

## AAUW Summer Board Retreat

July 24, 2013

AAUW Board Retreat was held at Riverland Community College. Present were Marijo Alexander, Carla Anderson Diekmann, Peggy Benzkofer, DedaRae Graber, Sue Grove, Dorothy Krob, Catherine Lemons, Jill Maxfield, Yesenia Mendoza, Ruth Monson, Rae Dawn Rao and Mary Kay Wilson.

Mary Kay distributed the 2012-13 budget and proposed 2013-14 budget. A short discussion took place regarding the changes for the 2013-14 budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2013-14 budget. Motion carried. Mary Kay will give the budget information to Marie for publishing on the website.

Catherine Lemons was approved as Co-Vice President of Membership.

The new Board Member list was distributed. There is still a need for House Tour Chairs. Names can be given to Sue or Marijo.

Carla gave an update on the 2013-14 program. Programs will be finalized by the September 10 member meeting. Monthly meeting schedule will be: 5:45 p.m. Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 6:50 p.m. brief update from the Board, and 7:00 p.m. program begins (unless otherwise stated).

Sue updated the Board on Membership. There are 21 unpaid memberships for the coming year. These people will be notified by mail or with a phone call. The prospective member wine and cheese event will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 4:30-6:00 p.m., at Sue Grove's home. New materials from the national AAUW office will be available. Invitations will be sent to interested women. Members who know of people interested in AAUW should give their names to Sue Grove or Catherine Lemons. Board members are invited and encouraged to attend this membership event.

Sue gave an overview of the new AAUW website. Marie is working on changing our branch website to the national format, which will allow for National AAUW to update national information regularly. Members can see the new national website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and Board members can view "starter kits" at [www.aauw.org/resource/annual-starter-kit/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/annual-starter-kit/)

Marijo and Sue reported on the National AAUW Convention they attended in June. They attended many workshops including sessions on STEM schools, fundraising, creating a mission statement, website creation, and they also reported on the results of this year's AAUW elections. Results can be found on the AAUW website.

A discussion took place about creating a Mission Statement for our Branch. This discussion will continue, with hopes to have a completed Mission Statement by May.

Peggy gave an update on the search for a speaker for Women's History Month. No speaker has been determined yet.

Because of this year's House Tour, it was generally agreed that we do not need an additional fundraiser this year.

Sue led a discussion about small groups, and encouraged anyone with an idea for a new small group to let her know.

Newsletter items are to be submitted to Rae Dawn on or before the last Friday of the month.

Agenda items are to be submitted to Marijo on or before the first Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting will be a potluck dinner at Christ Episcopal Church (301 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW) on September 10. The Board will meet at 5:15 and dinner will begin at 6:00. A brief board update will be given at the dinner.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Monson, Secretary