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SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 6, 2024

ATTENDEES: Olga Saubermann, Sue Aberbach (co-chairpersons), Nancy Fairchild, Linda Frigon, Sara Keaney

LOCATION: Zoom meeting **Time:** 10-11am

1. Minutes

- October 17, 2024, minutes were unanimously approved with the following correction: under Financial Report second bullet change our to are.

2. Financial Report

- Linda reported we have a total of \$84,000 in checking and money market. Much of this money came from our membership. \$25,000 will be moved into an account that makes more interest and will be our rainy day fund in the event our income decreases. It is estimated that profit from the Book Author Luncheon will be \$21,000. This will give us \$64,800 available for 2025-2026.
- There was discussion about including students younger than college age for grants, but we decided that we could not as it is not stated in our mission statement.

3. Roles and Responsibilities for Scholarship Selection Committee

- Sue has emailed the roles and responsibilities of this committee. Judith will assist with the communications aspects of the committee.

4. NCCWSL Changes

- National AAUW is handing over the NCCWSL conference to NASPA which includes college administrators involved in college life. If you go to their website, you will see they sponsor many conferences. Sue contacted them, and they were very receptive and answered all her questions. Olga will offer our grant recipients the first option of attending a conference.

5. Ideas for New Scholarship Initiatives—York Prison

- Trinity College offers courses for women prisoners at York Prison. Can we help with this program or help after they are released from prison or give assistance to their daughter? Does it meet our mission statement? We support students, not the college. Think of any questions we can ask the Co-Directors of the Trinity program: Anna Terwiel and Joe Lea.

6. Publicity

- On the grant application age and residency will be emphasized. The applicant needs to be 20 years old by Dec. 31, 2024.

- Gloria Gery did a great deal of publicity via Facebook last year, covering 90 towns.
 - The committee needs to find someone who is computer savvy. Sue will speak with Barbara Dimberg to see if she can help with a Facebook page and other computer needs.
 - The poster cannot be revised until we decide how much money to give. We have \$40,000 so 8 students could receive \$5,000 each or 10 students could receive \$4,000 each. This will be decided at the next meeting.
- 7. Preparing for January 4th tea with Ed. Grant recipients**
- Sue has emailed and texted our Grant recipients about the Jan. tea. So far four can attend.

Next Meeting: January 22, 2025, at 10am via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Fairchild
Recording Secretary