**BOARD MINUTES OF AUSTIN, MN BRANCH AAUW**

A meeting of the board of the Austin, MN Branch of AAUW was held at 5:30 p.m. on December 11, 2018, at the Coffee House on Main. Members of the board in attendance included Carolyn Bogottt, Jennifer Lawhead, Jenni Braaten, Barb Hunter, Nicole Cizik and Peggy Benzkofer.

The decision was made to table the AAUW Science Fair Award for a year on the advice of Catherine Haslag until the reorganization is completed from one district fair to fairs at each school. It was decided that a similar amount will be given to the Science Fair Project.

Members are urged to continue to think of women to nominate for the Pillars of the Community program and then to nominate.

Jennifer Lawhead agreed to co-chair the Story Show project and because of time constraints it has been postponed until fall. Brain stormed people who could share their stories. Also brain stormed venues in which to hold it. (Decision was made following meeting that Story Show will be held in spring of 2020 as house tour will be next fall).

Nicki reported that there is $10,490.67 in the checking account with little activity recently. We received an additional $32.50 from book sale. AAUW gave $50 to Kyle for December meeting at Coffee House. $750 was sent to national AAUW. It was suggested that we consider sending a percentage of yearly receipts instead of same amount each year.

Lora Lee of KAAL-TV will speak at the Women’s History event at Austin High School which will be held on March 12 at 2 p.m..

There will be no board meeting in January. The January meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Austin Country Club on January 26th. The next board meeting will be at 5:30 on February 12th.

Respectfully submitted: Peggy Benzkofer, Secretary