



# Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance

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## Ames Chapter

Ames Chapter #158  
Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2021

The event was held March 9, 2021 as a Zoom meeting with 11 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President, Margaret Munson at 7:10 pm. Those in attendance were Cheryl Carlile, Carla Danielson, Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Ann Kurtenbach, Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Kayla Sander, Cindy Sippel, and Jenny Sturgill. A quorum was present.

### Minutes

Karen Jacobson moved we approve the February 2021 meeting minutes as printed in the bulletin. Cindy Sippel seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

### Treasurer's report

As of February 28, 2021, Cindy Sippel reported a balance in the general fund of \$6,987.67 and \$5,033.11 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship with the remaining balance of \$1,433.11 unrestricted. Cindy noted an additional \$750.00 of scholarship funds have been received in March.

The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for chapter inspection.

### Committee Reports

*Membership* The Chapter has 20 members. Margaret will follow-up with National as it appears some former members that did not renew membership are listed as chapter members.

*Programs* – Kayla Sander reported she will be following up with Rob for the April meeting. Other programs remain as scheduled.

*Bulletin* – Watch for Jaimie's emails.

*Scholarship* – Deadline was Friday, March 5, 2021. An additional donation has been pledged that should increase available scholarship funds to greater than \$4,500.00.

Cheryl Carlile reported we have 3 very qualified applicants; two from Marshalltown Community College and one from Iowa State. The scholarship candidates are Alicia Adelmund, Audrey Wagner, and Evelyn Castillo. Cheryl provided an overview of the applicants' backgrounds and qualifications. The Committee's recommendation is to give \$1,500.00 to each applicant.

There were no applicants for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship again this year. Penny Strum is reviewing the scholarship criteria and considering revisions to attract applicants.

After discussion of when to pay the scholarships, it was agreed to pay one now and the remaining two in the fall. Karen Jacobson recommended next year's committee review the timeline for scholarship payments keeping in mind that the chapter planned to move the scholarship deadline to the fall of the year. Next year's Scholarship Committee will provide the chapter with a recommendation for future scholarship payments timing.

Karen Jacobson moved to approve 3 scholarships of \$1,500.00 each pending receipt of the additional scholarship funds . Jan Duffy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Publicity* – Lisa Palmersheim will post our meeting on Facebook page. Margaret Munson will post scholarship information.

*Webmaster* –Jaimie Williamson was able to post website information this month.

### **Old Business**

*a. Nominating Committee*

Kate Mulder reported that Jan Duffy and she have completed the 2021-2022 roster as follows:

President	Cheryl Carlile
Vice President	Carla Danielson
Secretary	Margaret Munson
Treasurer	Cindy Sippel
Past President	Margaret Munson
Program	Jennifer Sturgill (with Kayla Sander's help)
Program Coordinator	Ann Kurtenbach
Membership/Publicity	Lisa Palmersheim
Newsletter	Jaimie Williamson
Scholarship	Karen Jacobson, Chair Cindy Sippel Anne Clem
Webmaster	Jaimie Williamson

The completed roster will be sent to the membership now and published in the April newsletter.

*b. National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee*

As our chapter representative on the above sub-committee, Margaret Munson reported on the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The committee discussed the option of presenting chapter dues earlier in the online process as a solution. Dues range from \$15-\$79 in chapters and networks in AFWA. The next mtg with chapter representatives will be in 45 days.

### **New Business**

National has asked chapters to have an on-going chapter contact since some chapters do not get new board information submitted timely. Cindy Sippel suggested Karen Jacobson serve as our chapter contact. Karen accepted the appointment.

National asking members to update their profile. This will help National identify current membership attributes and allow better target marketing for new members.

#### **Announcements**

- a. *Chapter Chat/Corporate and Affiliate Membership: "Selling AFWA in Your Community."*  
*March 30, 2021 12:00 pm EST National Free CPE Webinars*
- b. *AFWA Connect.Advance.Lead. Conference – June 17-18, 2021*
- c. *2021 Women Who Count Conference – Oct. 20-22, 2021*
- d. *Other*
  - a. The new IRS Stakeholder Liaison is Alan Gregerson, located in Bloomington, Minnesota. Alan can be reached at [Alan.J.Gregerson@irs.gov](mailto:Alan.J.Gregerson@irs.gov), or 763-347-7352. Margaret can forward his March newsletter that was sent out today.
  - b. Ann Kurtenbach requested that we fill out CPE sheets and evaluation forms soon after meetings so she can get them signed and back to us timely.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.