

AAUW Capital Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019

Present: Caroline Punches, Jennifer Verive, Mary Moffitt, Dorthiann Taylor, Judy Welch, Barbara Kuehner, Shirley Williams, Kathy Steinle, Iris Blaisdell, Barbara LeBlanc, Nancy Stiles, Diane Koditek, Lynne Ballatore

1. The meeting was called to order by President Caroline Punches at 1:03 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

2. Caroline circulated two items of interest:

- a. A congratulatory letter from Kate Marshal
- b. From Alicia Hetman who announced The Alicia Hetman Research and Project Endowed Grant had been completed thanks in part to our branch contribution. Additionally, Ms. Hetman encouraged the grant fund projects in Nevada or California. We need to look for a Nevada project.

3. Review of 2018-2019 Strategic plan. (See 2018-2019 FY Goals and Objectives) These were attached to the agenda and each board member accountable for the objectives should examine, revise and consider accountability: program, membership, public policy, philanthropy and community collaboration. Any changes for 2019-20 will be made at August Meeting.

4. Treasurer Barbara LeBlanc provided a written financial report for the last 6 months. It was unanimously accepted.

5. Iris Blaisdell reported on the Fall membership event. It will be Sept. 14th from 11-1 at the Governor's Mansion with the theme of suffrage. Gov. and First Lady Sisolak will be invited. Although members are not charged for the event, a letter will be sent out encouraging members to donate \$20 to help cover expenses.

6. Iris also reported on membership renewals. Following the June 30th deadline those who have not renewed will be contacted as appropriate.

7. AAUW National Overview. Both Caroline and Jennifer attended a presentation by Kimberly Churches, CEO of AAUW. The organization continues to lose members and incur deficits to survive. Restricted funds are in tact and continue to fund fellowships and other restricted projects. However, unrestricted funds which cover operating expenses are deficient. At least 20 staff positions have been effected. Two specific interventions were suggested to assist at the national level Coca-Cola will give a \$500,000 grant for 100,000 individuals completing on-line Work Smart course by August 31st. Jennifer and Caroline suggested several methods to get people enrolled.

8. Caroline distributed an item from National: *How to Support AAUW's Mission* Nancy spoke to the need to continue to support AAUW's research efforts, which are frequently

accessed by various news organizations when reporting on women's issues.

Two motions were made that will enable the Capital Branch to assist in this effort.

1. Jennifer moved to establish an AAUW National Fund for the Education and Training Fund (4450) in honor of Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi in the amount of \$10,000. This was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously.
2. Nancy moved to transfer the \$3000 budgeted for the Education Opportunity fund to establish a memorial fund for Linda Hiebert-Sekiguchi. Kathy seconded this motion which also passed unanimously.

9. Nevada Commission on Women Suffrage Conference Call: Mary Piper attended this conference and distributed the results. She was unable to present but shared her thoughts in writing. (Attach to minutes?)

10. Caroline distributed results of the membership survey (5 pages). There are many good ideas to use here as we plan for 2019-2020. Participation was very good at 48/81.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 3:03 PM and was followed by thanks and words of appreciation for all that Nancy Stiles has contributed to the branch over the years.

Next meeting: 8/7/19, 1:00 PM

Barbara Kuehner
Co-Recording Secretary