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Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
September 20, 2017

Call to Order:

The September Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Elizabeth Almond at 7:09 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at The Iowa Stater in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Ann Kurtenbach, Margaret Munson, Jan Duffy, Kayla Sander, Karen Jacobson, Catherine Mulder, and Elizabeth Almond. Past member, Carolyn Niemantsverdriet, joined us as a guest.

A quorum was present.

Minutes:

Karen Jacobson moved that the minutes of the August meeting be approved as published in the September bulletin. The motion was seconded by Margaret Munson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Catherine Mulder presented the Treasurer's Report. The August report was handed out. The balance in the General Account as of August 31, 2017, is \$7,013.52. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of August 31, 2017, is \$4,275.29 with an unrestricted balance of \$1,675.29.

The report will be placed on file for review.

Catherine also presented the 2017-2018 budget as approved in August. Updates had been made such as a dues income decrease of \$15 and a membership expense increase of \$150 as discussed in August.

Elizabeth Almond will work with Catherine to become an authorized signer of chapter checks as a back-up.

Jan Duffy will provide an informal review of the 2016-2017 treasurer reports and bank statements.

Committee Reports:

A. Membership:

1. Karen Jacobson reported that we currently have 19 active members.
2. Jan Duffy and Karen drafted a letter promoting AFWA and mailed it out to 39 accounting and bookkeeping service providers in Ames. Margaret Munson will post highlights from the letter to our chapter website for promotion as well.
3. It was reported that ASWCPA has disbanded, and it appears as though the group will mold into the AICPA.

4. Margaret Munson earned the \$10 reward for bringing a guest. She donated the \$10 back to the chapter. Margaret's guest, Carolyn Niemantsverdriet, donated her \$10 reward back to the chapter as well.

B. Program:

1. The upcoming program duties/plans are as follows:
November – (Jan & Kayla) – Joint meeting w/ ISU students – There Are Many Ways to Find Work/Life Balance – Panel - ISU Campus
December – Holiday Party
January – No meeting
February – (Karen) Dr. Diane Janvrin – Data Mining
March – (Catherine Mulder) Real Estate
April –
May - (Margaret Munson) Dr. Bill Dilla –Bitcoin
June -
July – Planning Meeting

C. Bulletin:

1. No report

D. Scholarship:

1. Catherine Mulder will look into getting updated scholarship application forms by the end of October.

E. Social Media

1. The social media committee reported that we have decided to pursue having a social media presence in LinkedIn and Facebook. Jan Duffy and Margaret Munson will set up our accounts and profiles.

Karen Jacobson moved that a committee be appointed to conduct a review of our bylaws and standing rules and to draft a bylaws change creating a communications director on our board. The motion was seconded by Catherine Mulder. Motion carried.

Margaret Munson and Elizabeth Almond volunteered to serve on the review committee. The plan will be to publish the draft for November meeting discussion and then publish again before a February vote.

New Business:

A. Founders Day Committee

1. Elizabeth Almond welcomes any nominations for the Founders Day Award. She will discuss this in the October President's message and also make a separate announcement in the bulletin. She will appoint an award selection committee if necessary.

Announcements:

A. Brenda O'Neall-Smith just had shoulder surgery. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Brenda!

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kayla Sander, Secretary