**AAUW Board Retreat**

**Food & Friends – Planning the Year Ahead**

**July 13, 2016**

AAUW held the annual board retreat at 5:30 p.m. at Steve’s Pizza on July 13, 2016.

Warm Up Activity - Jill Maxfield led a warm up activity with the group. The following officers were present: Catherine Haslag, Jill Maxfield, Nicole Cizik, Sue Grove, Marijo Alexander, Catherine Lemons, Jennifer Lawhead, DedaRae Graber and Carolyn Bogott.

President’s Address – Catherine Haslag addressed the group sharing the vision of a stronger and more committed branch. Catherine also reported on the new AAUW email address and drop box account for all AAUW documents. All officers that are interested will have access.

Account information:

[AAUWMowerMN@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWMowerMN@gmail.com)

Password: AAUWMowerCounty

The dropbox username and password are the same as the one for gmail

Secretary’s Report – There are no minutes in the binder starting in 2016. The officers present will check to see if they have hard copies of any of the missing minutes. We will ask Rae Dawn Rao for copies of the monthly newsletters from January – May to use as a record of events during those months. Sue Grove reported that we have a box at the Historical Society with the Austin AAUW history.

Treasurer’s Update – Nicole Cizik went over the estimated expenses and receipts for the year. The group discussed what AAUW funds are and allocated 750.00 for this year. We also discussed shifting funds around later in the year to provide more money to help cover national convention costs if needed. Jill Maxfield, Catherine Haslag and Nicole Cizik audited the AAUW account on July 6 and presented the audit letter to the board. Carolyn Bogott made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 budget. Marijo Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Program Schedule Update – Sue Grove and Marijo Alexander presented the program schedule for 2016-2017. A couple of changes include a Saturday luncheon for the January meeting and a Potluck in member homes for the February meeting. They will try to secure the library for meetings if possible. Carolyn Bogott suggested a possible program on race relations presented in a workshop format.

Membership Update – Catherine Lemons reported that only 8 members are currently unaccounted for. A list was passed around and board members chose names from the list of 8 to contact regarding payment of dues.

House Tour Update – Sue Grove reported that we have 3 homes for the tour. If we do not have a 4th home, we may consider offering coffee and snack at the Episcopal Church. Jill Maxfield is the Home Tour Chair.

Science Fair Project Update – Catherine Haslag reported that the grant she wrote with Ann Hokanson at the Library was awarded for additional science opportunities for students in the Austin community. Catherine also stated that there is a strong need for mentors for the Science Fair Project.

Additional Fundraising Projects Update – We decided not to pursue other fundraisers this year since we will have the income from the Home Tour.

New Business – No new business. DedaRae Graber made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be September 13, 2016 at Christ Episcopal Church. The wine tasting will start at 5:00 p.m. and the Potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Catherine Haslag adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Maxfield