**University of Minnesota Women's Club – Board Meeting – Minutes**

April 9–Midland Hills Country Club – 10:00 a.m.

April 19 – Zoom Meeting – 3:30 p.m.

**Attendees:**

**Directors:** Linda Boss; Carol Cantrell; Barbara Cohen; Marilyn Delong; Sandy Gale; Georgia Heisserer, Susan Hopp; Nancy Kluver; Linda Lorenz; Sue Madison; Joni Mitchell; Nancy Myers; Mary Nosek; Marilyn Olson; Nancy Schuster; Dorothy Waltz; Diane Young.

**Section Chairs:** Cathy Holtzclaw, Millie Woodbury,

**Member Guests:** Judy Cox, Maggie Hoover, Barbara Swadberg, Bonnie Marten

**Meeting Called to Order** by Linda Boss, President

**Establishment of Quorum** 22 members present represent a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes from February 13 Board Meeting**. The Minutes of the February 13 Board Meeting were distributed in advance. Joni Mitchell noted one correction. She said that she presented the Scholarship Account in the absence of Sue Madison. Joni made a motion to approve the Minutes with the correction. Nancy Kluver seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

**Reports of Elected Officers**

President – Linda Boss gave her report as attached. She also announced that our license for the space in McNamara expires in December 2024.

President Elect – No report.

Co-Event Coordinator – Linda Lorenz reviewed the details of her report. (See attached) r Linda also reported that costs for luncheons are greatly increasing. That, together with the fact that two events during the current fiscal year were funded by anonymous one-time donations, are putting a stress on registration fees for next year’s events. Linda stated that she has been discussing the issue with the Finance Committee and the President Elect and would like to find a way to keep registration fees for 2024-25 somewhat in the range of fees for the current fiscal year.

Vice President for Scholarship Fundraising – Diane Young provided highlights from her attached report.

Recording Secretary – Marilyn DeLong reported positive results of compiling a packet of reports to send all at once. The issue of financial reports not coming in until the end of the month would be solved if the packet could arrive 5 days prior to the meeting.

Co-Treasurer (Operations Account) – Joan Mitchell presented her treasurer’s report (attached). Diane Young moved approval of the report, seconded by Sue Madison. The motion was unanimously approved. Joni then presented the preliminary budget for 2024-25 (attached). Among other things, the proposed budget provides $2,000 for 2 representatives to attend the Big 10 Women’s Club Conference scheduled for June, 2025. This biennial event will be hosted by the Iowa University Club. In discussing the budget, Joni reported that the Finance Committee met with the Co-Event Coordinators to discuss their request that the Club subsidize a portion of the 2024-25 event registration fees in order to keep fees in the range of current year fees. The result of that meeting will be discussed under New Business.

Co-Treasurer (Scholarship Account) -- Sue Madison gave her report (attached). Georgia Heisserer moved approval of the report, seconded by Marilyn Olson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Records and Dues Officer – Nancy Myers reported that we have 43 new members with a current total of 302 active members. (Report attached)

**Reports of Appointed Officers**

Newsletter Editor – Nancy Kluver gave her report (attached). She emphasized that the deadline for submissions to the May/June issue is Monday, April 15.

Directory Editor – Dorothy Waltz reported that she is gearing up for publication of next year’s Directory (see attached). She requested that any changes in leadership or additional Interest Sections be submitted as soon as possible. She emphasized the need for members whose “umd.edu” email addresses will be discontinued to provide a new email address by the end of May so that the new information may be included in the Directory.

Website Liaison – Mary Nosek said she is in the process of updating the website and filling in any gaps that exist for the digital record. She reported that the online luncheon reservation for the May luncheon is on the website and ready for accepting registrations.

Corresponding Secretary – Barb Burleigh was not present but sent a written report noting that “thinking of you” cards have been sent to two members who recently had surgery.

Historian – Sandy Gale was not present. (Report attached) From Sandy’s report, Linda noted that Sandy had completed her inventory of records and is now meeting with Directors to see what records they have. In addition, Sandy is reviewing the website for missing information that needs to be filled in and is working with a University archivist.

Membership Co-Chair – Georgia Heisserer reviewed the details of her report. (See attached). She commented that the Membership Committee was busy making the 43 new members feel welcome.

Scholarship Award Chair ­– Marilyn Olson reported that the Awards Committee is entering their busy season. Incoming scholarship applications are being distributed to the “maroon and gold teams” for review. She said that work on the Scholarship procedure between and among UMWC, the University and the University Foundation was completed.

Nominations Chair –Nancy Schuster reported that the committee is working on creating a nomination slate for next year.

AFU Conference Shelley Horstman—announced that the June 24 AFU Conference theme is “Aging and Social Connections.” Registration is open now and members are encouraged to attend.

**Section Reports**. There were no Section Reports. Dorothy Waltz reiterated her request that any changes in the rosters for the coming year should be reported to her for inclusion in the Directory.

**Old Business**

Proposal to remove from table the motion relating to increasing the UMWC scholarship amount tabled at the February meeting. Nancy Schuster moved the proposal be brought up from the table; seconded by Diane Young. Motion was unanimously approved.

Proposal to Increase Scholarship Amount. Marilyn Olson moved that the Board increase the amount of all UMWC scholarships including, without limitation, the One Year Named Scholarships from $4000 to $5000 to become effective for scholarships awarded in fiscal year 2025-26 and thereafter. Diane Young seconded the motion. Following discussion, the Motion was unanimously passed.

**New Business**

UMWC Bylaws Revisions: Linda Boss reported that she will create an ad hoc committee to review the bylaws and propose any needed modifications and updates.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Sue Madison, seconded by Georgia Heisserer and unanimously approved.

**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF APRIL 9 BOARD MEETING**

**UMWC Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 2024 3:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

**Directors:** Linda Boss; Carol Cantrell; Barbara Cohen; Marilyn DeLong; Sandy Gale; Susan Hopp; Nancy Kluver; Linda Lorenz; Joni Mitchell; Nancy Myers; Nancy Schuster; Dorothy Waltz; Diane Young.

**Meeting called to order** by Linda Boss; Quorum established: Yes

**Purpose of Meeting**. Linda Boss explained that the purpose of the meeting is to vote on a proposal from the Finance Committee that was introduced as new business but inadvertently left off the agenda. To reiterate, at the April 9 Board Meeting, Joni reported that the Finance Committee met with the Co-Event Coordinators to discuss their request that the Club subsidize a portion of the 2024-25 event registration fees in order to keep them in the range of 2023-24 fees.

**Finance Committee Proposal**. Joni stated that, due to the significant increase in costs for members’ lunches and to keep costs reasonable, the Finance committee proposes that the Club subsidize the cost to attendees of luncheons and events during 2024-25 in an amount up to $10,000 out of funds in the Club’s treasury when costs exceed revenue. The proposal was seconded by Nancy Schuster.

**Discussion**: Question about whether this is a sustainable solution: Discussing sustainability: Joni emphasized that this is for 1 year only to allow time to evaluate other solutions. The plan, during 2024-25, is to make members will be made aware of the significant continuing rise in costs and get suggestions for sustainable solutions. Another question was whether there would be equal costs for members and guests. There is no plan to distinguish between members and guests for the coming year. Joni clarified that this is a set aside of $10,000 not an automatic subsidy. If revenue taken in, based upon numbers attending an event or luncheon, does not cover a luncheon or event, the subsidy will kick in to cover the deficit.

Call for the question: Given the circumstances of the zoom call, this was a roll-call vote. The Secretary read off names of those attending and recorded their vote. The vote was a unanimous yes. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn by Joni Mitchell, Seconded by Diane Young. Motion passed.