

AAUPW Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
6:00 p.m. on Zoom

President: Karen Frankenstein
Vice President: Lena Bittl
Treasurer: Robin Coker
Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Soeder
Dig. Com. Cord.: Claudia Ziersch
GNO: Pamela Thompson

Donations/Mammalade für Karla e. V.

For donations in general, the Board will decide on how much.

Re: Mammalade – we will make a one-time donation now, and revisit it again in the spring. The suggestion that a future donation go directly to the women's shelter was raised as an alternative possibility.

Board agreed by show of hands that we donate 200 Euros to Mammalade für Karla e.V.
Robin will get in touch with Jane.

A program or talk from Marmalade would be welcome, but only if they can do it in English. Their new video could be shown at next meeting possibly – or a link to the video can be put in newsletter. We will ask Jane to write a paragraph for the newsletter.

Problem with members leaving restaurant without fully paying.

Elizabeth wrote a note in the last newsletter. Other suggestions?
Pay when you order.
Pass out a piece a paper/Bierdeckel to everyone so each person can write down as their order.
Talk to Dennis and ask him for suggestions – *Karen will do this.*

Dues – where are we with renewals?

Over half of last year's members have paid -- 35 paid dues out of 62 last year.
Currently 4 days to deadline.
Deadline will be extended to the 18th (Meeting date) and dues can be paid in cash at the meeting.
Robin will write a reminder to go out with the meeting reminder.

Holiday party, 4th of July.

Possible party committee? It was suggested that we have a separate party committee.
Vice President said it is not too much of a burden to organize parties as part of the Program Committee – only finding a place is difficult.

Holiday Party is planned for Friday, December 8th.
If we have the Holiday Party at the IBZ it will cost 255 Euros -- 4x the amount of money more than if we were to become an e.V. We currently have a reservation there via Lena. Insurance may still be an issue as the venue is reserved in Lena's name.

Elizabeth mentioned that Ellen would be willing ask at the Hort where we had the party last year.

Elizabeth will ask Ellen to check.

Claudia will also ask IMMA if we could use their brunch place.

Decision about becoming e.V.

Club Insurance. We found out that insurance for single events is not possible. Only for companies.

The topic of becoming an e.V. was brought to the membership at the last meeting. A lot of members are against the idea. Kristy sent an email discussing the subject.

The possibility of becoming a non-registered Verein (nicht eingetragene Verein) was raised.

Claudia will ask her insurance company if we can get insurance within this kind of structure.

Is it possible to put disclaimers on invitations? We need legal advice on this.

Claudia will draft some wording to this effect to use right away. This can be adjusted/refined as we find out more information.

GNO will add similar wording to next invitations for GNO events.

In general, insurance comes in to play differently for regular meetings because a club meeting is a regular event—a repeating club (e.V.) event.

4th of July party incident where a member hurt herself, by accidentally going down the basement stairs. Lena took pictures of basement door opening the next day, at the same time of day the incident happened. There has been no legal action, although the member has asked Lena to make sure her house is safer.

In the future, if the member approaches Lena to talk about the incident, Lena should direct her to Karen.

Website – transition to new Coordinator

Carolina has worked on the Website twice so far.

By January, she will be up to speed. Until then – *send all newsletter info to both Carolina and Claudia.*

There was a complaint at the last meeting about having cookies on the website. This topic has been brought up a few times previously. In general, it is no longer required that you explicitly state that you have cookies on a website. Functional cookies are a given. One option is to take off the banner about the cookies completely, but this might not put the issue to rest.

We were reminded that we do have general club rules, opting out of photos that go on the website, for instance.

The Board decided that *the President write to the member with the complaint*, saying that we have discussed the issue and our decision is that she either stays off the website or accepts that there are cookies. This will be in writing (email) in order to preserve a written record of the conversation.

Other Items

We will go back to having written agenda and minutes. This was forgotten the last couple of meetings.