



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
February 7, 2017
Capital Branch Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Marty McGarry	Tamara Nance
Nancy Bailey	Lin Nary	Janice Noble
JoAnn Carpenter	Iris Blaisdell	Nancy Stiles
Caroline Punches	Jill Doremus	Christine Perdomo
Barbara LeBlanc	Diane Koditek	Louise Seidel
Lynne Ballatore	Anita Habberfield	Mary Piper
Mary Castro-Wilson	Flo Bedrosian	Judy Welch
Holly Van Valkenburgh	Shirley Williams	Betty Young
Nancy Bowen	Susan Klekar	Maureen Smith
Phyllis Tirado	Barbara Wall	Eleanor Phillips
Anne Elson		

The February 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 5:30 PM.

Program Speaker Introduction: President Punches asked Judy Welch to introduce the speakers for the evening program. The topic was how best to advocate for AAUW issues during the upcoming legislative session. Elisa Cafferata, President and CEO of the Nevada Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates, Inc., spoke on behalf of women's health care issues. Marlene Lockard, a lobbyist with her own practice spoke on issues related to pay equity, the ERA, day care, firearms, domestic violence, and health care.

Public Policy: President Punches then introduced Nancy Stiles, our Public Policy Chair. Nancy sent a sign-up sheet around asking members who are willing to participate in advocating for issues to sign up for the issues of greatest import to them. Nancy also discussed a training session held on January 30 regarding how best to inform legislators of your views on the many pieces of legislation that will be part of the upcoming session. There will be a follow up session on February 25 for those interested. Nancy urged all members to look on the National AAUW website to get action alerts on various bills under the 2-minute activist tab. She indicated it is a

very easy way to express support for AAUW issues, for those who cannot more actively participate.

Membership: President Punches asked Mary Castro-Wilson to report on membership. We currently have 61 members. Mary also introduced the new members and guests present.

Feast of Chocolate: President Punches asked Flo Bedrosian to update the group on our Feast of Chocolate fundraiser which will take place on February 11, 2017 at the Plaza Hotel and Event Center from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Friday, February 10th will be set-up day. Volunteers need to be at the Plaza by noon to help on the day of the event, Saturday, February 11. The raffle portion will start at 2:30.

Community Projects: The Capital Branch collaborates with Western Nevada College to provide workshops designed to help them be successful in their college and work life. AAUW National offers two types of Salary Negotiation workshops - Start Smart and Work. Both Peggy Wozniak and Jennifer Verive have completed the facilitation workshops and are hoping to present a Work Smart program at WNC in April.

Reminders: President Punches reminded members about the 2017 AAUW National Election one woman one vote policy. From April 14 to June 15 members can vote on the next Board of Directors and proposed changes to the Public Policy Program as well as amendments to the AAUW bylaws. President Punches indicated there will be time to review potential changes at our branch's business meeting in April. She also reiterated that membership lists are for member use only. Members cannot use email lists for things not related to AAUW and should refrain from sending emails to "all". Marty McGarry indicated that the tentative speaker for March will be Jill Derby and her topic would be Life in the Middle East. Diane Koditek indicated the monthly luncheon will be at Adele's on February 9th. Carolyn Kellogg has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee this year. The election will cover the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Nancy Stiles indicated that AAUW State Council will have two positions open if anyone in our branch wanted to volunteer for that.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary