



American Association of University Women
 Capital Branch
 Saturday, September 9, 2017
 Membership Meeting Minutes

Members Attending			
Gail Aldrich	Linda Kijanka	Mary Piper	Mary Anne Convis
Flo Bedrosian	Susan Klekar	Caroline Punches	Peggy Wozniak
JoAnn Carpenter	Diane Koditek	Lynne Ballatore	Jill Hetherton
Mary Castro-Wilson	Barbara LeBlanc	Iris Blaisdale	Barbara Jepsen
Donna Curtis	Marty Ann McGarry	Louise Seidel	Jane Johnson
Shirley Hammon	Mary Moffitt	Maureen Smith	Beth Mancl
Carolyn Kellogg	Lin Nary	Jennifer Verive	Nancy Martin
Tamara Nance	Janice Noble	Eleanor Phillips	Linda Sekiguchi
Kathy Steinle	Nancy Stiles	Pam Suchsland	Cindy White
Jill Doremus			

This meeting was a brunch for members and guests who might be interested in joining AAUW. There were 37 members in attendance and 17 prospective members. It was held in the Nevada Room at the Governor’s Mansion.

After the buffet brunch, Caroline introduced special guests Gloria “Teri” Sandoval, Program Chair for the Reno Branch of AAUW and Governor Brian Sandoval’s mother, several members from the Incline Chapter of AAUW and three life members. President Punches followed the introductions with a session dedicated to providing information about the mission of AAUW. She also indicated how Capital Branch works toward promoting goals to accomplish that overall mission of helping to support programs that provide equity for women and girls. She then played a video covering specific information about how the National AAUW organization supports the mission.

Marty McGarry gave an overview of the mission based programs planned for this year. She also indicated that our group will continue to meet at the Sheriff’s Office in the Ormsby Room on the first Tuesday of the month.

Diane Koditek explained the breadth of interest groups enjoyed by members. She mentioned the Great Decisions Group, the Gourmet Group and the two Book Groups (Day and Evening). Diane further indicated that there was interest in starting a knitting group. She also said if anyone had an idea for an additional group they should contact her. Sign-up sheets were on tables at the back of the room for those interested in signing up for one of the groups.

Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair, presented information regarding how public policy actions can be supported through visiting the National AAUW website and signing up to hear about what

action individual members can take to let congressional representatives know how we feel about issues.

Carolyn Kellogg described our fall fund raiser. She will be taking over as Chair for the Pecan Sales Committee. Flo Bedrosian and Susan Klekar discussed the winter fundraiser, the Feast of Chocolate. It will be held on February 10, 2018 from 1PM to 3PM at the Plaza. Caroline addressed the group about how these fundraisers provide funding for scholarships, both local and national. She further indicated that we will be planning additional local programs to assist girls and women.

Jennifer Verive shared results of the Capital Branch's first effort at a Work Smart program. This program helps people negotiate for better wages. The next Work Smart will be held on October 21st. It will be aimed at organizations and community leaders and is by invitation only.

President Punches ended the presentation with a thank you to all who attended and an invitation to all guests to join the branch. She reiterated that our Branch is a no-guilt organization. She wanted guests to understand that they can participate as little or as much as they would like to in the organization's various programs.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary