and Fred Waltz about the best way to do that.
- I discussed website expenses with Treasurer Sandy Gale. To control costs, we will limit what is sent to Laura Mazuch and do more website projects on our own.
- Please refer to Quick Updates for new information, corrections, or updates and schedule changes. Send an email to have information posted on the website.
- Website committee met to discuss how to promote the website. Marian and Nancy K. are looking to put an enticement in the newsletter to bring members to the website -- Caught in the Web campaign. The online version of the newsletter has an extra feature. A member goes to the website to read that feature.
 - The newsletter is published every two months, so online is the best way to keep updated.
 - The website is underutilized. Potential members along with our speakers utilize the website.
 - An E-blast informs members to go read the newsletter on the website.
 - Georgia H. stated that the monthly President's letter is well received.
- Some members reported using Google to access the website and receiving an error message. University technical support is not experiencing that problem. Suggestions included:
 - Ask U technical support to test with a non-University computer.
 - Susan Hopp knows the Drupal leader and will contact. (Drupal is the software upon which the website is build.)
 - Use Chrome as your browser.

Section Reports

Art Section – Emails are going out almost every week about opportunities to view art. A Zoom tour of Midwest Art Conservation Center is planned for Feb. 18.

Hikers Section – Hikers are not meeting in person currently.

Modern Fiction – Meeting on Zoom until August. Not as many members are joining as when the group met in person.

Modern Literature – Janet Graber, the chair of Modern Literature, has a new book out. She will be hosted by the Next Chapter Booksellers to read from her debut adult novel, *The Sting of Love*. Could she be a possible speaker for Conversations with a Woman Leader?

Movie Rendezvous - Romantic Comedies Thursday and good attendance.

Mystery Lovers – Meet on Zoom the third Friday of the month. Approximately seven people attend.

Nature – On Feb. 22, Marcie O'Connor, a botanist who restored her farm in Wisconsin back to a native habitat will present on Zoom. On March 29, LeAnn Pinsky will present *Birding 101 – tips, techniques, and tools*.

Needle Arts – Not a lot of members making items, but Pamela Hudson knitted 120 individual baby hats and delivered it to the hospital. The staff was “over the moon.”

Non-Fiction – The discussion attracts more than 15 members each meeting.

Women’s Health Issues – Son of Dorothy Waltz, Robert, gave a first-hand presentation about autism.

- The benefits of Zoom are that the Club can attract speakers from anywhere.

Old Business

Nominating Committee - Maggie Hoover

- The slate of officers for next year will be presented at the April board meeting.
- During this process, the members of the nominating committee got to know people they wouldn’t normally get to know.
- A question was asked about voting online. Most likely a mail-in vote will be used. Information will be ready for the next newsletter.

New Business

When we listen to speakers through Conversation with a Woman Leader events, should members send in a fee? There is no cost currently, so that is not necessary.

Adjourn – Maggie Hoover made a motion seconded by Nancy Kluver to adjourn. Motion passed. Adjournment at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Bonnie Marten, Secretary

Addendum

**University of Minnesota Women's Club
Scholarship Fund Account (Tax ID 51-0190183)
November 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020**

	Prior Year 2019-20	YTD 2020-21	Current Period	
Beginning Balance as of July 1st	\$99,244.72	\$90,398.75		
Income				
Scholarship/Memorial Donations	\$71,470.92	\$68,088.96	\$41,193.32	(1)
Other Income -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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Total Scholarship Income	\$71,470.92	\$68,088.96	\$41,193.32	
Expense				
Scholarship Awards	\$79,332.00	\$81,800.00	\$0.00	(2)
Printing/Addressing/Mailing	\$949.89	\$706.95	\$706.95	
Other Expense -Luncheon Table Info.	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Expense -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Scholarship Expense	\$80,316.89	\$82,506.95	\$706.95	
Scholarship Fund Account Balance	\$90,398.75	\$75,980.76		

2020-21 Scholarship Donations YTD:				
UMWC Scholarship Checking Account				
14 One-Year Named Scholarships	\$47,999.96			
Un-Named Scholarship Donations	\$20,089.00			
Total Donations at UMWC		\$68,088.96		(1)
Donations to UM Foundation from UMWC Members (7530)				
2 One-Year Named Scholarship Donated	\$7,000.00			
Anonymous Donor	\$0.00			
Total Donations at UMF		\$7,000.00		
Grand Total UMWC Scholarship Donations		\$75,088.96		

2020-21 Scholarships Awarded in August 2020				
UMWC Scholarship Checking Account				
14 One-Year Named Scholarships	\$49,000.00			
Un-Named Scholarships	\$32,800.00			
Total Scholarships from UMWC		\$81,800.00		(2)
UMWC Endowed Funds at UM Foundation				
Stephanie R Boddy Scholarship Fund #1237	\$27,000.00			
Frances Shepherd Memorial Fund #1556	\$1,700.00			
Doris Doeden Scholarship Fund #7529	\$2,400.00			
UMWC Scholarship Fund #7530	\$21,000.00			
University Medical Auxiliary Fund #8758	\$5,000.00			
UMWC Educational Pursuit Scholarship	\$1,200.00			
Total Scholarships from UM Foundation		\$58,300.00		
Grand Total of 42 UMWC Scholarship Awards		\$140,100.00		

University of Minnesota Women's Club
Operations Account (Federal Tax ID 41-6021447)
November 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021

	Actual 2019-20	Budget 2020-21	YTD 2020-21	Current Period
Beginning Balance as of July 1st	\$20,860.20	\$20,133.60	\$20,133.60	
Income				
Dues	\$12,040.00	\$12,075.00	\$10,221.00	\$3,081.00
Meeting and Luncheon Income	\$8,337.00	\$15,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income - Replacements-Name Tag/Directory	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
Total Operating Income	\$20,382.00	\$27,875.00	\$10,226.00	\$3,081.00
Expense				
Meeting and Luncheon Expense	\$8,288.26	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conversation Luncheon Speaker Honorarium	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials-UMWC Operations to Scholarship	\$400.00	\$550.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Printing/Addressing/Postage/Copying/Mailing	\$5,430.34	\$6,500.00	\$4,867.36	\$745.46
Technical Support	\$4,990.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,672.34	\$2,721.17 (1)
President's Fund	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Ten Conference	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Other Expense	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 (2)
Total Operating Expense	\$21,108.60	\$26,950.00	\$11,589.70	\$3,466.63
Net Operating Income / Cash Flow	(\$726.60)	\$925.00	(\$1,363.70)	(\$385.63)
Operations Account Balance	\$20,133.60	\$21,058.60	\$18,769.90	

(1) Formerly Website and Computer Resources. Budget assumed this item includes computer support resources for virtual meetings.

(2) Expenses YTD reported in Nov. were actually Technical Support and have been moved there.