



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
July 31, 2018
Board Meeting

Members Present		
Carolyn Kellogg	Judy Welch	Caroline Punches
JoAnn Carpenter	Barbara LeBlanc	Nancy Stiles
Lin Nary	Iris Blaisdell	Donna Curtis

The meeting was held at Partnership Carson City in Carson City and was called to order at 10:05 am, by President Caroline Punches.

Membership Event: President Punches called on Barbara LeBlanc who indicated she didn't think the board should fund the event. She was concerned that this was a burden on board members and might make it more difficult to get members to volunteer for a board position. She further stated we have money in our accounts to cover this event and that in future years we should insure that the budget would provide adequate funds for the annual membership event. She also stated that any donations to our board are not tax deductible and that might be an additional reason for some people to not wish to donate. There was a discussion about whether the branch should increase our portion of the annual dues to help cover the costs, or if we should come up with additional fundraising ideas. Donna Curtis suggested a 50/50 auction at each meeting. It was agreed that we could accept donations from members, as long as it would not be considered mandatory.

Iris Blaisdell, Membership Chair, gave a report on costs for the event. She researched Costco, Smiths, and Raley's for costs related to simple platters and found they were all about the same amount. She then indicated she checked with Sierra Chef, a new catering service in Genoa, operated by Cynthia Ferris. She would charge \$10-\$15 per person and include plates, napkins, etc. After some discussion, Nancy Stiles moved we ask Sierra Chef to cater and provide funds from our account to cover the approximate cost of \$500. Judy Welch seconded and all voted aye. Iris then indicated that Mary Castro Wilson would be sending out invites on August 1. Nancy Stiles will provide table decorations for the event. We need to be sure to have sufficient applications on the tables for possible new members. Donna Curtis will be doing a press release. Iris Blaisdell contacted KUNR for a press release as well.

2018-19 FY Goals & Objectives: Caroline Punches reminded the board that this will be the 75th anniversary for our branch. Shirley Hammon, Jane Johnson, and Barbara Jepson are working on a plan for what we can do to celebrate this milestone. President Punches then asked about the

surveys we have been providing at each meeting. Judy Welch indicated she did not feel we were getting enough information to provide a determination of how the programs were being viewed by membership. It was felt that the annual survey provided more valuable information for program planning purposes. It was suggested we could have a “comment box” for those who wanted to express an opinion about the program. Two items have been deleted from our 2018-19 FY goals. We have deleted “organize voter registration at WNC” and “Adams Hub”. We did not get enough response at WNC from the effort to register voters and we are no longer collaborating with Adams Hub.

Nancy Stiles provided the board with information regarding a number of upcoming events.

Policies and Procedures: These were last updated in 2016. We need to strengthen them. It was suggested that we include public policy chair and interest group coordinator in the orientation session for new members. There was also a question about changing the time for FOC from 1-3 to 2-4. President Punches did not hear from Flo Bedrosian about an update for that event.

Miscellaneous: Susan Schmid will take RSVP’s for meetings. Information was provided about Linda Sekiguchi, who is in long term care.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter