

AAUW Minutes
October 1, 2019

The October membership meeting was called to order at 5:20 P.M.

There were 31 members, 2 guests and our speaker in attendance.

Co-President Jennifer Verive reviewed the branch's key themes: Connect, Collaborate and Create. She then thanked those who coordinated the September Membership Brunch and encouraged those with feedback to provide it to the Board.

AAUW State Council Meeting: Both Jennifer and Caroline attended meeting. In considering future funding, emphasis needs to be placed on advancement (i.e. getting the work done) and less on grants and fellowships which have a more secure financial base.

2019-2020 Goals and Objectives and the Association's Stars program: Our branch will strive to be a 5-Star branch. Our 2019-2020 Goals and Objectives were attached to the October newsletter, and we are on target to meet the national goals by collaborating on the 5 criteria:

1. Programs, including Work Smart, equity and community resource mapping
2. Advancement: includes donation level and membership retention
3. Communications: includes website posting specifics
4. Public Policy: specifics for public policy chair and branch
5. Governance and Sustainability: align planning with state and national AAUW

Suffrage events and actions occurring in Nevada were announced.

Work Smart: Jennifer gave an update. The workshops have been a hard sell, but those participating are exceedingly pleased with the content. The Work Smart "Meet-ups" have seen more interest. This hybrid between initial personal contact and on-line learning seems to be a good format.

State Workshop: Mark your calendars for March 20-21, Friday and Saturday, in Las Vegas. Great room rates and venues will be part of the fun/business.

Logo T-shirts: Caroline said these would be 15-20 dollars. She circulated a sign-up sheet for individual orders.

Interest Groups: See October newsletter for current meetings and activities. Ideas for new groups are welcome.

Public Policy Update: Judy Welch reported on voter registration activities. 29 have signed up to help at various times and locations including this Saturday's Carson City wine walk. Also, AAUW literature will be available.

Pecans: Kathy Steinle reports that the pecans should be here by the end of October, in plenty of time for the Carson High School Craft Fair. See October newsletter for details of types and sign-

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Feast of Chocolate: Chris Perdomo and Jan Sullivan, co-chairs for the Feast, described progress leading to this major fund raising event to be held Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1-3 P.M. at the Plaza Event Center in Carson City.

Membership: Iris Blaisdell reported that we have 7 new members, three of whom joined at the Membership Brunch.

Program: Lynne Ballatore introduced the speaker, Colleen Lyons, MD, FAAFP who spoke on the topic of Single-Payer Health Care. Dr. Lyons graduated from UNR SOM in 1983 and practiced locally until 2 years ago when she retired from family practice and is now focusing on health care reform. Her presentation and handouts documented our current "system" illnesses showing how unfavorably we compare to other countries with respect to cost, outcomes, coordination and satisfaction - both patient and provider. A source for more information can be found at www.pnhp.org. Numerous questions following the presentation demonstrated intense interest in this topic, also identified by AAUW as of special interest to women.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kuehner, Co-recording Secretary