



**American Association of University Women
Lake/Sumter Branch**

**Board Meeting Minutes
2023-24**

**Lake Sumter Florida Branch AAUW
Board Meeting
August 8, 2023
Minutes.**

These minutes are not a Board Meeting. We didn't follow Robert's Rule of Order.

Called to Order by Barbara Fisler:

Executive Committee:

Co- Presidents: Helen Gozdanovic, Barbara Eisler*

Co-President Elect: Jennifer Thompson*, Irma Mottley

Financial: Barbra Fieldman*

Co-Membership: Leslie Flanders* and Terry Slotterback*

Co-Director of Programs: Cynthia Snavely*, Kathy Howe

Co-Secretary: Gay Birchard*, Dee Sherman*

*Executive Board Members attending

Appointed Directors:

Public Policy

Communications: Beth Hicks

Operations Committee: cfl

Tech Trek: Liz Schweers

By-Laws:

Other Members Attending:

Diane Geach

Linda Carpenter

Call to Order:

1. Call to order August 8, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
2. Affirm Quorum

Minutes for the May meeting were not approved. Put on agenda for September.

July Finance Report:

Reserve Acct: \$29,275.00

General Acct: \$4,641.70

Expenses 22-23

Zoom, Quicken	360
Insurance	550
501c3c.	275
Fl Fees.	88
Room Rental	1606
Dei	37
Printing.	1730
Total	4646

Income:

Quilt	245
Mah j.	1250
Pamper Chef	256
Jewelry	3110
Great Decisions	125
Misc.	225
50/50	714
Total	5925
National	817
Total	6742

Susan Otis Hanson (helping Barb)

Membership:

116 members

About 1/2 haven't paid dues. Leslie, Terry, Jennifer, and Irma will divide the list and call them.

Communication: Berh -Kirk introduced
She needs information sent to her by 20th of each month

Tech Trek

Liz Schweers reported she had notes for the 6 girls who attended the Tech Trek camp this past summer. Linda Carpenter will put them on the Web page. The newsletter will hi-lite them.

Program Report: Cynthia Snavely

September: Getting to know you
October: Florida Hurricane
November and December not meeting : Holiday Party December 9
January: Tech Trek
February: Diversity Equity Inclusion
March: Michael !gel from Holocaust Museum
April: Veterans working with homeless Women
May: Luncheon, date to be determined

Discussion: Should we print a member booklet? Barbara will find the cost.

Addendum to Aug 8 Minutes

Hello Gay,

Here are my additions and corrections

Spelling — page 1 Barbra Fieldman — should be Barbara
Teck Trek — should be Tech Trek
Page 2 Berh Kirk - should be Beth Hicks

Additions — under Discussion

- Gift bags for speakers —Cynthia will check with previous Program Directors
- Membership coffees -- Leslie will speak at September General Meeting looking for volunteers to host a coffee. Asking for \$500 in budget to support this outreach.
- Sunshine Chair —we need someone to replace Linda Macleod. We will be asking members to donate greeting cards. Angel Book Drive — has been discontinued. Board members agreed that this is not a part of our mission. And schools can no longer accept book donations.
- Diversity Report — Linda Carpenter. Plans include a Banned Book Club (three times a year) and a movie night (twice a year)

**Lake/Sumter AAUW
Board Meeting
September 5, 2023
Minutes**

Called to order by Helen Gozdanovic at 10:05 A.M.

Quorum was present.

Executive Committee:

Co-Presidents: Helen Gozdanovic*, Barbara Fisler
Co-Presidents Elect: Jennifer Thompson*, Irma Mottley
Financial: Barbara Fieldman*
Co-Membership: Leslie Flanders*, Terry Slotterback*
Co-Directors of Programs: Cynthia Snavely, Kathy Howe
Co-Secretary: Gay Birchard*, Dee Sherman*

*Executive Board Members attending

Appointed Directors:

Tech Trek: Liz Schweers

DEI: Jackie Latzer

Past President: Katie Haviland

Minutes for the May Board Meeting and August Board Meeting: Helen moved, and Jennifer seconded and voted to approve.

Financial Report:

\$23,305 Reserved

\$ 4,338.70 General

It was moved by Barb and second by Gay that Diane Ericson will co Financial Director.
Vote yes

Lois Venus reviews the annual Financial Report

Jennifer moved and Dee seconded the budget was approved.

Membership: According to Leslie Flanders: 76 paid members. 41 are in grace period and were called. Some will bring checks to September Meeting.

Motion was made by Jackie Latzer and seconded by Dee for \$50.00 be given to each committee to help with expenses for the September Meeting. Motion was passed

Jennifer moved and Gay seconded that the Newsletter be published the 15 of the month.
Passed

Ann Marie Lombard has agreed to be the Sunshine person to send cards to members

Liz Schweers announced she will not chair the Tech Trek this coming year.

**Lake Sumter Florida AAUW
Board Meeting
October 3, 2023
Minutes**

Roll Call

Executive Committee:

President: Helen Gozdanovic, Barbara Fisler
Co-President Elect: Jennifer Thompson
Co-Finance: Barbara Fieldman
Co-Membership: Leslie Flanders
Co-Secretary: Gay Birchard, Dee Sherman

Appointed Directors:

Public Policy:
Communications:

Operations Committee:

Tech Trek:
By-Laws:

Additional Members Attending:

Katie Haviland

Call to Order

- 1-Call to order on October 3, 2023 10:03 am, in person meeting.
- 2-Affirm Quorum
- 3-Barbara Fieldman made a motion to approve last months minutes, Leslie Flanders 2nd. Minutes approved.

Executive Committee Reports

Finance Report presented by Barbara Fieldman

- >Bank account balances: Reserves \$25,305.00, General Fund balance \$5,135.65.
- >Expenses: Room Rent \$144.41, Linda Carpenter, \$17.98, Cynthia Snavelly, \$139.15.
- >Zoom. has two accounts — Gay Birchard made a motion to operate only one zoom at \$149.90 & Dee Sherman 2nd. Motion approved.
- >Blanche Boyne made a donation of \$100.00.

Membership Report presented by Leslie Flanders

- >The 10 coffees and \$50.00 allowance kicked off with Gay Birchard offering to host the initial coffee.
- >November 1, 2023, National AAUW will purge names of non-renewals. Approximately 21 members are not renewed at present.
- >Barbara Fisler cancelled the printing of books at present.

Hospitality/Sunshine presented by Barbara Fisler

>The General Meeting had two greeters, October 28, 2023 has two greeters and two for refreshments.

>Ann Marie Lombardi will request AAUW cards from members in the Newsletter.

Program Report no representative present.

>Barb Fieldman discussed Growing Bolder in The 'Villages, contact Espi Walmsley for additional information, as a fundraiser in the National Magazine.

>Barb Fisler discussed the issues for getting the word out for holiday lunch reservations.

>The November general meeting speaker will speak on the topic of hurricanes.

Operations Committee Reports

Scholarship Report Gretchen and Susan Gold

>Gretchen picked up necklace from Golden Art.

>Discussion as to type of tickets to use for the jewelry drawing.

>Barb Fisler would like plaque for jewelry store made locally and Leslie Flanders suggested Al Trophies in Summerfield.

>Gretchen and Susan will check into the design and price for the plaque.

>Jennifer Thompson made a motion to honor Golden Art with a plaque and Bonnie 2nd. Motion approved.

Tech Trek Report presented by Liz Schweers

Two additional ladies are needed for the committee.

Diversity

>Barbara Fieldman stated registration is closed for the discussion for the Banned Book reading group.

>Gay Birchard suggested a joint meeting with Tampa to review Diversity with them.

Leslie Flanders made a motion to close meeting and Jennifer Thompson 2nd. Motion approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted 10/03/2023

Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman, Secretaries

Lake Sumter Florida Branch AAUW

**Lake Sumter AAUW
Executive Committee Meeting
Allamanda Recreation Center
October 28, 2023
Minutes**

Executive Committee:

President: Helen Gozdanovic, Barbara Fisler

Co-President: Jennifer Thompson

Co-Finance: Barbara Fieldman

Co-Membership: Leslie Flanders, Terri Slotterback

Programs: Cynthia Snavely

Co-Secretary: Dee Sherman, Gay Birchard

Other members: Susan Gold, Gretchen Lewis, Beth Hicks

Call to order at 9:20 a.m.

Affirm Quorum

Motion one: Leslie Flanders asked that we support a concert by Claudia Schmidt. January 11, 2024. As a fund raiser. Barbara Fieldman moved and Jennifer Thompson seconded; motion passed

Motion two: Beth Hick asked that we approve making a Plaque for the Jewelry Store "Gold in Art" that gives us a donation for the fund raiser for scholarships. Susan Gold and Gretchen Lewis said a green plaque would cost between \$50 and \$60 dollars. Second by Barb Fieldman. The motion passed.

Elizabeth White volunteered to be Public Policy. This was approved.

Jennifer Thompson Move and Barbara Fieldman seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted 10/28/2023
Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman, Secretaries
Lake Sumter Florida Branch AAUW

**Lake Sumter Florida AAUW
Board Meeting
November 7, 2023
Minutes**

Roll Call

Executive Committee

President: Barbara Fisler
President Elect: Jennifer Thompson
Finance: Barbara Fieldman
Membership: Leslie Flanders
Co-Secretary: Gay Birchard, Dee Sherman

Communications: Beth Hicks

Additional Members Attending:

Beth Hicks
Bonnie Weaver

Call to Order

Call to order on November 7, 2023, 10:05 a.m., in person meeting
Affirm Quorum
Jennifer Thompson made a motion to approve minutes, Gay Birchard 2nd Minutes approved.

Finance Report presented by Barbara Fieldman

Bank account balances: General Fund balance \$4,916.15 Reserves \$27,405.00
\$5,630.00 donations received for 501C3 donations.
All national fund dues have been received.

Program no representative present.

Cindy Snavely plans the programs and Kathy Howe plans the December and May Luncheons.

Fundraiser

Carolee Litwinka will send a computer blast reminder for the December luncheon, necklace fundraiser,
and January Concert with Claudia Schmidt, Thursday, January 11, 2024.
Leslie Flanders reminded us of the tickets she has available for the concert.

Communication

Ann Marie Lombardi will put advertising in The Daily Sun News concerning the concert with Claudia Schmidt.

Membership

Leslie discussed doing the coffee in homes for membership. Gay Birchard is signed up for one and an additional one is in the works.

There are approximately 94 AAUW members at present.

Hospitality and Sunshine

Barbara Fisler is going recruit people to be greeters and refreshments for the January and February meeting.

Scholarship no representative present

Tickets for the necklace fundraiser will be available at the holiday luncheon.

Tech Trek no representative present

The students who attended the Tech Trek camp will be presenting the meeting in January.

Diversity (DEI)

A movie is planned.

Nominating Committee

Work is in progress for the names for the nominating committee.

Northwest Region Florida Branch Leader Workshop AAUW

Bonnie Weaver is working on the planning for this meeting.

Beth Hicks moved to adjourn meeting

Barabara Fieldman 2nd the motion

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted 11/07/2023

Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman

Lake Sumter Florida Branch AAUW

**Lake/Sumter Florida AAUW
Board Meeting
January 9, 2024
Minutes**

Executive Committee

President: Barbara Fisler & Helen Gozdanovic

Co-President Elect: Unable to attend

Financial: Barbara Fieldman

Co-Membership: Terry Slotterback

Programs: Kathy Howe

Co-Secretary: Gay Birchard, Dee Sherman

Other Members Attending:

Tech Trek: Liz Schweers

Scholarships: Susan Gold

Katie Hamilton

Bonnie Weaver

Public Policy: Elizabeth White

Call to Order

Call to order on January 9, 2024 9:57am, in person meeting

Barbara made a motion to approve minutes from November 7, 2023 Board Meeting, Terry 2nd minutes. Minutes approved.

Finance Report presented by Barbara Fieldman

Bank account balances: General Fund Balance \$5,533.95 Reserves \$30,405.00
\$28,000.00 of the above Reserve Account is allocated for scholarships.

Tech Trek: Liz Schweers

6 students are invited to the January 27, 2024 meeting.

Next year the fee per student will be \$1,200.00.

Scholarship: Susan Gold

The Plaque is here for Golden Art, the local jewelry store that donated the gold necklace. Susan showed the blue and black plaque that was made for them.

The tickets for the necklace are still available and the drawing will be at the February meeting.

Membership: Terry Slotterback

We were reminded of the concert January 11, 2024 given by Claudia Schmidt.
Leslie is having a potluck after the concert to meet Claudia.

Nominating Committee:

Irma Mottley, Cathy Cirocco, Anne Sobococinski, and Blanche Boyne

Program: Bonnie Weaver

Leadership workshop AAUW Florida will be March 16, 2024 at Rohan Rec Center 9 – 4 pm.

Barbara Fieldman moved to adjourn meeting

Gay Berchard 2nd the motion

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully submitted

Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman

Lake Sumter Florida Branch AAUW

**Lake/Sumter AAUW
Board Meeting
February 6, 2024
Minutes**

Officers Attending:

Co-Presidents: Barbara Fisler, Helen Gozdanovic
President-Elect: Jennifer Thompson
Treasurer: Barb Fieldman
Co-Membership: Terry Slotterback, Leslie Flanders
Program: Kathy Howe
Co-Secretaries: Gay Birchard, Dee Sherman

Others Attending:

Public Policy: Elizabeth White
Tech Trek: Liz Schweers
Scholarship: Susan Gold
Communications: Beth Hicks
Linda Carpenter
Katie Haviland, Past President

Called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Barbara Fisler

Minutes from January Board Meeting: motion to approve by Jennifer Thompson and seconded by Beth Hicks.

Financial Report by Barb Fieldman:

Reserve Acc: \$3405.00
General Acc. \$6348.10

Made \$2075 from Claudia Schmidt concert in January

Motion One: Bonnie Weaver volunteered to be President-elect. Elizabeth White made the motion, and it was seconded by Barb Fieldman. The motion passed.

Motion Two: Jennifer Thompson asked for \$300.00 to scan information from the History of the Branch albums. The scans will go in the Web Site. Kathy Howe moved, and Helen Gozdanovic seconded. The motion passed.

Membership: we have 100 members

Luncheon May . Scholarship girls will be invited

Kathy Howe donated a quilt to Liz Schweers to raffle for Tech Trek

Linda Carpenter reported on DEI plans. Their plans will be in the Newsletter.

Jennifer Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Elizabeth White seconded. Meeting was adjourned: at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 2/6/24
Gay Birchard, Secretary AAUW

Board Meeting Minutes Addendum

Item for the board to discuss/vote at the February 2024 board meeting

Through the years, we have been fortunate to have members of the Lake Sumter AAUW Branch who have maintained and stored our scrapbooks.

The original charter, signed in Lake County by our charter members on November 15, 1978, is among the many historical documents. Photos and flyers from various programs, fundraising and social events have been labeled and archived in these scrapbooks spanning more than 46 years.

These are important pieces of Lake Sumter AAUW history and should be archived in a way that is accessible by all members.

- 1- I ask the board to designate up to \$300 for the scanning and digitizing the contents of these scrapbooks, so they may be available to view on our website.
- 2- I ask the board for recognition of our current historian, Ginny Rivera, for all her dedication and attention to detail in updating and maintaining these scrapbooks through the years. I recommend a certificate of appreciation be presented to Ginny at the May luncheon.

**Lake/Sumter AAUW
Board Meeting
Sheriffs Annex Facility
March 5, 2024
Minutes**

Executive Committee:

President: Helen Gozdanovic, Barbara Fisler
Co President-elect: Jennifer Thompson
Co Finance: Barbara Fieldman
Co Membership: Leslie Flanders, Terri Slotterback
Program:
Co Secretary: Gay Birchard, Dee Sherman

Other members: Susan Gold, Liz Schweers, Anne Sobocinski

Call to order at 10:45 a.m.

Affirm Quorum

Finance: Barbara Fieldman

\$32,205.00 Reserve

\$ 9,077.46 General

\$15,700.00 Tech Trek: 13 Girls are covered

Program: Barbara Fisler for program representative
AAUW Spring Luncheon... Saturday, May 4, 2024...Legacy Restaurant

Membership: Leslie Flanders
Leslie will have a coffee March 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for New Members.

Nominating Committee: Jennifer Thompson
Finance director position is open. Barbara Fieldman will stay on if needed.

Communication: Beth Hicks
A nice article was placed in the *Villages Neighbors* magazine with the last Tech Trek girls.

Scholarship:
A date to take the plaque to Gold in Art Jewelry will be set to up to take photos for the plaque presentation. The previous jewelry winners will be contacted to be in the photos.

Last year's Scholarship winners will speak briefly at the Spring Luncheon.

Tech Trek: Liz Schweers

13 girls were selected and interviewed and by March 30th the selections will be made by the state of FL.

The members and organizations that are sponsors will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Public Policy:

Susan Gold and Elizabeth White are writing an article for the Newsletter....Women & the State of Work.

Hospitality: Mary Ann Swisher

Regional AAUW meeting will be March 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Rohan Rec Center

Fundraising:

Election money will be coming into AAUW.

Diversity:

This Sunday a movie and snacks will be in order.

Next board meeting is April 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Barbara Fieldman made a motion to adjourn and Terry Slotterback seconded.

Meeting adjourned 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted October 28, 2023

Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman

Lake/Sumter Florida Branch AAUW

**Lake/Sumter Florida AAUW
Board Meeting
April 2, 2024
Minutes**

Executive Committee

President: Barbara Fisler
Co-President Elect: Jennifer Thompson
Financial: Barbara Fieldman
Co-Membership: Leslie Flanders
Programs: Kathy Howe
Co-Secretary: Gay Birchard, Dee Sherman

Other Members Attending:

Tech Trek: Liz Schweers
Scholarships: Susan Gold
Co-Secretary elect: Sandy Plano
Public Policy elect: Sue Laluk
Communication: Bev Hicks
Past President: Katie Haviland

Affirm quorum

Call to Order

Call to order on April 2, 2024, at 10:05 a.m., in-person meeting at The Sheriffs' Annex Building.

Barbara made a motion to approve minutes from March 5, 2024, Board Meeting, Jennifer seconded motion. Minutes approved.

Finance Report presented by Barb Fieldman

\$10,490.39 General Fund Balance
\$32,605.00 Reserve Account

Program: Kathy Howe

The May luncheon is on track with the 30 reservations needed for the room. The total reservations expected should be 40 – 50. An email reminder will be sent out. Susan Gold has the previous Scholarship girls arranged to speak at luncheon.

The Mah Jongg Celebration, Farewell-to-the-Old-Card, was well attended. This proved to be a great fundraiser. A thank you to Gay Birchard and Susan Gold who helped with set-up.

Membership: Leslie Flanders

103 AAUW members

\$104.00 Dues -Renew by computer at AAUW.org Leslie sends out an email the beginning of the month for members that will have their membership expire that month.

A concert is being planned for next year and Leslie is looking for suggestions for Venue for approximately 300 people.

Communication: Bev Hicks

The Lake County Expansion will be the focus for new members in the fall.

Scholarship: Susan Gold

The Gold in Art Jewelry store is still on the list for a photo when Richie recovers from his ski accident.

Eight applications for scholarships will be reviewed by the 3rd week of April. At the May luncheon the scholarship winners will be announced.

Tech Trek: Liz Schweers

The state of Florida AAUW approved all Tech Trek campers from four area schools. Jennifer made a motion to cover the application fee for two girls. It was seconded by Bev and motion was passed.

All donors will be acknowledged in the newsletter. The financial contributors: All One Family, Inc., Friends of the Villages Library, The Baha*1 Faith Group, The Villages Pop, The Evening Rotary Club, members, neighbors, and friends.

All March election support workers are given a special thank you for their contributions. Susan Hanson-Otis and husband David, Jennifer Thompson, Leslie Flanders, Beth Hicks, Jacquie Latzer, Mary Place and husband Charles, Katie Haviland and Liz Schweers.

Public Policy: Sue Laluk

All of the above will be published in the newsletter.

Hospitality & Sunshine

Ann Marie Lombardi, hospitality representative is in search for someone for this committee.

Diversity:**Fund raising:**

Jennifer made a proposal to add adopt- a -precinct as a chairman to the board. Beth moved to add this and Susan 2nd. Motion was approved.

Historian:

Jenny Rivera is moving to California. Therefore, Linda Carpenter has scrapbooks and Jennifer is working on scanning them for a permanent record.

Singles Group: Liz Schweers

The group has 18 members.

The 1st Sunday of the month is game day at Fishhawk R.C.

May luncheon at Bountiful Farms.

June The Villages Pop concert.

Next board meeting is May 7, 2024, at The Sheriffs' Annex Facility.

Kathy moved to adjourn meeting

Leslie seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Respectfully submitted

Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman

Lake Sumter Florida Branch AAUW

Special Meeting Request with Board by Susan Gold
April 27, 2024
11:30 a.m. after the General Meeting
Minutes

Scholarship Committee requested spending another \$2,000.00 for one additional scholarship. Susan Gold made this motion and Beth Hicks 2nd. Board approved one more scholarship.

Beth Hicks made a motion to adjourn meeting and Barb Fieldman 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted April 19, 2024
Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman, Secretaries
Lake/Sumter Florida Branch AAUW

**Lake/Sumter AAUW
Board Meeting
Sumter County Sheriff Annex
May 7, 2024
Minutes**

Executive Committee:

Presidents: Helen Gozdanovic, Barbara Fisler
Co-President-elect: Jennifer Thompson
Co-Finance:
Co-Membership: Leslie Flanders, Terri Slotterback
Program:
Public Policy: Susan Laluk
Co-Secretary: Dee Sherman, Gay Birchard

Other members: Sandy Plano, Ann Marie Lombardi, Katie Haviland

Call to order at 10:00 a.m.

Affirm Quorum

Motion to accept last Board Meeting minutes: Jennifer Thompson moved, and Leslie Flanders seconded; motion carried.

Finance: no report, renewals \$103 of dues. On line.

Next year Ann Marie Lombardi will chair Hospitality and SunShine.

Ann Marie Lombardi presented a proposal for next year. We had a long discussion. It will be included in this report.

Terri Slotterback moved and Leslie Flanders seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Gay Birchard & Dee Sherman, Secretaries
Lake Sumter Branch AAUW