

7/17/12 AAUW Meeting Minutes

Marijo called the meeting to order.

Marijo began the meeting by reading the Secretary's Report from the May meeting. Once reviewed, Dorothy made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Evelyn and the motion carried.

Mary Kay gave the Treasurer's Update. She passed around the proposed budget for 2012-2013 and the statistics from 2011-2012. The budget was overextended last year for the spring banquet. The amount paid to the Hormel Historic Home for the banquet was more than what was budgeted to allow for a lower ticket price for the members wanting to attend. The additional funds left over from the speaker's budget were used to cover the additional cost. A discussion regarding whether or not to increase the cost of the banquet ended with a motion by Kari to increase the budget for space rental by \$50 to \$200. Rae Dawn seconded and the motion was carried.

Mary Kay next discussed the audit conducted earlier in the summer. Marijo and Sue provided recommendations which Mary Kay shared with the group. A motion was made by Carolyn to approve the audit recommendations which was seconded by Barb and the motion carried.

The Board Member List was reviewed and a few corrections were made. Marijo has already sent out an updated list (on 7/18/12) to the group. A special thanks to Dorothy and DedaRae for stepping up to be Historian co-chairs.

Next, Kari led a review of the Program Schedule for the upcoming year. She offered ideas and solicited suggestions. Some great ideas were discussed and the programs decided upon will all fit into the strategic goals of AAUW. Kari will send out an updated Program Schedule once completed. Some additional ideas brought up that may be used during the year are a program about the Seibel Center and a new Women in Leadership committee in Austin and what these organizations are. There was also a suggestion that Yesenia's Mother put on a Tamale making class for arts and entertainment which everyone agreed would be a great event!

Turning to Membership, Mary Kay reported that she has received dues from 35 people. She knows she is missing a few that she believes will pay, but this number is far less than the 64 members we had last year. The membership committee will start contacting those members who have not yet paid. There was discussion on how to gain new members and the ideas of sending postcards out to former members as well as putting an article in the paper were brought

up. The most effective way to gain members is by word of mouth, so we were all tasked with creating excitement for AAUW and inviting a guest to attend the upcoming wine tasting or potluck. Sue also brought up the idea of recruiting more student members as there was only one last year.

The update on the website was tabled as Marie was not present.

The wine and cheese event will be held Tuesday, August 14 at Sue's house at 4:30pm.

Sue provided an update on Women's History Month. While attending the State Convention, she met and spoke to Lisa Maatz, Public Policy Director in Washington, who was secured and will be speaking at the high school on March 8 at 10:19am. The branch will be responsible for paying her airfare and lodging.

Sue reported that there were no further changes needed to the branch bylaws. She will check to ensure the bylaws have been filed with the state. Carolyn motioned to accept the bylaws, Sue seconded and the motion carried.

An update on the Student Scholarship was given by Marijo and Sue. They were approached by Steve Bowen at Riverland regarding the need for emergency fund scholarships. A lengthy discussion was had by the group regarding what this type of program was and if it fit within the goals/strategies of AAUW. The group decided not to make a motion to go forward with providing money for this type of scholarship. Sue will follow-up with Steve. A motion to increase the scholarship fund from \$2,000 to \$2,500 was made by Mary Kay. This will allow three \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded this coming year instead of the usual two. Since there is \$500 left over from last year, the budget only needed to be increased by \$500 to allow for three full scholarships. After further discussion and a reminder that there will still be a surplus in the budget, Nicole seconded and the motion carried.

Marijo provided a reminder of the upcoming fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch on August 6. Plenty of volunteers have signed up to cover both shifts. A reminder to everyone to spread the word about the event to encourage as many people to stop out and support us as possible.

Updates were provided from the small groups. Dorothy proposed the Just Come group name to be renamed the 1st Friday Luncheon since reservations are needed. During the upcoming potluck, we plan to invite people to join the small groups.

A motion was made by Dorothy, seconded by Mary Kay and the meeting was adjourned.

A big thank you to Marijo and Sue for the wonderful meal provided!

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Cizik