



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
February 4, 2016
Capital Branch Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Marty McGarry	Mary Piper
Donna Curtis	Louise Seidel	Mary Moffitt
JoAnn Carpenter	Carolyn Kellogg	Nancy Stiles
Jill Doremus	Shirley Hammon	Eleanor Phillips
Judy Welch	Susan Haas	Jennifer Verive
Flo Bedrosian	Peggy Wozniak	Betty Young
Linda Ladendorf	Linda Sekiguchi	Maureen Smith
Barbara LeBlanc	Lin Nary	Holly Van Valkenburgh
Sharon Swanson		

President Jane Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M. The venue for this meeting was the UNR Cooperative Extension Building in Carson City. President Johnson began by introducing new members and guests. She then introduced Flo Bedrosian, Committee Chair for the Annual Feast of Chocolate for a report on the upcoming event. Flo asked members to let her know if they needed more tickets for this month's event. She also wanted everyone who took tickets to check in with her about what they have sold and return any extra tickets to her. Flo also asked for volunteers who can work at the event. Nancy Stiles reported on the Silent Auction and raffle items that have been donated for Feast of Chocolate so far. We have 22 raffle items and 9 silent auction items. Nancy indicated she needed the donations by Saturday, February 6 to have them ready for the February 13 event.

President Johnson called on Nancy Stiles to report on the branch meeting for the coalition that has been formed with AAUW's Reno Branch, AAUW's State Council, Nevada Women's Lobby, League of Women Voters, Women of Washoe, Nevada Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates, and Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada. Nancy read the cover letter that will be sent to all state legislators asking for yes or no answers to questions on topics of common interest prepared by the coalition that might be on the agenda for possible legislative action. Responses from the legislators will be collated and provided to all coalition members.

Nancy also informed members about the March meeting. The meeting will be a panel discussion. The panel will include school superintendents from Carson City, Douglas County, and Lyon County. The subject will be Title IX and how it is implemented in the various districts.

Nancy also indicated that the State Council for AAUW will have a 2016 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in New Mexico in July. The Nevada State Conference will be in Boulder City, NV. There is a need for officers for the State Council.

Judy Welch provided information on an upcoming Sierra Forum. The forum is about Smart Cities and will be held at the Brewery Art Center. The Sierra Forum for March will be a movie, "Merchants of Doubt". The topic of the movie concerns how businesses advertise in a manner that denies scientific conclusions to public issues in order to insure maximum profits.

Nancy Stiles, Vice-President for Programs introduced The Honorable Dorothy Nash Holmes, Judge of Department 3 in Reno. She spoke on the topic of drugs and the potential overuse of incarceration for minor offenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary