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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

Christmas Party

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Please join us for the Christmas party at Cindy Sippel's home. We will be having a potluck dinner and will accept contributions to the scholarship fund. Bring a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. 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. (it 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 the holiday season! Today (Dec. 3rd) is our National Day of Giving. It is promoted as a day for giving back. In that spirit, I encourage each of you to come to our holiday party on December 10th and support our local scholarship fund at whatever level you can.

Thank you Cindy Sippel for hosting our annual holiday party. I'm sure it will be a fun time for sharing and full of laughter. We always have a great time with our "white elephant exchange" – bring something fun to share. It doesn't have to be new – we have had some hilarious gifts so the more zany, the better for the fun!

Each of us also is to bring something to eat – look for the evite and respond with your food item. I know we will have an abundance of wonderful holiday food.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and celebrating the holiday season. We won't be meeting again until February, so plan to come to this relaxing and fun event!

Catherine (Kate) A. Mulder



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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
November 12, 2019

Call to Order:

The November Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Catherine (Kate) Mulder at 5:55 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the Iowa Stater Restaurant at 2100 Green Hills Drive in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Kayla Sander, Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, and Stacey Webster. A quorum was present.

Minutes:

On motion made by Anne, seconded by Karen, motion carried to approve the minutes of the September 2019 membership meeting as printed in the October bulletin.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for September and October will be reviewed at a future meeting since the Treasurer was not in attendance.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Current membership stands at 22. New member Stacey Webster was introduced. Linda Borst did not renew.

Programs: No changes from the schedule presented at prior meetings. There will be

no program at the December meeting as it is our Christmas pot luck.

Bulletin: No report

Scholarship: No report

Social media: No report

Webmaster: No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

National Bylaw Amendments: Kate reviewed the three bylaw amendments. 1 – Dues will be changed back to all at June 30, rather than on the member's anniversary date. This recommendation to change was done because of comments from chapters on the difficulty of monitoring membership every month. Karen mentioned that concerns were expressed at the Bylaws Forum at the recent national conference in Orlando regarding proration for new members and those not currently on a June 30 renewal date. The issue was satisfactorily addressed at that time. 2 – This amendment is to clarify networks and that they are not operating as a chapter. 3 – This amendment is to clarify the pathway to leadership at the national level for members-at-large. There was not much discussion on any of these amendments. National will be sending out an e-mail ballot to each individual member as these are no longer voted on by chapters due to a prior change in National's bylaws. Kate mentioned that anyone wishing to



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comment on these amendments could do so with National President-Elect Tyna Gaylor by December 20, 2019.

Chapter Standing Rules: Margaret mentioned that the information regarding the Founder's Day Award was inadvertently omitted from the last update to the Standing Rules for the Chapter. She also noted that it was appropriate to change position of the apostrophe in the word Founders so that it will now be Founders' Day Award. The following will now be included in the Chapter Standing Rules regarding the Founders' Day Award:

The Chapter may award a Founders' Day Award for long-term service to the Chapter. Nominations for the award may be made to the Board by any member. Upon receipt of a nomination, the Board will convene a committee of the Board, not including the nominee, to consider the nomination and, if the committee approves the nomination, to prepare and present the award.

On motion made by Margaret, seconded by Anne, motion carried that the above paragraph regarding the Founders' Day Award be included in the Chapter Standing Rules.

The meeting was suspended at 6:08 p.m. for the speaker's presentation and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

Holiday Party: The Christmas Party will be held on our regular meeting night, Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Cindy graciously offered to host the party. Be sure to bring a white elephant gift and your checkbook for donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Announcements:

Former member Marilyn Moehlmann has a friend who is selling her tax practice of 50-100 clients. If anyone is interested, or knows someone who is, please let Marilyn know. The annual ISU accounting conference being held December 20 is still open for registration.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Jacobson
Acting Secretary

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Networking Lunch	Restaurant	Location
Monday, December 30 th	Aunt Maude's	547 Main St, Ames
Tuesday, January 21 st	Café Diem	229 Main St, Ames



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Thursday, February 20	Great Harvest Bakery	502 Burnett Ave, Ames
Friday, March 27	Provisions Lot F	2400 N Loop Dr, Ames
Monday, April 27	Flame and Skewer	2801 Grand Ave (North Grand Mall)
Thursday, May 21	Stomping Grounds	303 Welch Ave, Ames
Tuesday, June 23	Café Beaudelaire	2504 Lincoln Way, Ames

2019-2020 OFFICERS

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Lisa Palmersheim

Webmaster: Margaret Munson

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Your value will be not what you know; it will be what you share.”— *Ginni Rometty*

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