



American Association of University Women  
Capital Branch  
April 4, 2017  
Capital Branch Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Marty McGarry	Flo Bedrosian
Phyllis Tirado	Lin Nary	Shirley Hammon
JoAnn Carpenter	Diane Koditek	Nancy Stiles
Caroline Punches	Mary Piper	Jill Hetherton
Barbara LeBlanc	Jan Sullivan	Louise Seidel
Lynne Ballatore	Mary Castro Wilson	Christine Perdomo
Susan Schmid	Nancy Martin	

The April business meeting was held at the Carson City Sheriff's Office located at 911 E. Musser St, Carson City. President Caroline Punches called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. There were no speakers scheduled for the meeting.

President Punches asked members and guests to take part in an exercise to help everyone get better acquainted with those in various positions within the AAUW chapter and national organization. She also shared a letter from Board Chair Patricia Fae Ho in response to a letter she received regarding the number and content of Action Alerts being sent by the National AAUW organization. The letter reiterated the goals of the national organization which although are not partisan, are political in nature and indicated that we need to continue to articulate those goals.

**Election of Branch Officers for Next Year:** Diane Koditek was asked to report on the nominees as announced in the newsletter. They are as follows: Caroline Punches, President; Marty McGarry and Judy Welch, Program Vice Presidents; Mary Wilson, Membership Vice President; JoAnn Carpenter and Lynne Ballatore, Recording Secretaries; Shirley Williams, Corresponding Secretary and Barbara LeBlanc, Treasurer. Marty McGarry moved to elect the slate as read, Phyllis Tirado seconded and all voted in favor of the motion.

**Budget/Financial:** Current Treasurer Phyllis Tirado reported that we have a balance of \$14,933 currently in our checking account and \$3,150 in savings. Local Scholarship funds have not yet been disbursed to selected recipients for this year. Income from dues is slightly off, but the bulk of those monies come in May and June. President Punches went through the Proposed

2017 -18 FY Budget. She indicated our net income was greater than expected. There is a line item for Community Projects as a means to allocate the additional income to programs/projects that we have not previously been able to fund. Several types of programs were discussed including expansion of Work Smart, a program to assist women enhance their negotiating skills to be debuted this month by the chapter and possible STEM programs for middle school girls. President Panches indicated there is a committee that has been set up to review programs and present them to the membership at a later date should this item be approved in the proposed budget. Nancy Stiles made a motion to adopt the proposed budget as presented, Mary Wilson seconded, all in attendance approved the motion.

**Scholarships:** President Panches asked for a report from Mary Piper, chair of the Scholarship Committee. Mary indicated the committee is in the process of getting applications for this year's scholarships. The applications must be received by April 11 and the committee will meet on April 13 to review them. Mary will check with Carolyn Kellogg to determine if they had a grading system with previous reviews, if not she would like to institute one. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the branch meeting in May which will be a luncheon at Joanie's Creekside.

**Membership:** Membership Vice President, Mary Castro Wilson indicated we had three new members in attendance, Jan Sullivan, Susan Schmid, and Nancy Martin. There was also one guest in attendance. Mary further indicated that dues will be due by the September meeting.

**Programs:** President Panches then introduced Program Vice President, Marty McGarry. Marty passed out a survey asking for feedback on this year's programs and meals.

**Public Policy:** President Panches then introduced Nancy Stiles, our Public Policy Chair. Nancy went through quite a few of the bills before the legislature that would address issues important to AAUW National. Nancy indicated that the Nevada legislative website is easy to use and encouraged members to go online and support the bills that dealt with AAUW issues. She also noted that the AAUW website has useful information about the bills being discussed.

Diane Koditek announced the casual luncheon for April will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Red's in Carson City. President Panches distributed a schedule of Key Dates for AAUW's National Election and encouraged us all to vote on the officers as well as bylaw and public policy changes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JoAnn Carpenter  
Secretary