



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
June 28, 2016
Board Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Diane Koditek	Caroline Punches
JoAnn Carpenter	Judy Welch	Peggy Wozniak
Flo Bedrosian	Barbara LeBlanc	Nancy Stiles
Mary Castro-Wilson	Lin Nary	Phyllis Tirado
Mary Moffit		

The meeting was held at the home of Jane Johnson and called to order at 6:15 PM, by incoming President Caroline Punches.

Successes/Needed Improvements: Successes included increased membership for the branch, a good year for the pecan sale fundraiser, excellent programs, new help with Facebook, and how well everyone followed through with their individual responsibilities. Improvements needed included better marketing for the Feast of Chocolate fundraiser, involving members more at monthly meetings, establishing a Marketing Committee, and increasing collaboration with other women’s groups. The group also discussed meeting locations. The question of a meeting space has become more critical as it appears to be more limited. Additional venues discussed included the Sheriff’s Office, Grandma Hattie’s, and the Elks Lodge in Carson. There was also a discussion about a permanent location instead of different venues each month.

Role of Board of Directors: President Elect Punches handed out a copy of sections of the AAUW bylaws relating to duties, makeup of the board, and powers and duties. Size of the board was discussed and it was decided that the bylaws allowed for chapter discretion and everyone felt the current board was constituted well to meet branch needs. It was also suggested that future review should be done to ensure this continues. Only three regular meetings of the board are required. Jane Johnson has agreed to get a committee together to establish written branch Policies and Procedures this year for the Capital Branch.

Banking Resolution: With the change in officers new signatories are required for the Wells Fargo AAUW Capital Branch Account. Flo Bedrosian moved to add our new Membership Chair, Mary Castro Wilson to the account. Diane Koditek seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phyllis Tirado provided a breakdown of bank balances for the July 1, 2015 through June 27, 2015 period. Judy Welch moved to accept the balance sheet and Mary Wilson seconded the motion with all members approving.

Membership: Membership renewal status was discussed. 49 branch members and 3 life members have renewed for 2016-17. The 2016-17 Membership brunch will be held at Mary Castro Wilson's home on September 10. There is \$100 in the budget for membership expenses. Mary passed around a sign-up sheet for donations of food items. Mary will send a Save the Date email and Evites early in August.

Membership Program Survey Results: President Elect PUNCHES handed out a breakdown of survey results. The response rate was very good. Many respondents were willing to volunteer time to various branch activities. President Elect PUNCHES will be getting a Marketing group together this summer.

Public Policy: Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair described the branch participation in the AAUW grant funded public policy program. Several other women's groups are participating in this AAUW Nevada project which led to a survey of public officials and their stand on equity pay, leave, wages, workers' rights, family planning, childcare and Title IX. She also discussed an October 11, 12, and 18th forums at the Brewery Arts Center in collaboration with League of Women Voters and Sierra Nevada Forums. President Elect PUNCHES asked for a branch financial contribution to this forum. There was discussion about the amount and Nancy Stiles moved the branch provide \$300 toward the event, Phyllis Tirado seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 22 at Caroline PUNCHES home. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary