AAUW General Meeting

May 14, 2013

AAUW held the annual spring banquet at the Hormel Historic Home on May 14, 2013.

Bonnie Rietz introduced scholarship recipient Skyler Anderson, a nursing student at Riverland.

Outgoing board members Kari Bain and Barb Hunter were recognized and thanked. Returning board members Mary Kay Wilson (Treasurer), Nicole Cizik (shadowing Mary Kay), Yesenia Mendoza (Program Vice-President), Kathy Kester (Membership Vice-President), Ruth Monson (Secretary) and Marijo Alexander and Sue Grove (Co-Presidents) were thanked.

Sue and Marijo reported that they, along with Evelyn Guentzel, represented our branch at the state convention. Our branch received the “Mission Powered Branch” Award (Mission in Motion). Our branch also designated a gift to the “MN Past Presidents and Jane Skinner American Fellowships” scholarship fund in honor of Eulalah Adwell.

A motion was made to accept Carla Anderson Diekmann as the new Program Vice-President Co-Chair. Motion seconded and carried. A request was made for nominations for Membership Vice President Co-Chair, to work with Kathy Kester. The nomination will be on hold, due to no nominations.

The following returning and newly appointed board members were thanked: Bonnie Rietz and Nicole Cizik (Education Co-Chairs), Rae Dawn Rao (Newsletter), Laura Tjomsland (Visibility/Publicity), Laura Tjomsland and Joyce Goetz (Annual Book Sale Co-Chairs), Dorothy Krob and DedaRae Graber (Historian Co-Chairs), Jill Maxfield (Hospitality), Evelyn Guentzel (Public Policy), Marie Lechelt (Web Master) and Carolyn Bogott and Peggy Benzkofer (Women’s History Co-Chairs).

Joyce Goetz reported a good Book Sale this year. Our branch received $2,766 from the sale.

Sue reported that Co-Chairs are needed for the October 6 House Tour. Three homes have been lined up for the tour.

The next general meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Carla Anderson Diekmann and Yesenia Mendoza, our Program VPs, will keep us posted as to when and where. The Board Retreat will take place in July.

Door prize winners were Bonnie Ripple, Peg Seath and Marsha Kuehne. Scholarship recipient Bernadette Muloski thanked the group for supporting her this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Monson, Secretary