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Ames Chapter #158

THE SPOKESWOMAN

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you had a good holiday season despite the restrictions of Covid-19.

2021 has brought us a new set of challenges as our country works to find a way forward when there are more than 70 million voters on each "side".

I look forward to seeing you at our next membership meeting or networking luncheon. Thank you for your support of the chapter.

Stay safe,
Margaret

P.S. Our next membership meeting will be in February 2021.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The event was held as a Zoom meeting with 7 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President, Margaret Munson at 7:08 pm. Those in attendance were Karen Jacobson, Ann Kurtenbach,

Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, Cindy Sippel and Jenny Sturgill. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Cindy Sippel moved we approve the September 2020 meeting minutes as printed in the bulletin. Karen Jacobson seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's report

Cindy Sippel reported a balance in the general fund of \$6,980.87 and \$5,132.96 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship with the remaining balance of \$1,532.96 unrestricted. The \$300 donation to the Educational Foundation will be sent out in November.

The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports

Membership – Current membership is at 20 members. The chapter welcomed new member Jenny Sturgill. Margaret shared the chapter's 30 year milestone certificate from National then recognized our members for their years of membership in AFWA.

Programs – Kayla Sander asked about the Holiday Party. It was agreed to have a virtual party on December 8th starting at 6 p.m. Kayla is seeking ideas for a March program; please forward suggestions to



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her. The Danfoss tour is still on for April; we will determine format as we get nearer to that time.

Bulletin – no report

Scholarship – the committee will be meeting to get scholarship applications online after the first of the year.

Social Media – no report.

Webmaster – the website was down for a couple of days, but it is back up now.

Old Business - None

New Business

2021-2022 Chapter Dues – Margaret noted that our chapter dues rate is due to National on February 1st, so we need to make a decision as we won't have another meeting before this deadline. It was commented that our current dues of \$20 work.

Restructuring AFWA Dues System – In discussion, members understood the need for simplification of chapter dues rates at the National level. Concern was expressed about who would set the chapter dues and rate increases. Suggested alternatives were:

1. Having two or three tiers for chapter dues. Then the chapter could pick which tier would be charged for their particular chapter.
2. Decoupling the national and chapter dues. Many chapters have means for electronic payments. Concerns for

this solution were collection complications and asking employers to make two payments.

Margaret will visit with Cheryl and see if she can represent our chapter in the National discussion. If Cheryl cannot represent our chapter, Margaret will represent us in the discussions.

Announcements -President's box is at Cindy Sippel's house.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The event was held as a Zoom meeting with 7 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President, Margaret Munson at 6:46 pm. Those in attendance were Jan Duffy, Cheryl Carlile, Karen Jacobson, Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

New Business –

2021-2022 Chapter Dues – Margaret reviewed current chapter dues as follows:

\$20.00 per regular member and associate member

\$5.00 per student member and retired member

\$0.00 per emeritus member



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Jan Duffy moved that we continue with the same chapter dues rates for the 2021-2022 year. Karen Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Announcements -None.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa and Nick Palmersheim welcomed their son Rip Cayden on December 29th. Rip was born 9 lbs 4 oz and 21.5 inches long. He joins brothers Colton and Kyler and sister Kayla. Congratulations to the Palmersheim family!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes, because if you are making mistakes, then you are: making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world.

- Neil Gaiman

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