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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

Planning Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cindy Sippel's home
1034 NE Aspen Circle
Ankeny, IA

Please join us for the planning meeting at Cindy Sippel's home. We will be having a potluck dinner and will accept contributions to the scholarship fund. We ask that everyone put what they are bringing in their evite response.

Directions to Cindy's house:
Cindy lives right off Delaware in Ankeny, so if you are coming from the north or the south take Delaware to NE Fountain View Blvd. (is is between NE 9th St and NE 15th St) Right after you enter the development, you will take a right onto NE Fountain View Dr. Then take another right onto NE Aspen

Circle. Cindy's home has a flag pole in the front yard. Feel free to park in the driveway. If you are having trouble finding Cindy's home her cell is 515-450-8670.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new AFWA year! As we prepare for our annual planning meeting, would each of you to think about what you, personally, would like to get out of being an Ames AFWA chapter member? The opportunities are great whether you want to grow your network, expand your educational knowledge, develop presentation or speaking skills, or develop leadership skills. We have all that to offer!

There is no better place to develop skills and expand your knowledge than in the friendly atmosphere of our chapter. This chapter gave me the opportunity to do my first presentation in this environment – it was a great experience.

Please think about the type of programs that will help you in the upcoming year. If you have a need or desire for specific education, here's the chance to get it into our programs for this year. Come with ideas whether you have speakers in mind or not.

I'd like to say a big thank you to Cindy Sippel for her continued support – both in hosting our planning meeting and for facilitating our planning meeting. This is



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what teamwork is – working together to get the job done. Thank you Cindy!

This is also our opportunity to support our scholarship fund – remember to bring your checkbooks and support the next generation coming into our profession. I know I received support during my college years and am glad to help support the next group of graduates. Please consider giving what you can to this worthwhile cause.

So – have a great planning meeting – I'll be thinking of you while I'm on the road in Canada. See you in August!

Kate

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes - June
4. Treasurer's Report
5. New Business
 - a. 2019-2020 Chapter Planning
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

MINUTES – June 2019

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Membership Meeting
June 19, 2019

Call to Order:

The June Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Cindy Sippel at 7:18 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at The IowaStater in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members: Ann Kurtenbach, Lisa Palmersheim, Cindy Sippel, Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Kayla Sander, Karen Jacobson and Margaret Munson. A quorum was present.

Minutes:

On a friendly motion made by Margaret, seconded by Kayla, that the original motion to approve the May minutes made by Kate, seconded by Ann, be amended to remove “for National purposes only” after Margaret Munson's name for Membership in the 2019-2020 slate of officers. Motion carried that the minutes of the May meeting as published in the June bulletin be approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:



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Lisa presented the Treasurer's Report. The May report was handed out. The balance in the General Account as of 5/31/19 was \$6,730.82. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of 5/31/19 was \$6,619.98, with an unrestricted balance of \$1,019.98. The report will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

A. Membership:

It was reported that we currently have 23 active members. Libby Almond officially transferred her membership to the Des Moines Chapter, thus reducing our quorum to seven at this time. Even with this transfer, we had a net increase in membership this year. The June Networking Lunch is at Café Beaudelaire in Campustown on June 24, 2019. The appropriate members reported on their phone calls to the new members from Workiva.

B. Program:

The July Chapter Planning Meeting will be held at Cindy's house in Ankeny on July 17, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Please list what you are bringing for the potluck in your reservation response. Also, please bring your checkbook for donations to the Scholarship Fund.

C. Bulletin:

No report.

D. Scholarship:

Lisa reported that one of our scholarship winners (Marissa Simpson) attended last

month's meeting and the other scholarship winner (Alexandra Patterson) will be attending a subsequent meeting after school resumes.

E. Publicity

Lisa reported that our Chapter FaceBook page was launched. She will do the regular postings. If anyone has anything to add to our FaceBook page, it should be sent directly to Lisa and she will post it at lunchtime. LinkedIn is still being worked on. (Note that it was suggested at the May meeting each member BRING to the Planning Meeting in July a short bio on themselves to be featured on our FaceBook page.)

F. Webmaster

Margaret reported that the domain name was renewed for 5 years at a cost of \$105.85.

Old Business:

Kate and Margaret presented the 2018-2019 Member of the Year award to both Kayla Sander and Lisa Palmersheim. Both ladies are young mothers and have three young children, including new babies. Both ladies work full-time and are extremely active in our Ames Chapter. They are succeeding in work-life balance. Congratulations and thank you to both Kayla and Lisa.

New Business:

Cindy thanked the outgoing Board with pink roses and presented red roses to the



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incoming Board for installation. Members thanked Cindy for serving as President this past year.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Jacobson
Secretary



Lisa Palmersheim and Kayla Sander receiving Member of the Year awards. From left to right: Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Kayla Sander, and Kate Mulder

REMINDER

Please BRING a short written bio of yourself to the Planning Meeting to include on our Facebook page at a future date. Also, send a copy of it to Lisa at publicity@amesafwa.org

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

The next networking luncheon will be on July 30th at noon at Stomping Ground, 303 Welch Ave in Ames. RSVPs will be due by noon on July 29th.

2019-2020 OFFICERS

President: Catherine (Kate) Mulder

Vice President: Margaret Munson

Secretary: Cindy Sippel

Treasurer: Lisa Palmersheim

Past President: Cindy Sippel

Program: Jan Duffy
Kayla Sander

Program Coordinator: Ann Kurtenbach

Publicity: Lisa Palmersheim

Membership: Margaret Munson

Newsletter: Jaimie Williamson

Scholarship: Anne Clem (Chair)
Cheryl Carlile
Lisa Palmersheim

Webmaster: Margaret Munson



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!

Libby and CJ Almond welcomed their first child, James Eric Almond, on June 5, 2019. James weighed 7.128 pounds and was 20.5 inches tall at birth. Congratulations to Libby and CJ!

Libby has transferred her membership to the Des Moines Chapter. While we understand that it makes sense for her newly busier schedule, we are sad to have her leave our chapter. She has been a member of AFWA since 2013 (although that date may not count her student membership). Libby was awarded a Beverly M. Wandling Scholarship in 2013-2014 and was chapter member of the year in 2017-2018. While a member of our chapter, Libby presented three programs, served as president and vice president, was on the program committee, membership committee, and the publicity committee and its predecessor committee – social media. Libby is always willing to share her good ideas and to promote discussion. The Chapter extends a sincere thank you to Libby for her enthusiastic participation in our chapter, along with our best wishes for a bright and happy future.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."--

Winston S. Churchill

Articles and submissions to the newsletter are welcome. Please contact bulletin@amesafwa.org