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Ames Chapter

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Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
March 8, 2022

The monthly membership meeting was held March 8, 2022, at Jethro's BBQ in Ames with eight members attending in person and one member attending virtually. The meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Carlile at 7:32 pm. Those in attendance were members Cheryl Carlile, Karen Jacobson, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Lisa Palmersheim, Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, Cindy Sippel, and Jenny Sturgill. Eight members attended in person and one virtually. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Karen Jacobson made and Kate Mulder seconded a motion that the February 2022 membership meeting minutes be approved as printed in the bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Cindy Sippel presented the Treasurer's report for February 2022. As of February 28, 2022, the Chapter has a balance in the general fund of \$7,157.94 and \$5,233.44 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship, leaving an unrestricted balance of \$1,633.44 in the scholarship fund. The \$300 donation budgeted for the AFWA Foundation was paid from the scholarship fund in February and additional member donations of \$1,550 were received by the scholarship fund in February 2022.

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

Old Business

National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee:

Classes and Rates: Margaret Munson reported that the National Board approved recommendations from the National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee: 1) Combine the chapter dues rates for regular and affiliate member classes; 2) Combine the chapter dues rates for associate and student member classes; 3) Set the chapter dues rate for emeritus members at \$0 for all chapters. The National Board also approved the following rate structure from which chapters can choose for the 2022-2023 membership year: \$0, \$10, \$25, \$35, \$45, and \$55.

Chapter Bylaws Waiver: National provided a template for chapters to use in requesting a waiver of chapter bylaws for the notification deadline for dues changes. Cheryl will send the letter to chapter members asking them to respond yes/no regarding waiving the January 31, 2022, notice date for setting Ames Chapter dues for 2022-2023.

Ames Chapter Dues Rates for 2022-2023: Karen Jacobson moved and Cindy Sippel seconded that dues for 2022-2023 be set as follows, subject to acceptance by the membership of the waiver of the January 31 notice date: Regular/affiliate -- \$25; Associate/Student -- \$10; Retired -- \$10; and Emeritus -- \$0. (The rates set in November 2021 were Regular, Affiliate, and Associate -- \$20; Student -- \$5; Retired -- \$5; and Emeritus -- \$0.) Discussion focused what dues levels were needed given the account balance in the general account. Following the discussion, the motion carried, 8 ayes and 1 nay.

Chapter Bylaws Revision: Margaret Munson also reported that National intends to implement the change approved previously that calls for all memberships to renew on July 1 each year. A minor change to chapter bylaws will make them consistent with the new renewal process. Margaret will send members the proposed language this week in order to comply with the 30-day notice required for bylaws changes, and the proposed change will be discussed at the April meeting.

Nominating Committee

Nominating committee members Margaret Munson, Kate Mulder, and Cheryl Carlile completed the search for board members for 2022-2023. Margaret thanked the current board, the other committee members, and those who have agreed to serve in the coming year. The proposed slate is: Carla Danielson, President; Lisa Palmersheim, Vice President; Margaret Munson, Secretary; Cheryl Carlile, Treasurer; Kate Mulder (Chair), Jan Duffy; Karen Jacobson; and Cindy Sippel, Membership and Publicity; Jaimie Williamson, Newsletter; Kayla Sander and Jenny Sturgill, Program; Annmarie Kurtenbach, Program Coordinator; Jan Duffy (Chair), Karen Jacobson; and Cheryl Carlile (Treasurer), Scholarship; Cheryl Carlile, Past President; Jaimie Williamson, Webmaster; Cheryl Carlile, Program Setup.

Jenny Sturgill moved and Kate Mulder seconded that the slate of officers be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Membership: The Chapter has 16 members.

Programs: Jenny Sturgill reported that the Jethro's location has been reserved through the rest of the fiscal year. Lisa Palmersheim will present a program on mental health in the workplace at the April meeting. Kayla and Jenny are working on the programs for May and June.

Scholarship: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

New Business

None

Announcements

The National Connect/Advance/Lead Virtual Conference will be held June 23-24.

Ann Kurtenbach reported that CPAAcademy.org has free and paid CPE available.

The National Conference in October will be held in Chicago. Karen Jacobson asked whether any is planning to attend. Several members said they haven't decided yet.

Kate Mulder reported that she is finding the Business Book Summaries interesting and useful. National has partnered with the providers for a favorable rate for subscriptions to the book synopses. See this link. [AFWA – Special Program – 8 – The Business Source](https://thebusinesssource.com/AFWA8/) <https://thebusinesssource.com/AFWA8/>

As noted in the March bulletin, long-time member and friend of the chapter, Brenda O'Neall-Smith is moving to Nebraska. We will miss her.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Munson, Secretary