



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
March 3, 2020
Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jennifer Verive at 5:30 PM. Members and guests present are recorded on the sign in sheet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCCWSL scholarship applications are being sought for this year NCCWSL conference. Jennifer Verive noted that we have a potential applicant from WNC. A video of the three scholarship winners from Nevada was shown, emphasizing Maria Whitaker

Jennifer Verive reported on the status of the “5 star” rating, Application process is underway for Programs, Public Policy and Governance.

Caroline PUNCHES noted that Jane Johnson and she had attended a great STEM for middle school girls at Tesla and we have an opportunity to schedule a tour. An interest sheet was distributed. Additionally, Caroline noted that there are “behind the scenes” tours available at the Nevada State History Museum and encouraged signups of interested parties as well. She also announced an AAUW Night at the ACES is being coordinated by Tahoe branch and asked for a show of hands to determine interest.

Jennifer Verive thanked Shirley Williams, Jane Johnson and Mary Piper for their work on the nominating committee. Shirley Williams then introduced the officer nominees for the 2020-21FY. They will be elected in April and installed in May.

An AAUW Regional Conference will be held in Fort Collins, CO on June 19-21st

DUES INCREASE

Jennifer Verive reviewed the options presented at the February 4th meeting and the subsequent opportunity for members to express their opinion via an anonymous Survey Monkey. She noted that an overwhelming majority of members supported an increase of \$8 per year. Paper ballots were distributed to the members asking for their approval/disapproval of the increase. The question posed was: I approve the increase of AAUW Capital (NV) branch Dues by \$8 from \$12 to \$20 per fiscal year. They were to circle YES or NO. The ballots were then collected and tallied. 26 members approved and 3 members did not.

An opportunity via an anonymous Survey Monkey will be distributed to those members unable to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Iris Blaisdell and Diane Koditek reported the branch membership is 77 members! One of the newest members, Alice Meyer was introduced. Jane Johnson introduced her guest, Candy Van Meter who is new in the area.

PUBLIC POLICY

Co-chair Judy Welch reminded members that a Wine Walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th and asked for individuals who would be willing to help with voter registration. This allows AAUW to register voters as well as to promote AAUW and encourage sign-ups for Two Minute Activist. She also reported that with the ability of the DMV to register new voters –about 40 new registrations are being done per day!

PECANS

Chair Kathy Steinle was more than happy to report that ALL pecans have been sold!

FEAST OF CHOCOLATE, February 8th

Co-chair Jan Sullivan thanked everyone for their support of the Feast of Chocolate! A net profit of \$5,339 was achieved this year! The ticket prices were increased by \$5 per person and over \$2000 worth of raffle tickets were sold! She indicated that thank you certificates were printed and distributed to our chocolate vendors and other sponsors.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mary Moffit noted that scholarship application have been distributed to high School Counselors. She will be picking up completed applications on March 23rd. A selection committee will review them on March 26th to select the recipients for our 2020 Scholarships.

INTEREST GROUPS

Reports: Gourmet group will be doing a Saturday morning Brunch in March. Great Decisions will discuss Human Trafficking. Book clubs: afternoon book club is reading “Where the Crawdads Sing” and evening book club is reading “The Water Will Come”. Knitting and Crochet group will be meeting at the home of Barbara LeBlanc on March 10 and 24 from 1 to 3 pm and all are welcome. Informal lunch for March is at Tito’s on March 19th.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website, FaceBook and Twitter are continuing to be updated on a regular basis.

PROGRAM

Eric G. Lambert, UNR Department of Criminal Justice faculty member, presented a very informative talk about the history of criminal justice methodologies and a overview of how things have changed. He noted there are some major obstacles to “rehabilitating” those in prison. He was joined by Kathryn McCool who is the current Executive Director of *Reciprocity, Inc.* in Carson City. She explained how they are seeking to help released offenders reintegrate into society and the obstacles they are trying to overcome. Also attending was Dr. Karen Gedney who served 30 years as a prison doctor in Nevada. She also highlighted the need for providing support for the released offenders.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Panches
Co-President