



# Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance

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## Ames Chapter

Ames Chapter #158  
Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2023

### **Call to Order:**

The July Membership Planning Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Carla Danielson at 6:17 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Pasta Al Forno Italian Restaurant in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Cheryl Carlile, Kate Mulder, Jan Duffy, Lisa Palmersheim, Karen Jacobson, Carla Danielson, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

### **Minutes**

Karen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2023 membership meeting as printed in the bulletin. Cheryl seconded the motion that was approved.

### **Treasurer's Report and Budget:**

Cheryl distributed copies of the financial report for June and YTD comparison of actual vs. budget for the year. The balance in the general fund was \$5,076.20. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$3,839.46. Of this balance, \$2,350 is restricted for the Kathy Strum scholarship and the remaining balance of \$1,489.46 is available for the Beverly Wandling Memorial Scholarship. We noted that there was no charge for the room for tonight's meeting. We discussed the option of paying a certain amount if we do not meet specific attendance for our meetings. We tabled further discussion of the budget until more planning is done. The financial statements will be placed on file for review.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

**Goals:** Goals will be kept simple as in previous years.

Provide 7 hours of CPE.

Net of 2 new members. Current membership is 17.

**Networking Lunch:** Cindy will send out a survey about days that work best for networking lunches. She will put together a schedule for the coming year.

**Membership:** The idea of hosting another lunch and learn was brought up.

**Program Ideas:**

The option of doing a mix of virtual meetings and in-person meetings was discussed. We noted the issue that it is difficult to look for speakers when attendance is low.

Mike Duffy will be presenting at the August meeting which will be an in-person meeting. The Ames chapter will host the joint meeting with the Des Moines Chapter in October. A suggestion for this meeting was to do something on Artificial Intelligence/ChatGPT possibly by Diane Janvrin. Last year's meeting was a Waterfront Seafood Market in Ankeny which is a potential location for this year's meeting. Other possible topics for meetings are a tax update for November, mentoring vs. advocacy, self-care for working individuals. December will be the Christmas party with no meeting in January.

We also discussed the need to have a business meeting every month. We would like to keep the meetings shorter so can look at limiting the discussion or not having a business meeting each month. Business to be accomplished needs to be determined in advance of the meetings.

**Scholarship:**

Jan will update the application and get it distributed. Donations are needed for the scholarship fund.

**Announcements:**

Member of the year nominations are due by Friday, July 14 to Lisa.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Sippel  
Secretary