



Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance

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Ames Chapter #158
Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2024

Call to Order:

The June Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by Past President Cheryl Carlile at 5:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Old Chicago in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Lisa Palmersheim, Kayla Sander, Jan Duffy, Margaret Munson, Karen Jacobson, Cheryl Carlile, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

Amendment to Agenda

Karen made a motion to amend the agenda to move the discussion of the chapter's future to the beginning of the meeting. Cindy seconded the motion which was approved.

Future of the Chapter

We held a phone discussion about the future of the Ames chapter with Cindy Stanley, AFWA Executive Director, Grace Staten, AFWA National President and Phoebe Hanover, AFWA Membership Manger. During the call we presented attempts we have made to grow our chapter and things we have done over the years. We expressed the challenges our younger members face with balancing career, family and chapter obligations and that many of our members are retired and travel frequently. We also discussed how CPE is available online. The National members noted that they could put together social media post and mentioned that a new marketing initiative is set to begin in January. National noted that the chapter does not have to provide CPE and has the option to do quarterly meetings. It was discussed that as a network the chapter can not raise money or give scholarships. National said that they could get us additional information and we could set up a Zoom meeting to discuss. They said the first thing would be to meet with us to help reorganize things and to engage members. The National representatives left the meeting after the call.

Minutes

Karen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2024 membership meeting as printed in the bulletin. Margaret seconded the motion that was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl distributed the May financial reports. The balance in the general fund is \$5,101.90. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$4,139.57. Of this balance, \$2,350 is restricted for the Kathy Strum scholarship and the remaining balance of \$1,789.57 is available for the Beverly Wandling Memorial Scholarship. Cindy will review the application for the Kathy Strum

scholarship to see if we need to discuss the qualifications with Penny so they funds could be awarded this year. The Treasurer's Report will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Membership/Publicity:

No report.

Programs:

No report. The program committee noted that they can send out notices of online CPE that is available.

Scholarship:

We will get the scholarship applications updated by early August and get them to Jenny and Kayla so they can get them to students early in the semester. The committee will review the Kathy Strum application to see if we need to talk to Penny about any updates.

Newsletter:

Margaret will send a notice that the July meeting is canceled.

Webmaster:

The domain name will be renewed.

Old Business:

Outstanding Member Award

Margaret presented the Outstanding Member of the year to Cheryl Carlile.

New Business:

Installation of the 2024-2025 Officers

Cheryl Carlile recognized the past officers and thanked them for their service. She then installed the officers for the coming year.

Announcements

June Networking Lunch is Monday, June 24 at Provisions Lot F and the July Networking lunch is July 2 with the location to be determined.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sippel
Secretary