**Austin Branch AAUW**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2017**

Those in attendance included Catherine Haslag, Jill Maxfield, Marijo Alexander, Jeni Lawhead, Jenni Braaten and Peggy Benzkofer. Catherine read a note from the English As A Second Language program thanking members for their donations to the school store.

Catherine and Jill announced that they are going to invite members to attend board meetings to help members become more involved in the decision making process. To that end, board meetings will be called the business meeting.

Marijo made a motion to approve the secretary’s report for the October board meeting. Jill seconded the motion and the motion passed. There was no treasurer’s report. There was no program report. Jenni reported that there are 61 members.

Peggy reported that Dylane Ulwelling Wallat will be the speaker for Women’s History Month. Catherine reported that the Science Fair project is going well with 46 students at Neveln and 23 at Banfield. There are enough mentors at Banfield and a few still needed at Neveln. Students will be picking projects this week.

The state convention will be April 27th and 28th in Faribault so it is hoped that many members can attend. The presidents will appoint a nominating committee to find candidates for the board positions coming up for election.

 Jill presented an idea for donations to be collected at the December meeting. She suggested that we donate to Warrior Wagons which is a program to provide wagons full of supplies to pediatric cancer patients.

Jenni made a motion to adjourn, Marijo seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Benzkofer, Secretary.