

## **AAUW, Capital Branch Board Meeting January 15, 2020**

Present: JoAnn Carpenter, Iris Blaisdell, Barbara Kuehner, Caroline Panches, Jennifer Verive, Janice Noble, Chris Perdomo, Jan Sullivan, Kathy Steinle, Dorthiann Taylor, Lin Nary, Mary Moffit, Cathy Haber

The meeting was called to order by President Caroline Panches at 1:02 PM.

Minutes of Oct. 16th were sent out to members and stand approved as distributed.

Treasurers report: accepted as submitted.

### Fundraising events:

Kathy Steinle reported that all except 15 chocolate covered and 14 halves are sold. Any remaining by the Feast of Chocolate event will be incorporated into sales, raffles, etc.

Chris and Jan reported on the Feast of Chocolate. They have visited most previous donors and solicited others. A few more baskets would be welcome. Jane Johnson is coordinating ticket sales and has distributed a majority of the tickets. They have volunteers to help with event mechanics.

### Branch Meetings:

JoAnn Carpenter reviewed meetings for the rest of the year:

February 4: JoEtta Brown will give an update on the Nevada Commission for Women and also describe upcoming events for the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. Also speaking will be Florence Phillips, head of ESL for N. Nevada.

March 3: 2 UNR professors presenting on criminal justice

April 7: Business meeting

May 2: Saturday installation of officers: location and price TBA.

### Branch Operations:

1. Operating budget: Need to consider dues increase.
2. 5 STARS: Jennifer gave a very complete report on branch progress. Basically, the application requires document uploads. Recent changes in succession will be incorporated. The group identified numerous community partnerships. We fulfill requirements in

- most areas and Jennifer is confident we can be a 5 Star Branch.
3. Nominating Committee: Jennifer reported that Shirley Williams is chairing this committee which will have candidates by mid-March.
  4. Board Meeting Day of Week: We discussed possibly meeting on Saturday to better facilitate schedules of employed members.
  5. Membership Email Distribution: Kathy Steinle presented a method of organizing emails in order to better control omissions, access and appropriate distribution. She will meet with a group to explore setting up a gmail account to accomplish this.
  6. Membership: Iris reported that we have 74 members. Our retention rate helps qualify us for a star.
  7. Newsletter and Website: Lin Nary indicated that she will need articles by next week to make a Jan. 26th publishing deadline. The website has been updated. She still has a few directories.
  8. Social Media: 2 members are communicating branch activities on Facebook and Twitter. Both website and social media presence contribute to the communication star.
  9. Policies and Procedures: Caroline distributed copies of revised policies and procedures. Several changes were editorial. The section on sustainability is new. Following review, Jan moved and Iris seconded approval of the changes. Passed unanimously.
  10. Archives. Several members are storing items. Dorthiann distributed blank inventory forms to help identify who has what. This will facilitate sharing supplies and equipment as well as gathering archival material so that decisions can be made about what to keep.

### Community Programs:

1. Public Policy:
  - Voter registration -- Janice and Judy Welch would like to expand the voter registration team. Wine Walk days have been successful and are a good opportunity to promote AAUW. Chris is interested in setting up at Carson High School.
  - Legislative Round Table: Janice attended this event which focused on issues between legislative sessions as well as funding for legislation that has passed. As a result of attending this meeting, she was invited to attend the Nevada Commission for Women meeting.
2. Scholarships: Mary circulated an inspiring letter from a WNCC recipient. Her committee is taking applications to schools and preparing for the selection process.
3. STEM: Barbara reported on the plethora of resources both local and national. The committee hopes to identify opportunities for

member involvement. Jennifer suggested publishing a resource list.

4. Nevada Commission on Women Events: From parades to license plates to placement of historical markers, lots is happening. These events can be found on their website.
5. Soroptimist Event Honoring Women: This is happening Feb. 20th at The Nugget from 6:30-8:30. Jennifer was nominated by WNC to be honored at this event. Following the meeting, Caroline polled the Board to see if approval could be obtained to purchase a \$35 1/4 page ad in the program congratulating the women honorees.
6. Redistricting: Caroline indicated that a redistricting proposal to eliminate gerrymandering for Nevada will be presented as an amendment to the Constitution. Individuals will be gathering signatures and may be present at our meeting to accomplish this.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH, 18TH, 1:00

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Kuehner  
Co-recording Secretary

