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Program Planning Update:

— from Tammy Hewuse, Program Chair

A few of us met to do some program planning for the year on Friday, July 16. The following are our tentative plans. Please look them over and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

- We are looking at meeting overall on the last Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.
- We discussed offering light snacks at each meeting.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 28 and it will be open

to the public. Cindy Zahrte has agreed to follow up on our gerrymandering information and discussion. We are still working on a location for this meeting.

Our second meeting will be on October 26 and it will be at the Tammy Hewuse home 404 Vandervort St. It will be a panel of 3 to 4 young women sharing their stories in regards to their experiences of acceptance, inclusion, equity, different issues at work or school or just in their general life. So far Tia Hewuse and Clara Krause have agreed to do this. We have two other women that I am connecting with.

There will be a meeting November 30. The topic is still being looked into.

We are hoping to have the Christmas social Saturday, December 18 and still waiting on confirmation on that.

January 25 will be a book/movie discussion where each person can choose a book or movie to read or watch in regards to something having to do with our mission. There are several examples on the AAUW website for reference. We will each share out what we've read or watched. This meeting could also be in person or by zoom depending on weather and your preference.

February 22 is another meeting date option; working on confirmation.

March 29 would be an option for women's history month at the Best Western.

April 26 is our hope for the documentary and HELLO GIRLS that we were previously not able to host due to Covid. So hopefully we can get those details worked out for that!



May 31 would be our annual meeting where we each pay for our own meal.

We discussed sharing our individual stories monthly throughout the year.

Deb Young is attending a class and will present on issues she's learning about in her class in regards to gender equality, women's empowerment, technology and connectivity. This will be open to the public and she is flexible with her schedule so it will be plugged in to one of our open months. Thank you Deb!

Deb Theil is working on connecting with the La Crosse Branch, working on STEM topic, and working out the details of the documentary. Thank you, Deb!

Locations we are looking into meeting at are Perkins, the chamber, and Vino Anjo.

We would like to talk about recruitment ideas at our first meeting as well. We failed to bring up fundraising at our meeting so that is something we will need to discuss further.

We are really working to focus on aligning our programs with the mission of AAUW. We want to focus on economic security, STEM, diversity and equity, social justice and inclusion.

A finalizing meeting will occur on August 23 at 6:30 at Tammy Hewuse home 404 Vandervort. All are welcome. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to what you've seen so far, please reply to all. We so look forward to learning and growing together this year!

Thank you to Bonnie for sending this out to all of our members.

Tammy, Program Chair

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