



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
March 6, 2018
Capital Branch Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Shirley Williams	Jill Hetherton
Lynne Ballatore	Louise Seidel	Holly Van Valkenburgh
JoAnn Carpenter	Jennifer Verive	Nancy Stiles
Jill Doremus	Diane Koditek	Lin Nary
Judy Welch	Donna Curtis	Mary Piper
Flo Bedrosian	Janice Noble	Caroline Punches
Iris Blaisdale	Barbara LeBlanc	Mary Moffitt
Mary Castro Wilson	Maureen Smith	Nancy Bailey

President Caroline Punches called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM. The meeting was held at the Carson City Sheriff's Office located at 911 E. Musser St, Carson City. President Punches introduced Janice Flanagan, AAUW State President for Nevada. Ms. Flanagan described some of the specific topics that will be presented at the state convention to be held in Fallon on May 4 – 6, 2018 and encouraged members to attend.

President Punches reminded us to review the AAUW National By-laws amendments sent to us via email. One of the amendments would rescind the requirement for a degree for AAUW membership. This was similar to an amendment from last year that failed to pass.

President Punches then presented Jane Johnson with a certificate honoring her long term AAUW membership. Ms. Punches continued with announcements. The Capital Chapter will hold a board meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at Mary Castro Wilson's home. Discussion topics will include the budget, possible by-law changes, this year's accomplishments, and nominations for officers for next year. The informal branch lunch will be March 21 at the San Marcos Grill.

The annual branch fundraisers met or exceeded goals. Scholarship Chair, Mary Piper indicated that applications have been distributed to the local high schools. She asked for volunteers to help review them.

Public Policy: Public Policy Chair, Nancy Stiles gave some additional information about what subjects would be part of the State Convention. She further indicated that some of the

speakers would be from AAUW National and it would be a good opportunity to get additional background on AAUW goals. Nancy reminded the group that candidates will be filing for office in March and suggested we think about what types of questions we would like to see them answer. She also provided several non-partisan websites that provide information about candidates. The Women's Coalition has determined which questions they will be sending to candidates dealing with pay equity, affordable child care and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Nancy will provide the information regarding responses as they are tallied. There will be candidate forums in Carson City on October 1, 3, and 4.

Program: Co-Vice President, Judy Welch introduced Jennifer Verive who is a member of the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch. She and Peggy Wozniak are trained facilitators for AAUW's Work Smart Program. They have conducted several workshops and have received great reviews regarding the value of the information presented.

Membership: Mary Castro Wilson indicated members will need to renew membership soon. She further stated that new members will be able to get fifteen months of membership if they file applications soon.

Miscellaneous: There was an additional announcement about a presentation on The Electoral College vs. the National Popular Vote on Tuesday, March 13 at the Sierra Nevada Forums.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary