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**Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
February 18, 2015**

Call to Order:

The February Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Theresa Samson at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at The Iowa Stater Restaurant in Ames, IA. Those in attendance were members: Barbara Bennett, Libby Bruns, Adela Hodzic, Karen Jacobson, Ann Kurtenbach, Marilyn Moehlmann, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Theresa Samson, Kayla Sander, and Cindy Sippel. The following guest was also present: Phyllis Friedman.

A quorum was present.

Agenda:

President Theresa Samson noted that two additional items needed to be added to the agenda under New Business. Those were Focus Groups and Bylaws Review. Motion made by Karen Jacobson, seconded by Cindy Sippel, that the revised agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The November minutes were available for all to read. It was noted that "Bob Dilla" should be "Bill Dilla." Motion made by Cindy Sippel, seconded by Ann Kurtenbach, that the November minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Ann Kurtenbach handed out the November 2014 – January 2015 treasurer's report. The balance in the General Account as of 1/31/15 is \$7,984.85. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of 1/31/15 is \$1,952.26. In December, \$350 in donations from AFWA Ames Chapter members was deposited in the Scholarship Account. Interest income was reported for both the General Account and Scholarship Account in all three months. The report was placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

- A. Membership: Margaret Munson reported that we currently have 31 members. We have one new member: Tamra Shadlow from Edward Jones in Story City.
- B. Program: Our March meeting will include a program on public speaking and will be held at the Iowa Stater at the Gateway Hotel. The speakers will be from Toastmasters.
- C. Bulletin: No Report
- D. Scholarship: Ann Kurtenbach reported that we have received six applications. The committee will make its recommendations at the March meeting for the membership to vote on.

Old Business:

- A. Chapter Director and Officer Insurance: Since we are waiting for National to possibly develop D&O Insurance the chapters can participate in and consensus was there was no immediate need for chapter D&O Insurance at this time, it was decided to remove this item as a continuing item from future agendas.

New Business:

- B. Standing Rules: Margaret Munson recommended the following changes to the Standing Rules: Under Awards and Recognition, sentence one would replace "incoming Chapter president" with "immediate past Chapter president" and delete "after notification and approval by the Board." Sentence two in that same section would remove "Board" from the sentence. Motion made by Kayla Sander, seconded by Kate Mulder, that the Standing Rules changes as presented be approved. Motion carried.
- C. Nominating Committee: The Immediate Past President will serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee with two members of the chapter serving on the committee. Cindy Sippel and Karen Jacobson volunteered to serve with Kayla Sander.
- D. Focus Groups: National has requested that all chapters hold a focus group by May 1 to discuss the benefits they are receiving from National. Chapter benefits are not part of this discussion. Barbara Bennett volunteered to be the facilitator and Cindy Sippel will be the recorder. The focus group will happen at the March meeting.
- E. Chapter Bylaws: The Chapter Bylaws needed to be updated to reflect the bylaws changes approved at the National Conference in September 2014. A sixth category of membership was added: Emeritus. National is not requiring this category of membership to pay national dues and payment of chapter dues was left to each chapter. Since Honorary members do not pay chapter dues, consensus was that Emeritus members also would not pay dues. This is the way the bylaws were presented initially, so no change is required. All other changes to the chapter bylaws were just to conform to National's bylaws. The bylaws will be distributed again and changes will be voted on at the March meeting. They will then be sent to the National officer in charge of Bylaws for final approval.

Announcements:

- Several new brochures are now available from National. Libby Bruns requested several copies of the one relating to students.
- The slate of National officers was passed around at this meeting since we did not have a January meeting. It will be included in the next bulletin.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jacobson, Acting Secretary