



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
January 18, 2017
Board Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Diane Koditek	Caroline Punches
JoAnn Carpenter	Linda Sekiguchi	Nancy Stiles
Flo Bedrosian	Barbara LeBlanc	Marty McGarry
Mary Castro-Wilson	Lin Nary	

The meeting was held at Adams Hub in Carson City and was called to order at 11:35 AM, by President Caroline Punches. President Punches asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. Mary Castro-Wilson indicated that the minutes failed to include her report presented at the November 15, 2016 meeting which provided an update of the membership totals and a recap of the Fall Membership Brunch. Marty McGarry moved that the minutes be approved as amended and Mary Castro-Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phyllis Tirado could not make the meeting. Phyllis provided a Financial Report and Caroline compared the expenditures to the existing branch budget. The major portion of branch income is derived from membership dues and they will not be due until April. Pecan sales should net the branch approximately \$4,000. Left over pecans will be for sale at our Feast of Chocolate fundraiser in February.

Feast of Chocolate: Flo Bedrosian, committee chair for the event will provide Jane Johnson with ticket sale numbers. Jane is handling distribution of tickets and collection of monies from those sales. She is also willing to contact people who did not take tickets at our general branch meeting to see if they would take some to sell. Lin Nary indicated that the flyer for this event is on the website. This will allow members to run any copies they want to post in locations around the area. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around for those members who are able to help on the day of the event. The board indicated that volunteers who plan to take part in sampling the chocolate should pay for a ticket. Barbara LeBlanc will put the flyer on our Facebook page. Flo has put the event on the Visitor's Bureau calendar and contacted the Nevada Appeal about posting on their Calendar of Events. Linda Sekiguchi provided a CVI gift certificate as a raffle prize.

Programs and Meeting locations: Marty McGarry indicated that the speakers for the February 7, 2017 meeting are Marlene Lockart and Elisa Cafferata. Ms. Lockart will share information about the upcoming legislative session and Ms. Cafferata will share information about Planned Parenthood. There was a discussion about how to get members to respond earlier to the request for RSVP's for the meetings. Additionally, people aren't contributing enough in the tip jar to fully cover the costs of the dinners. Nancy Stiles moved to increase the amount charged for dinners from \$10.00 to \$12.00 to cover the costs, Barbara LeBlanc seconded the motion and the board voted approval.

Community Support Project: A committee has been established to review the options available for supporting educational goals established by the branch. Jane Johnson has agreed to chair the committee. A Fundraising Review Committee will be convened to determine various means for funding the possible options

the Community Support Project group finds. The funding committee won't start meeting until after Feast of Chocolate.

Fellowships: Linda Sekiguchi asked how the branch fellowship grantees were selected. President Panches explained that after consultation with AAUW National it was suggested that the best choice was to select fellowships that were close to being funded. Linda thought our preference was to find a recipient in our geographical area. President Panches indicated that would have been the first choice, but none were available locally to fund.

Social Media: Barbara LeBlanc presented the board with a list of possible posting rules for the AAUW Facebook page. A suggestion to have the Facebook page encourage viewers to pursue our Branch website was added. Barbara agreed to add the change to the policy. Policy was adopted.

Public Policy: Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair indicated that she would like to provide financial support for Grassroots Lobby Days. There was a discussion about what types of organizations our branch could support with AAUW funds. It was noted that the branch had previously supported Grassroots Lobby Days. Nancy moved that we donate \$100 to the Nevada Women's Lobby for support of the 2017 Grassroots Lobby Days. Mary Castro-Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Scholarships: Neither Mary Moffitt nor Mary Piper were able to attend, but a Scholarship Committee Report was provided.

Miscellaneous: WNC has decided that they are not able to present the Salary Negotiation workshop this spring at WNC. Peggy Wozniak and Jennifer Verive are looking at other options. Mary Castro Wilson reported that we currently have 59 members, but she is expecting additional new members in the coming months. Carolyn Kellogg has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. The next board meeting will be March 22 at 11:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary