



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
March 1, 2017
Board Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Judy Welch	Caroline Punches
JoAnn Carpenter	Mary Castro-Wilson	Nancy Stiles
Phyllis Tirado		

The meeting was held at Adams Hub in Carson City and was called to order at 11:40 AM, by President Caroline Punches. President Punches asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no changes.

Feast of Chocolate: The Feast of Chocolate committee met after the event to review how we can improve it for next year. There were 228 tickets turned in and only capacity for 200 at the Plaza venue. The committee discussed alternatives for 2018, but determined that the Plaza was probably the best place for the event. They determined it would be better to limit the number of tickets and increase the price to \$15 for those tickets sold prior and \$20 for tickets sold at the door if they are available. The raffle worked well. Nancy Stiles will look for someone to mentor for next year's event.

Public Policy: Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair indicated that she has met with several other groups regarding common legislative policy goals for the 2017 Nevada legislative session. The various groups are asking members to get involved by writing letters, attending sessions, calling legislators, monitoring legislation as it is being prepared, and personally meeting with and potential legislators regarding AAUW's stand on issues.

Membership: Mary Castro Wilson indicated she has spoken with someone at National AAUW about increasing membership. We currently have 61 members and she believes we will have 65 by the end of March.

Scholarships: Mary Piper was not in attendance, but provided a report. She has delivered scholarship packets to the various high schools and indicated she would like to establish a "Friend" program for each scholarship recipient. It was suggested that the scholarship application be placed on the Capital Branch website.

WNC Partnership: Our Work Smart program will be on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Members Jennifer Verive and Peggy Wozniak will be presenting. Several members will preview the presentation on March 11.

Social Media: Barbara LeBlanc presented Facebook Guidelines in January which were adopted by the board. Some members were concerned that other social media postings were not included. The policy was revised by Lin Nary and Caroline Panches and was presented to the board.

Financial Report: Treasurer Phyllis Tirado, Barbara LeBlanc, Jane Johnson and President Panches worked on a budget that will be presented to the membership at the April business meeting. There was discussion about the potential of raising dues. Both National AAUW and State AAUW are planning for an upcoming increase. No action was recommended for a Branch specific dues increase. Judy Welch moved that the Proposed Budget as provided to the board be presented to the membership in April. The motion was seconded by Nancy Stiles and approved unanimously.

Programs: Judy Welch indicated we will have a brief explanation and power point presentation by Susan Schmid of the Nevada legislative website at the March meeting. Judy further indicated she will try to determine if there is space availability next year for Capital Branch to meet on a different day of the week since several members cannot meet the first Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary