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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is to enable women in all accounting and finance fields to achieve their full potential and to contribute to their profession.

MEETING INFORMATION

"A Guided Discussion on *Lean In* by Sherryl Sandberg"

Presented by: Libby Almond

Date: March 21, 2018

Time: 5:30 Networking

6:00 Program

7:00 Dinner

Location: Olde Main Brewery
36 Main St/
Ames, IA 50014

We'll discuss the book *Lean In* by Sherryl Sandberg. No need to read the book - there are many general questions we can discuss.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Busy season is a understatement, folks. This winter has been the most *taxing* busy season yet. But every hour spent in the office reminds me how flexible public accounting can be in the summer months! I've already started filling up my summer schedule and have lots to look forward to.

The nominating committee has been hard at work setting up our chapter for the next year. I hope you've all considered serving in a position on the Board for 2018-2019. There are plenty of opportunities!

See you all soon,
Libby

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes- February
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
 - e. Social Media
 - f. Webmaster



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6. Old Business
 - a. Announcements from External Businesses
 - b. Chapter Coach Program
 - c. 2018-2019 Nominating Committee
7. New Business
 - a. Technology Purchases
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Networking Lunch	Meeting Date	Restaurant	Location
Mon, 4/2	3/21	Mary Kay Flowers	3134 Northwood Dr, Ames
Tues, 5/1	4/18	El Azteca	2727 Stange Rd, Ames
Wed, 5/30	5/16	Stomping Grounds	303 Welch Ave, Ames
Thurs, 6/28	6/20	The Café	2616 Northridge Pkwy, Ames

AFWA 2018 Referral Program

AFWA is launching a new membership referral program. When you refer a contact to AFWA, a national volunteer will send a personalized message to that individual, sharing with her the benefits of membership and inviting her to join. The more your

colleague gets to know our members and the more she knows she's appreciated, the more likely she is to join our incredible network.

See attached for more details.

NEEDED FOR THE '18-'19 CHAPTER

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to fill the vacancies of Secretary and Vice President for the 2018-2019 Chapter Year. Please contact Margaret, Karen or Jaimie.

MINUTES – February 2018

Call to Order:

The February Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Elizabeth Almond at 7:32 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at The Iowa Stater in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Ann Kurtenbach, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, Lisa Palmersheim, Karen Jacobson, Catherine Mulder, and Elizabeth Almond

A quorum was present.

Minutes:

Karen Jacobson moved that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as presented in the February bulletin. The motion was seconded by Catherine Mulder. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:



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Catherine Mulder presented the Treasurer's Report. The November, December, and January reports were handed out.

The balance in the General Account as of November 30, 2017, is \$6,897.86. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of November 30, 2017, is \$4,015.81 with an unrestricted balance of \$1,415.81 .

The balance in the General Account as of December 31, 2017, is \$6,998.15. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of December 31, 2017, is \$5,615.99 with an unrestricted balance of \$2,515.99. Member donations of \$1,650 (\$500 for the Kathy Strum scholarship) were added as income to the scholarship account this month. Way to go!

The balance in the General Account as of January 31, 2018, is \$6,998.44. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of January 31, 2018, is \$5,616.22 with an unrestricted balance of \$2,516.22. \$3,100 is restricted for the Kathy Strum scholarship.

The reports will be placed on file for review.

Kate mailed 2017 donation letters to all scholarship donors on Feb. 6, 2018.

Committee Reports:

A. Membership:

1. Karen Jacobson reported that we currently have 20 active members.

2. The upcoming networking lunch will be held on March 1st at Brick City Grill.

B. Program:

1. The upcoming program duties/plans are as follows:

March – (Catherine Mulder) possibly Kristy

Maitre – tax update

April – open

May – open – Iowa Stater is booked

June - (Margaret Munson) Dr. Bill Dilla –

Bitcoin @ the Iowa Stater

July – Planning Meeting

2. Ann has received acceptance for all CPE currently.

C. Bulletin:

1. No report

D. Scholarship:

1. Elizabeth Almond presented for Cheryl Carlile. We currently have no scholarship applicants.

Margaret Munson moved that the scholarship deadline be extended to March 1st. The motion was seconded by Lisa Palmersheim. Motion carried.

2. To help spread awareness for the scholarships and encourage applications, Kayla will send all accounting majors an email through Canvas, as well as spread the word among accounting faculty to share with their students. Margaret will make all necessary updates online.

E. Social Media



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1. Margaret Munson and Jan Duffy created a LinkedIn group. Please look for it and connect. You can find it under the name, Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Ames IA Chapter.

F. Webmaster

1. No report

Old Business:

A. Announcements from External Businesses

1. Elizabeth Almond will check with National on policy.

New Business:

A. 2018-2019 Nominating Committee

1. As past-president for the chapter, Jaimie Williamson will lead this committee. Margaret Munson and Karen Jacobson graciously volunteered to serve on the committee and generate the proposed slate of officers. They plan to publish this in a chapter-wide email and the April bulletin. They will present the slate for voting at the April meeting.

B. 2018-2019 Chapter Dues Rates

1. Elizabeth Almond announced that we must decide on our 2018-2019 chapter dues rates. Currently they are as follows:

- Regular member - \$20
- Affiliate member - \$20
- Associate member - \$5
- Student member - \$5
- Retired member \$5
- Emeritus member - \$0

Karen Jacobson moved to keep the chapter dues rates the same for the coming year. The motion

was seconded by Margaret Munson. Motion carried.

C. Chapter Coach Program

1. Elizabeth Almond passed on the information that our chapter has the opportunity to request a coach through a national program. This program is also looking for members to serve as a coach for other chapters. Interest was expressed for using a coach to gather more ideas on growing membership. Libby will request more information about the program details to help with our decision.

Announcements:

A. Karen Jacobson reminded the chapter that the National Conference will be in Kansas City this fall. The conference runs Oct. 28th – Oct. 30th and offers 16 hours of CPE. Karen will be carpooling if anyone is interested. She plans to leave Saturday, Oct. 27th and return on Tuesday, Oct. 30th.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Sander, Secretary

Quote of the Month

“In the future, there will be no female leaders. There will just be leaders.”

— [Sheryl Sandberg, Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead](#)



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2017-2018 OFFICERS

President: Libby Almond

Vice President: Cindy Sippel

Secretary: Kayla Sander

Treasurer: Catherine Mulder

Past President: Jaimie Williamson

Program Coordinator: Ann Kurtenbach

Publicity Chair : Lisa Palmersheim

Membership: Karen Jacobson
Jan Duffy

Newsletter: Brenda O'Neill Smith

Scholarship: Cheryl Carlile
Catherine Mulder
Linda Borst

Webmaster: Margaret Munson